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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 the first half term, there is so much to celebrate. This week, many of our pupils enjoyed the reward sessions in recognition of achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold status. It was wonderful to see so many pupils being recognised for their hard work, positive attitudes and commitment.

Throughout the term, the standard of work produced by our pupils has been consistently high, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved across the curriculum. Their excellent effort, resilience and commitment to learning continue to be reflected in the quality of their outcomes and the many successes celebrated throughout the school.

It was wonderful to welcome so many families to our Open Evening on 15th October. We received a great deal of positive feedback about the school, and it was a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet both prospective and current families, share what makes our school special and showcase the achievements of our pupils and staff.

At Walkwood, we are proud to have a dedicated team of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors who recently shared their work during a whole-school worship assembly. Working closely with Mrs Grimes, they play an important role in promoting positive relationships across the school, representing pupil voice and sharing ideas to help make Walkwood a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

After half term, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will be leading activities to promote Anti-Bullying Week. We will also be looking to recruit Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who would like the opportunity to represent the school, support their peers and make a positive difference within our school community.

Wish you all a restful half term and look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Monday 2nd November 2026 and thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Lowe

Key Information for Parents

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

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MUSIC MARK SCHOOL MEMBER

SCHOOL GAMES GOLD

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



Walkwood
Church of England Middle School

Appointment of a Catering Assistant

Walkwood Church of England Middle School are looking to appoint a part-time Catering Assistant for 1 day per week.

Remuneration: *Scale 2 from £ 25,614 - £ 26,016 pro rata*

8 am – 2.30 pm 6 hours per day, 1 day a week (preferably a Monday), term time only

"The school's ethos and values are central to every aspect of school life at Walkwood Church of England Middle School. Relationships between pupils and teachers are strong. Pupils enjoy their learning. Pupils achieve well, including those with special educational needs and / or disabilities (SEND)"

SIAMS stated (2024):

Led by the vision, leaders are resolute in driving forward the work of the school. This ensures positive outcomes for pupils and adults.

Pastoral care is exceptional and extends from the school into the local community. As a result of this feeling of being treasured, lives are transformed.

There is a strong culture of togetherness, respect and trust between all members of the school community.

This role would suit an enthusiastic, reliable and hardworking individual who enjoys working as part of a team and making a positive contribution to school life. As a Catering Assistant, you will support the preparation and serving of nutritious meals, help maintain high standards of food hygiene and cleanliness, and assist in creating a welcoming dining environment for all pupils. The successful candidate will work closely with colleagues within the catering team, demonstrating excellent teamwork and communication skills, while also establishing positive and professional relationships with pupils and staff. A friendly, flexible approach and a commitment to providing an excellent service are essential to ensuring that lunchtime is a safe, enjoyable and positive experience for everyone. The ideal candidate will also demonstrate a willingness to undertake relevant training and professional development opportunities to enhance their skills, maintain best practice, and contribute effectively to the ongoing success of the catering service.

We can offer:

- A committed and supportive leadership team
- Wonderful, motivated children
- Access to relevant training required for this post
- Support from the whole community of our church school
- Support from The Spire Academy Trust (currently transitioning)

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

For full details of this position and how to apply, please visit our website at www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk. The application deadline is **9am** on **Monday 2 November 2026**. CV's will not be accepted.

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	Dance club Paid club run by AU sports. (Sign up on Parent pay. 20 places-open to all year groups) Multi-sports-Hall PMC (sign up only in Arbor-KS2-25 places)
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir 3.30pm-4.45pm Music with GLA/ABR *Continued from Autumn Term 1*
Wednesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	KS2 boogie bounce Movement area 3.30-4.45pm KGR (sign up only-20 places) KS2/KS3 dodgeball Hall –LWO/LPH 3:30-4:45 (sign up only- 30 places) Homework club LTI 3:30-4:30 DT hub (sign up only-20 places)
Thursday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	KS3 boogie bounce Movement area 3.30-4.45pm KGR (sign up only-20 places) Homework club LTI 3:30-4:30 DT hub (sign up only-20 places)
Friday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Homework club LTI 3:30-4:30 DT hub (sign up only-20 places)

Looking ahead



2026	
Monday 26 – Friday 30 October	**Half Term**
Monday 2 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.00 – 7:00pm
Friday 27 November	Christmas Fayre
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**