



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 come to the end of another productive week at Walkwood, we take a moment to reflect on some of the week's highlights and look forward to the festive events that lie ahead.

On Monday, our school community came together for a special whole-school Remembrance worship. Our pupils led the service beautifully, sharing heartfelt prayers, thoughtful poems, and meaningful readings. At 11:00 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month, we joined in a two-minute silence to reflect, offer our prayers, and give thanks for all those who have bravely served and sacrificed for our country, which was a moving moment of unity and remembrance.

Last week saw the Book Fair arrive at Walkwood. We would like to say a huge thank you for your generosity at the recent School Book Fair. It was wonderful to see our library buzzing with enthusiasm for reading, and so many books finding their way into eager hands.

On Friday 28th November, the Friends of Walkwood will be hosting our Christmas Fayre, and we extend a warm welcome to everyone to join us for this festive event. There will be a wonderful selection of stalls, raffles, and prizes to be won, making it a fantastic occasion for families and friends to come together and celebrate the season.

All proceeds from the Christmas Fayre will go towards developing our outdoor quiet area, providing a calm and inviting space for children to enjoy during break and lunchtimes. Funds will also support the purchase of a book vending machine, giving pupils the exciting opportunity to win new books as part of our ongoing work to promote a love of reading across the school.

We wish you all a lovely 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](#)

[Attendance](#)

[Safeguarding summary](#)

[Safeguarding policy](#)



Please ensure Parent Pay accounts are always kept up to date and in credit please.

Should you have any queries regarding your account please contact the finance office.

Thank you.



Appointments

Could we please ask that when making appointments for your child that, where possible, they are made for out of school hours, to minimise disruption to the school day. Could we also ask that proof of any school time appointments be sent to us in advance so we can have your child ready on time for you.

Thank you.



Every School Day Counts



95%

Our overall
attendance this
academic year

7EDU



Congratulations

5LWA

6RCO

2

3

Weekly Attendance

Year 5	96%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	93%
Year 8	94%
Whole School	95%



Year to date Attendance

Year 5	96%
Year 6	94%
Year 7	94%
Year 8	95%
Whole School	95%



Welcome back and congratulations to 7EDU, who had an attendance rate of 97.8% for the week. Well done also to all of you who have attended every day for the whole of the first half term. As you know, every school day counts!



Celebrating attendance
Because attendance matters...





This week's winners!



Individual

Year 5 **Cora Linford**
 Year 6 **Jessica Davies**
 Year 7 **Thomas Spencer**
 Year 8 **Paisley Kendrick**

Top Tutor Group

Year 5 **JWA**
 Year 6 **RCO**
 Year 7 **BKI**
 Year 8 **PBO**



British Values and news

In our Collective Worship this week, we took time to reflect on and discuss a current news story, considering its relevance to one of our key British Values: Rule of Law.

We encourage you to take a moment to speak with your child about what was discussed and see if they can identify other examples of the Rule of Law in action in our everyday lives—both within school and beyond. It's a wonderful way to continue these important conversations at home and help deepen their understanding of the world around them.



Rule of Law

At COP30, world leaders will agree on rules for countries to follow to protect the planet. Fair rules help nations work together to solve problems and care for the world we share.



Election of Parent Governor

A number of parents showed interest in becoming a Parent Governor for Walkwood Middle School, but only one chose to go through to election, Kimone Wright is therefore elected to the Governing body unopposed.



CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION!

HOSTED BY: CHRIS BLOORE MP – MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR REDDITCH & THE VILLAGES

Calling all Year 5-8 young artists!

Get creative and design a festive Christmas card
inspired by the theme:

“CHRISTMAS IN REDDITCH”

We'd love to see:

- ✓ Festive designs
- 📁 What you love about Redditch and its communities
- ★ What makes where you live special

Design Requirements

- Size: A5
- Include your name + school on the entry

How to Enter

- ✉ Hand your entry in to the school office
Chris Bloore MP's team will collect all entries **before 17th Nov. 2025**

We can't wait to see your amazing designs! ❄️



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The Lion King Jr - Rehearsal Schedule - Autumn Term 2



Remember, a musical is a living, breathing entity. Where it is necessary to make changes to the rehearsal schedule, we will notify you in advance. Please make sure you know your child's character or which ensemble group they are a part of.

Tuesday 3.30pm-4.45pm GLA, PAL, LHO	Thursday 3.30pm-4.45pm GLA, PAL, LTI
4th November Circle of Life: Rafiki, Zazu, Mufasa, Sarabi, Pridelands Tribe, Lion Pride Blocking pg. 16-17: Mufasa, Scar, Zazu, Hyena Clan	6th November Circle of Life: Rafiki, Zazu, Mufasa, Sarabi, Pridelands Tribe, Lion Pride
11th November Grasslands Chant: Pridelands Tribe, Lion Pride, Hyena Clan Blocking pg. 22-24: Mufasa, Young Simba, Zazu	13th November Lioness Hunt pg. 26-27: Lion Pride Blocking pg. 24-25, 28-30: Scar, Young Simba, Young Nala, Sarabi, Sarafina, Zazu, Rafiki
18th November Blocking pg. 38-44: Young Simba, Young Nala, Zazu, Mufasa, Scar, Banzai, Shenzi, Ed Blocking pg. 52-53: Mufasa, Zazu, Young Nala, Young Simba	20th November Be Prepared: Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed, Hyena Clan
25th November They Live in You: Mufasa, Lion Pride Blocking pg. 59-60: Young Simba, Scar, Banzai, Shenzi, Ed	27th November The Stampede and Shadowland: Nala, Pridelands Tribe, Lion Pride Blocking pg. 64-66: Mufasa, Scar, Young Simba
2nd December The Mourning: Sarabi, Nala, Rafiki, Scar, Lion Pride, Hyena Clan. Blocking pg. 70-73, 84-87: Timon, Pumbaa, Young Simba, Zazu, Scar, Banzai, Shenzi, Ed, Nala.	4th December I Just Can't Wait to be King: Young Simba, Pridelands Tribe
9th December Circle of Life, Grasslands Chant, Lioness Hunt, Be Prepared: Rafiki, Zazu, Mufasa, Sarabi, Pridelands Tribe, Lion Pride, Hyena Clan, Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed. Blocking pg. 92-97: Timon, Pumbaa, Simba, Nala	11th December Hakuna Matata and Can You Feel the Love Tonight: Timon, Pumbaa, Simba, Nala. <i>Small ensemble to be selected.</i>
16th December Blocking pg. 115-116: Nala, Timon, Pumbaa, Rafiki, Banzai, Shenzi, Ed Blocking pg. 118-123: Scar, Sarabi, Simba, Nala, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed, Timon, Pumbaa, Zazu, Rafiki, Hyena Clan, Lion Pride	18th December This rehearsal will be used as a "catch up". Students required for this rehearsal will be informed in advance.

Characters with solo songs, or those involving small numbers of students, may be called for lunchtime rehearsals. Information about these will be given on our daily notices for students.

Show Dates: Tuesday 24th March 2026, Wednesday 25th March 2026, Thursday 26th March 2026

Parent Workshop: Helping Your Child with Fears & Worries

Is your child finding it difficult to separate from you, sleep in their own bed, or manage worries? The WEST Team (NHS) are offering a 6-week virtual course designed to help parents support children struggling with anxiety. See poster on next page.

 What's included?

- ☒ Understanding anxiety & goal setting
- ☒ Supporting thoughts and rewards
- ☒ Step-by-step strategies for worries
- ☒ Problem-solving skills

 Phone-call support sessions included

 Key Session Dates:

Session 1: 29 January 2026 — 12:30–1:30pm

Session 2: 5 February 2026 — 12:30–1:30pm

Session 3: 12 February 2026 — 12:30–1:30pm

Session 5: 26 February 2026 — 12:30–1:30pm

(Sessions 4 & 6 by phone — dates TBC)

 How to register

If you are interested, please contact your child's Pastoral Manager before the beginning of December to secure a place.

☒ Worksheets will be emailed ahead of each session.

Help your child feel more confident and supported — we hope you can join us! 



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Health and Care
NHS Trust



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Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries Group

Is your child finding it difficult to leave you or sleep in their own bed? Are they worrying more? Is anxiety affecting the quality of their life?

In partnership with your school the WEST Team NHS are offering a series of virtual sessions over six weeks lasting an hour which will cover:

Session 1 **29/01/2026** 12.30-1.30pm: Understanding anxiety and Goal Setting

Session 2 **05/02/2026** 12.30-1.30pm: Child's thoughts and rewards

Session 3 **12/02/2026** 12.30-1.30pm: Step by Step approach to fears and worries

Session 4 PHONECALL: Date and time **TBC**

Session 5 **26/02/2026** 12.30-1.30pm : Problem Solving

Session 6 PHONECALL: Date and time **TBC**

If you are interested and able to commit to these dates (Sessions 1 and 2 are essential) above, please contact your School's Mental Health lead to discuss a referral by **28/11/2025** . Please also make it known to them if you have any needs or requirements which would make accessing this course easier for you. The worksheets will be emailed you prior to each session.

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Non uniform day - donations for the Christmas Fayre!

Pupils can wear non school uniform in exchange for donations as below. Please ensure that clothing is appropriate for school including no belly tops, short shorts or bodysuits!



Year 5 Tutor groups to bring in selection of sweets for the sweet tombola stall.



Year 6 Tutor groups to bring in selection of chocolates for the chocolate tombola stall.



Year 7 Tutor groups to bring in selection non alcoholic bottles for the bottle tombola.



Year 8 Tutor groups to bring in a selection of shop bought refreshments including festive cakes, mince pies and other fancies to sell on the night.

Stall holders wanted for our Christmas Fayre

We are looking for stall holders for our School Christmas Fayre to be held on Friday November 28th, 4 - 5.30pm.

Cost of the stall is £10.00 plus donation of a raffle prize.

Please register your interest by emailing our school PTA at:

pta@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.



★ Please bring cash ★ Parking available



Walkwood Middle School



Christmas Fayre

28th November : 4pm – 5:30pm



Terrific Tombola Stalls

Fun Games

Glitter Tattoos

Craft Stalls

Jingle Jackpot

Play Your Cards Right

Guess the Weight of the
Cake

Refreshments and More!



Join us for an afternoon
of fun and festive cheer!



Clubs and Activities



Autumn Term 2

	Before school 8.30-8.45	Breaktime 10.20- 10.35	Lunchtime 12.55-13.15	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Basketball- KS2 AU sports in the hall. Sign up required. PMc Dance- All year groups AU sports in the movement area. Sign up required. PMc
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir Year 5 and 7 12.55-1.15 (during playground time) Music Room Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Homework club- DT hub- all year groups-LCU. Sign up required. The Lion King Junior Rehearsals Students to attend according to rehearsal plan. Debating Club KS2 MJo Rm20- Sign up required.
Wednesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Basketball- KS3 AU sports in the hall. Sign up required. KGr Boogie bounce-KS2 movement area. Sign up required. KGr
Thursday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	The Lion King Junior Rehearsals Students to attend according to rehearsal plan.
Friday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Doodle Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15-1.35 (during playground time) Music Room Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Multi-sports-KS2 AU sports in the hall. Sign up required. LWo



Looking ahead



2025	
Friday 28 November	Christmas Fayre 4:00 - 5:30pm
Friday 19 December	End of Term
2026	
Monday 5 January	First Day of Spring Term
Wednesday 4 February	Yr6 & Yr8 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Thursday 12 February	Yr6 & yr8 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Monday 16 – Friday 20 February	Half Term
Wednesday 11 March	Yr5 & Yr7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Thursday 19 March	Yr5 & Yr7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Friday 27 March	End of Term
Monday 13 April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday
Monday 18 th – Wednesday 20 th May	Yr7 Trip - The Ultimate Adventure Centre
Monday 25 – Friday 29 May	Half Term
Monday 1 June	Staff Development Day
Sunday 28 th June – Wednesday 1 st July	Yr5 Devon residential Trip
Friday 17 July	End of Term