



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 this half term, it's a great opportunity to reflect on what has been a positive and productive start to the school year. We have already seen many achievements and have much to be thankful for. It has been wonderful to celebrate the successes of so many children this week, with numerous pupils receiving Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards in recognition of their outstanding work, exemplary behaviour and commitment to our school values. A big well done to all of them!

On Thursday, our Year 6 pupils visited The Bridge Church for our Harvest Festival. Their behaviour both during the service and while travelling to and from the venue was impeccable. A special thank you to those who contributed to the service by reading, playing in the orchestra or singing in the choir. You all did a fantastic job helping to create a meaningful and uplifting celebration of all that we have. Thank you also for your kind donations of food which will be sent to a local food bank over the holiday.

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be in school on Monday 3rd November to Thursday 6th November, with an opportunity for parents to come in and look at the books 3.45-4pm on Thursday. Pupils will be able to browse the Book Fair every break and lunchtime.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 3rd November**.

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		Top Tutor Group	
Year 5	Oscar Banks	Year 5	JWA
Year 6	Georgie Smith	Year 6	AVE
Year 7	Zahira Hossain	Year 7	PAL
Year 8	Grace Bailey	Year 8	GLA



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.



Please ensure any Parent Pay accounts are settled in full and in credit ready for the new term.

Thank you.



Every School Day Counts



95%

Our overall
attendance this
academic year

Top 3 Tutors

GLa



Congratulations



RSh



LPh



Weekly Attendance

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



Year to date Attendance

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



Congratulations to **GLa**, who are the first Year 8 class to be Top Tutor this academic year! Well done also to all of **Year 6** for maintaining a steady 94% attendance from last week and to everyone else who has done their best to make sure that every school day counts! Enjoy the half-term holidays and see you in November!



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...

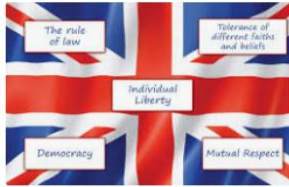




Reading Matters

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be in school Monday 3rd November to Thursday 6th November. Pupils will be able to browse books and pay with either cash or card. On Thursday 6th November, parents and carers are invited into school to browse the Book Fair and make any purchases, between 3.45- 4.00pm. We will also email you a QR code so that you can pay for books online, if you prefer . Any books purchased accrue free books for our school! Thank you for any support you can give to this.





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.

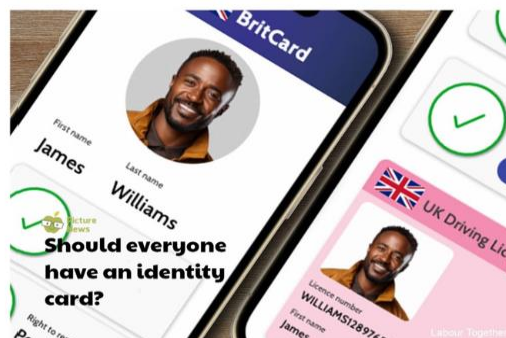
We encourage you to take a moment to speak with your child about what was discussed and see if they can identify other examples of the Rule of Law in action in our everyday lives—both within school and beyond. It's a wonderful way to continue these important conversations at home and help deepen their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



Rule of Law

New laws can sometimes mean changes for everyone. If digital ID cards become law, people will need to follow the new rules. It's important that laws are fair and help everyone feel safe and supported.

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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.

SCHOLASTIC

TRAVELLING BOOKS

Every book you buy earns
FREE BOOKS
for our school*

Come to our
BOOK FAIR
to spot the books you'll
LOVE to read!

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She's a star come to Earth to cause trouble.

NORA NIGHTSKY

REBECCA LEWIS-OAKES

Illustrated by Becca Moor

Come and find me!

My brand new book!

BLUEY

2 STORIES
BAGGINS
TALKS!

AMAZING STORIES!

EXCLUSIVE TO SCHOLASTIC

Art © Dan Pilkey, DOG MAN TM/© Dan Pilkey

THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER

DOG MAN

BIG JIM BEGINS

DAV PILKEY

CREATOR OF CAT IN HAT BOOKS

Illustration © Liz Pichon

TOM GATES

PESKY PETS AND PARTIES

(Hopefully)

by Liz Pichon

RSVP

DATE:

TIME:

LOCATION:

MORE NEW BOOKS

to look out for!



Books from
£2.99

DISCOVER MORE BOOKS ONLINE!

www.travellingbooks.co.uk/books



All books subject to availability.

Payment at our Book Fair

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You may pay by card at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.travellingbooks.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List – please ask your school for details.

HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.



*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fairs for details.
All books subject to availability. Book range may vary. ⚠ Warning: Not suitable for children under 3. Small parts.



Friends of Walkwood present...



Christmas Fayre

Save The Date!

All the fun at the Fayre.... Tombola,
Crafts Stalls, Raffle and Festive
Tunes!

Friday November 28th

4pm-5:30pm



We need your help!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES

This season is the perfect time to give and celebrate. We need your donations for the Christmas raffle, with proceeds supporting the PTA's next school project—a

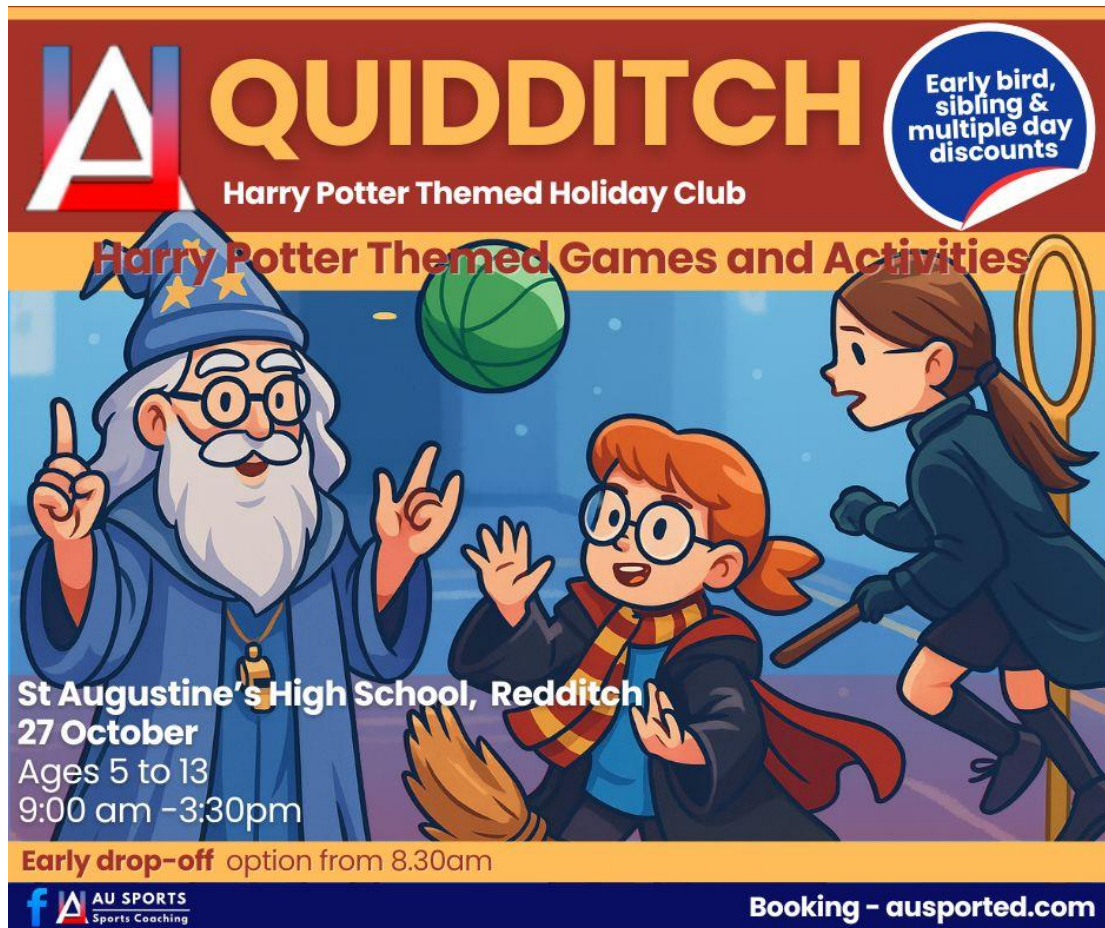
wellbeing garden in the school. We are looking for raffle prizes donated by the local community and parents, such as hampers, vouchers for local businesses, beauty treatments, the list goes on and any donation would be gratefully received.

Donations can be dropped off at reception or emailed in via

office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk
(marked for the attention of PTA).

Tickets on sale soon!





A **QUIDDITCH**

Harry Potter Themed Holiday Club

Early bird, sibling & multiple day discounts

Harry Potter Themed Games and Activities

St Augustine's High School, Redditch
27 October
 Ages 5 to 13
 9:00 am - 3:30pm

Early drop-off option from 8.30am

f **AU SPORTS**
Sports Coaching

Booking - ausported.com



A **MULTI SPORTS**
HOLIDAY CLUB

October Half Term - Mon 27 - Fri 31 October

Early bird, sibling & multiple day discounts

St Augustine's High School, Redditch
27 Oct - 31 Oct
 Ages 5 to 13
 9:00 am - 3:30pm

Early drop-off option from 8.30am

Late pick up options available

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Sports Coaching

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FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

October Half Term - Wed 29 & Fri 31 October



Early bird,
sibling &
multiple day
discounts

St Augustine's High School, Redditch

28 & 31 October

Ages 5 to 13

9:00 am - 3:30pm



Early drop-off option from 8.30am

Late pick up options available



Booking - ausported.com

NETBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

October Half Term - Tuesday 28 October



Early bird,
sibling &
multiple day
discounts

St Augustine's High School, Redditch

28 October

Ages 5 to 13

9:00 am - 3:30pm



Early drop-off option from 8.30am

Late pick up options available



Booking - ausported.com

GYMNASTICS & DANCE HOLIDAY CLUB

October Half Term – Thursday 30 October with Hayley

Early bird,
sibling &
multiple day
discounts

St Augustine's High School, Redditch
30 October
Ages 5 to 13
9:00 am – 3:30pm

Early drop-off option from 8.30am

Late pick up options available



Booking - ausported.com

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	
Monday 27 – Friday 31 October	Half Term
Thursday 6 November	Book Fair Open to Parents 3:45 – 4:00pm
Monday 10 November	Parents' Maths and English Workshop 6:00 – 7:00pm
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