



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,

We have welcomed a SIAMS inspector to school this week, who visited lessons across the curriculum and some Collective Worship sessions. We were very proud of how our pupils demonstrated our Christian Vision in action. They were an absolute credit to our school.

It was lovely to welcome parents and carers into school on Wednesday for the Pastoral Coffee morning and we hope you found this an enjoyable experience. We are currently still counting coins and will let you know how much we have raised in next week's Insider.

On the morning of Wednesday 9th October, year 6 pupils will be visiting The Bridge Church for our Harvest Service. As part of this, we would like to collect items of non-perishable foods, as well as toiletries, to offer to those in need. If you wish to send a donation into school from Monday 30th September, these will be gratefully received.

There will be a SATs information evening on Monday 30th September, 6pm – 7pm; thank you to those year 6 parents and carers who have let us know they will be in attendance.

We wish you 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](#)

[Attendance](#)

[Safeguarding summary](#)

[Safeguarding policy](#)



Unbeatable Uniform- A focus on 'Being our Best'

From Monday 23rd September, tutors will be conducting regular uniform checks to ensure that all pupils are wearing the correct uniform. A letter has been sent to all parents on Arbor with more information on this. Just a quick reminder of some of our uniform expectations:

- Footwear to be compliant with our uniform policy (logo trainers such as 'Nike Air Force' are not permitted)
- School skirts should be knee length and tailored.
- Jewellery should be limited to one small stud per ear and a wristwatch (no additional piercings including facial piercings are permitted).
- There is an expectation that make-up is not worn to school, this includes mascara and false eyelashes.
- Nail extensions/nail polish are also not permitted.

A link to our uniform policy is below:

[6fe4-Uniform Policy.pdf \(walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk\)](#)

Mrs G Mckenna
Pastoral Coordinator

Not so sweet!

We have seen an increase in the amount of sweets and lollipops being brought into school. Not only do the lollipops raise safety concerns when being eaten around school, the extra sugar is not helpful to pupils' concentration and learning. As from Monday 23rd September, sweets and lollipops will be prohibited in school. Pupils have already been made aware of this. Please ensure that you reinforce this with your child, so they do not waste money in the local shop on their journey to school.



Thank you.

Cake sale success!

A huge thank you to all the parents and children who kindly donated cakes for our Macmillan cake sale. So many delicious cakes were donated, that we were able to have sales on both Wednesday and Thursday! Thank you once again for the effort that went into making this such a successful event.



This week's winners!



Epraise

Individual

- Year 5 Afsa Tabbasam
- Year 6 Megan Jervis
- Year 7 Tyler Hughes
- Year 8 Ethan Cook

Tutor Group

- Year 5 NWR
- Year 6 PMI
- Year 7 EDU
- Year 8 PBO





Every School Day Counts



95%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



SII



Congratulations

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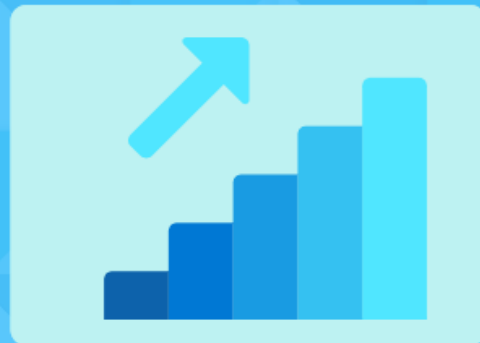


EDu



Weekly Attendance

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



Year to date Attendance

Year 5	97%
Year 6	96%
Year 7	95%
Year 8	92%
Whole School	95%



'Congratulations to SII for leading the way with a strong performance this week!'

'Well done to all those who have 100% attendance so far. Keep it up to ensure you receive your Attendance boosters!'



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

Appointment of Teaching Assistant Grade 2

Walkwood Church of England Middle School are looking to recruit a Grade 2 Teaching Assistant.

Remuneration: Scale 2 from £ 23,500 - £ 23,893 pro rata

6 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours per day, 3 days a week, 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours per week, term time only plus 3 Inset days

Walkwood Church of England Middle School are looking to recruit a Grade 2 Teaching Assistant. Do you have an enthusiasm and passion for supporting children with additional needs? Look no further.

We can offer you:

- A welcoming team committed to improving outcomes for all children
- Continued Professional Development opportunities to suit your needs
- 18.75 paid hours per week (8.45am-3.30pm, 3 days a week. Term time only)
- A professional and friendly environment.

We are looking for a teaching assistant who:

- Is patient and caring with an understanding of the best way to support pupils in and out of the classroom.
- Enjoys working in strong team environment and demonstrates the ability to establish good working relationships with pupils acting as a positive role model.
- Shows creativity and versatility, engaging the children in their learning by creating resources and using identified strategies which support their needs

Previous experience is desirable for this role although not essential. Experience of working with children with autism and other additional needs is desirable or at least the willingness to gain experience. Together with GCSE passes in Maths and English (C/4+) or equivalent.

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 or a tour of the school prior and how to apply, please visit our website at www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk. The application deadline is **4th October 2024 at 9 am. Interviews will take place on 8th October 2024.**

Clubs and Activities



Autumn Term 1

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday		Multi-sports club (yr5+6) sign up only
Tuesday		Year 6 Football training (Invite only) Year 6 netball club sign up only 3.30pm-4.45pm KRE
Wednesday		All years girls football training. Sign up only. 3.30-4.45 LWO, PCO
Thursday		Year 7 football (Invite only for squad selected from trials) Y5 + 6 Dynamos cricket -sign up only Year 7 & 8 girls netball club. Sign up only. 3.30-4.45. KRE
Friday		



Looking ahead



2024—2025

Monday 30 September	SATS information evening 6:00-7:00pm
Thursday 17 th October	Open Evening 6.00 – 7.30 pm
Friday 18 th October	Open Day 10.45 – 11.45am, 2 – 3 pm (by appt only)
Monday 21 st October	Tutor Parents' Evening- all year groups 4:00-7:00pm
Monday 28 October- Friday 1 November	Half Term
Monday 18 th November	Year 5-7 Ski trip information evening 6:00-7:00pm
Monday 25 th November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6:00 – 7:00pm
Monday 9 th December	Parents' English KS2 Workshop 6.30 - 7.30 pm
Friday 20 December	End of Term
2025	
Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
Saturday 1st Feb-Saturday 8th Feb	Year 5 - 7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria
Monday 17 - Friday 21 February	Half Term
Friday 11 April	End of Term
Monday 28 April	First day of the Summer Term
Monday 26 – Friday 30 May	Half Term
Monday 2 June	Staff Development Day
Monday 30 June- Wednesday 2 July	Year 5 Brecon Beacons Trip, Tregoyd
Friday 18 July	End of Term