



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,

It has been another busy week at Walkwood, with our pupils continuing to work incredibly hard and making us all very proud. We are delighted that so many children have achieved SLT Awards and would like to congratulate them on their outstanding achievements, effort and positive attitude to school life.

Thank you to our Year 5 parents and carers who joined us for our Year 5 Welcome Worship. It was lovely to come together and share such a special service. Our readers were fantastic, speaking confidently about their experiences at Walkwood, what they are enjoying most about school, and their hopes and aspirations for the future. We are sure you will agree that they represented the school brilliantly.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome prospective families to our Open Evening on 15th October for pupils considering joining our Year 5 intake in 2027.

We would also like to remind Year 6 parents and carers that our Harvest Service will take place at The Bridge Church on 8th October, attended by all of year 6 pupils and their form tutors. It will no doubt be another special service.

Have 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](#)



This week's winners!

Individual

Year 5 Jessica Nash
Year 6 Ibrahim Nawaz
Year 7 Finn Hewitt
Year 8 Sophia Iduitia



Top Tutor Group

Year 5 LNE
Year 6 AFA
Year 7 PJE
Year 8 PBO





Every School Day Counts



96%

Our overall attendance this academic year

5LNE



Congratulations

7LHO

5NHU



Weekly Attendance

Year 5	97%
Year 6	96%
Year 7	96%
Year 8	93%
Whole School	95%



Year to date Attendance

Year 5	98%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	94%
Year 8	93%
Whole School	96%



Welcome back to a new academic year and what a superb start with regards attendance. A huge congratulations to our top 3 tutor groups, in particular, 5LNE who recorded a magnificent 99.4% attendance.

Our 96% whole school attendance ranks us within the top 6% of schools in the country #veryproud



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



Classes for 2026-27

Pupils attend the majority of their lessons in their tutor groups. Tutor groups are mixed ability. From year to year, we do make changes to these with the pupils' learning at the heart of all decisions.

Sets for Maths, English and Science are organised according to teacher recommendations and analysis of pupils' performance during the last academic year. Pupils are placed in sets with others currently working at a similar ability stage to them. There may be movement between sets/classes and tutor groups over the course of the year.

Year 5

Year 5 will be taught all their lessons, apart from maths, in their tutor groups.

These groups are created based on information passed to us during our transition meetings with first schools.

Within the first few weeks they will be organised into six groups for maths. These will be comprised of a higher group, four mixed ability groups and a lower group. The lower group will provide further support in a smaller group setting.

Year 6

Year 6 will be taught in their tutor groups for the majority of their subjects.

For English they will be taught in five mixed ability classes and a lower group. For maths they will be taught in six classes, comprising of a higher group, four mixed ability groups and a lower group. The lower groups will provide further support in a smaller group setting. The whole year group will have maths and English at the same time.

For year 6, the maths and English groups will be named as follows:

Maths- Archimedes, Fibonacci, Newton, Pascal, Pythagoras, Turing.

English- Austen, Blackman, Blyton, Tolkien, Woolf and Zephaniah.

In Science, pupils are split into two halves of the year group, with three teaching groups within each half. The six groups are named after well-known scientists and science communicators: *Packham, Anning, Einstein, Goodall, Backshall* and *Attenborough*.

Groupings are informed by pupils' attainment during Year 5 and are designed to provide an appropriate level of support and challenge. Groups are kept under review and may change during the year. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's Science group, please contact their Science teacher.

Year 7 and 8

Year 7 and 8 will be taught in their tutor groups for the majority of their subjects.

For English, they will be taught in mixed ability classes.

For maths, they will be split into two halves (c and e), and each side of the year will be taught in ability sets 1-3.

In Science, pupils are split into two halves of the year group, with three teaching groups within each half. Groupings are informed by pupils' GL Science assessment outcomes alongside ongoing teacher assessment and are designed to provide an appropriate level of support and challenge. Groups are kept under review and may change during the year. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's Science group, please contact their Science teacher.

Year 7 groups: Tesla, Franklin, Darwin, Sagan, Curie and Hawking.

Year 8 groups: Peake, Jemison, Armstrong, Galileo, Faraday and Newton.



Walkwood
Church of England  Middle School

Admission 2027

Open Evening
15th October 2026 6–7:30pm

Open Day
15th October 2026
9:15am

Please contact the school office to book in.



Contact with us
01527 543361



Visit our website
<https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/>

WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Parents online Workshop

**Supporting your
child with worries
and anxiety**

**Run by the NHS's
Wellbeing and
Emotional
Support in schools
team. (WEST)**

Online on Teams

**Monday online
12th October
12:30 - 1.30 pm**

**We are talking
about:**

**Signs of anxiety in children.
Common Worries
for Children.**

Fight Flight Freeze.

**The Cycle of Anxiety and
what keeps the cycle going.**

**Join the meeting
on Teams**

**Meeting ID:
347 393 306 381 368
Passcode:
KX693TD3**



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WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Parents online Workshop

Boosting your child's mood

Run by the NHS's
Wellbeing and
Emotional
Support in schools
team. (WEST)

Online

**Wednesday
11th November
12 - 1pm
On Teams**

Who is it for:

Parent Workshop who
want to learn more
about

**What is low mood and
the symptoms.**

Things that can impact a
child's mood and how to
improve it.

**Sleep hygiene and five
ways to Wellbeing.**

Join on Teams

Meeting ID:

366 597 289 201 567

Passcode:

yw327Cv3



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Clubs and Activities



Autumn Term 1

	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		
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books		Choir All year groups Music – GLA Sign up via Arbor
Wednesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books		Yr 6 Boys Football LWO Year 6 Girls Netball KGR
Thursday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books		Yr 7 Boys football squad PMI Yr 8 Boys football squad CHU Year 7 and 8 netball KGR
Friday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books		



Looking ahead



2026	
Monday 5 October	SATs information Evening 6.00 – 7.00pm
Wednesday 21 October	Tutor Parents' Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Friday 23 October	Staff Development Day
Monday 26 – Friday 30 October	Half Term
Friday 18 December	End of Term
2027	
Monday 4 January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term for pupils
Monday 15 – Friday 19 February	Half Term
Thursday 25 March	End of Term
Monday 12 April	First day of the Summer Term for pupils
Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June	Half Term
Friday 2 July	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 21 July	End of Term