



The Insider

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Our Vision

In our inclusive community,
Each valued individual is taught self-belief
We are resilient and optimistic,
Caring for ourselves and our peers.
We are Children of God, with hope,
Awe and wonder in our hearts.

Our Bible verse: *Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*
Ephesians 4:32

Our Values: Respect Friendship Honesty Kindness

Our motto: Respect. Believe. Succeed

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a sunny week here at Walkwood, there is much to celebrate. On Tuesday evening, our Annual Music Concert took place, and it was a wonderful event. Our pupils demonstrated outstanding musical talent and entertained us all with confidence and enthusiasm. It was lovely to see our school community come together to support our children; thank you to parents and carers for supporting this event and thank you to our staff members for their organisation, in particular Mrs Laishley.

Looking ahead, we are excited about our Annual Awards Evening, which will take place next week. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our pupils across all areas of school life. Also, our Year 8 Leavers' Service will take place at 11 o'clock on Monday 14th July in our school hall. We will be joined by Father Glenn, who will lead the service, with contributions from our students. An email with further details will be sent to all year 8 parents and carers next week.

With the warm weather set to continue next week, we will keep you updated with any uniform changes.

Have a restful and enjoyable weekend!

Mrs Lowe

Key Information for Parents

For information about our school: www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk





Keeping children safe

The following information regards how we continue to ensure that pupils are cared for within our school:

[Early help](#)

[E-safety](#)

[Prevent](#)

[Child Protection](#)

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[Safeguarding summary](#)

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This week's winners!



Individual

Year 5 Martha Cooke
Year 6 Lacie Coupland
Year 7 Alexa Evident
Year 8 Maisie-Leigh Green



Top Tutor Group

Year 5 RSH
Year 6 AFA
Year 7 BCA
Year 8 FCL



Reminder: Expectations for Behaviour in the Community

As we head into the summer months and lighter evenings, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of positive behaviour in the local community.

We expect all our pupils to represent the school respectfully when out and about, especially in areas close to the school site. Recently, there have been reports of young people accessing the grounds of Redditch Golf Club and causing disruption. We ask that you please remind your child that the golf course is private property and should not be entered under any circumstances.

Maintaining good relationships with our neighbours and the wider community is very important to us, and we appreciate your continued support in reinforcing this message at home.

If you have any concerns or would like to speak to a member of the pastoral team, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs G McKenna
Pastoral Coordinator



Sport round-up

Year 6 Cricket

On 12th June, Walkwood's Year 6 cricket team arrived at Bromsgrove Cricket Club with a team of eight excellent players, four Year 8 umpires, who managed the games exceptionally well and me, the reporter. They played four games and acquired two equal strings of wins and losses.

Their first game was played against Aston Fields Middle, where the boys acquired their first loss. This, however, was a mere warmup, for in their next game against St Bedes Middle team B they were able to breezily triumph due to an array of batting and fielding skills. Unfortunately, St Bedes' team A was able to succeed in their third match, but the team showed brilliant team moral and celebrated one another despite the disappointment of the two losses. However, the boys made it equal by winning our fourth and final match against Birchensale Middle, a game where they demonstrated the team's range of sporting talents. Unfortunately, the heavy downpour of rain prevented the final match against St John's Middle, so we were forced to leave early with the team's two well deserved wins.

Congratulations to the entire team for their extraordinary effort, especially in the face of such fluctuating rain. Special shoutouts to the team captain Teddy, for managing the team very well, and to the four Year 8 umpires Lily, Georgia, Harry, Ismail, and at certain moments myself, Shania, for ensuring that the matches went smoothly.

Written by Shania, Year 8.



Parking and speed

Could parents/carers dropping and collecting children from school, be considerate of residents and not block their driveways, please.

Also, there have been reports of a few near misses involving pupils and cars. Please stick to the speed limit, which is 20 mph outside the school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall
attendance this
academic year

Top 3 Tutors



AFa



Congratulations

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Weekly Attendance

Year 5	91%
Year 6	91%
Year 7	92%
Year 8	90%
Whole School	91%



Year to date Attendance

Year 5	95%
Year 6	94%
Year 7	94%
Year 8	92%
Whole School	94%



Well done to AFa for the highest attendance of the week and for setting a great example to the rest of us! And congratulations to everyone else: all year groups have improved their attendance from the previous week but we all still have room for improvement! Keep going!



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



SUMMER CONCERT

Summer Concert Shines with Talent!

Our Summer Concert was a wonderful celebration of music, talent, and community spirit. The evening featured amazing performances from both the school orchestra and choir, showcasing the hard work and dedication of our students over the term.

There were several standout vocal performances that truly wowed the audience, along with some beautiful solo pieces that highlighted the individual talent within our school. From start to finish, the energy and enthusiasm on stage were matched by a full house of supportive parents, families, and friends. Warm applause filled the hall throughout the evening, creating a fantastic atmosphere and making the concert a memorable event for everyone involved. A huge thank you to all the students and staff who made it such a success!



Clubs and Activities



Summer term 2

	Before school 8.30-8.45	Breaktime 10.15- 10.30	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	12.50 - 13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	KS2 Cricket (PMC) until 30 th June (sign up only)
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only 12.50 - 13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	KS2 Tennis (KRE/PMC) until 1 st July (sign up only) Science Club – Year 8 Only
Wednesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only 12.50 - 13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	KS3 Cricket (RMA/ LPH) until 2 nd July (sign up only)
Thursday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only Homework club (Computer Room) 12:50 – 1:30pm – FCL 12.50 - 13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	KS3 Softball (CHU) until 3 rd July (sign up only) KS2 rounders (LWO) until 3 rd July (sign up only)
Friday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15pm – 1.35pm during playground time GLA – Music Room Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only Library is closed	



Looking ahead



2025	
Sunday 29 June- Wednesday 2 July	Year 5 Barton Hall, Devon
Wednesday 2 July	Pastoral Coffee morning 9:00 – 9:55am
Thursday 17 July	Year 8 Drayton Manor
Friday 18 July	End of Term
Monday 1 September	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 2 September	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 3 September	First Day of Autumn Term
Friday 24 October	Staff Development Day
Monday 27 – Friday 31 October	Half Term
Friday 19 December	End of Term
2026	
Monday 5 January	First Day of Spring Term
Monday 16 – Friday 20 February	Half Term
Friday 27 March	End of Term
Monday 13 April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 – Friday 29 May	Half Term
Monday 1 June	Staff Development Day
Friday 17 July	End of Term