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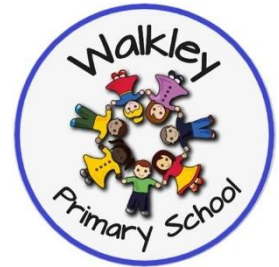
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'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'

4th September 2025

WPS – Welcome back to school

Dear Parents/carers

I hope you have all had a lovely relaxing and fulfilling summer break. It has been wonderful to have children back in school and to welcome all our families old and new back to school. Our Reception children have had a very settled session on Wednesday and it has been lovely to have our first assemblies all about returning to school for a new school year.

respect, friendships, relationships

These words were just some of the responses from our pupils, in assembly yesterday morning, to my question regarding the ingredients for a successful school year. Your children are so knowledgeable about positive relationships, characteristics of learning and the power of empathy; all the elements of Golden Citizenship. We talked about worries and excitement and supporting each other through the ups and downs of a school year. We discussed trusted adults, safeguarding of ourselves and others and the meaning of community. These are all aspects of Personal Development we will continue in assemblies and within our Citizenship curriculum throughout the school year.

Please find below some general information for pupils and families on their return to school.

Arrival and pick up

Gates will continue to open at 8.40am with registers taken at 8.50am. Children arriving after this time should report to the Main Office.

At the end of the school day, pupils on the ground floor (EYFS and KS1 classes) can be picked up from their classroom door from 3.10pm. Pupils on the first floor (KS2) will be brought to you at 3.15pm on the Front Yard. This will help us to ensure their safe release to parents.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club opened yesterday for Year 1 to Year 6 with EYFS pupils starting on Monday 8th September. Altogether we had 115 responses to our survey. If it becomes necessary throughout the year to create a waiting list for this service, we will always do our best to ensure as many families as possible can benefit from the free Breakfast Club.

Individual and sibling photographs

On **Thursday 11th September** we will be having our photo day. After feedback from our parent body, we have elected to use a new company for our photographs this year. Braiswick Photographic Co Ltd will be in school to take our individual pupil photos this year. For the full information regarding how this will run in school, click this link: [WPS – Individual and sibling photographs Thursday 11th September 2025](#)



Golden Award Assemblies

We are very excited to share children's achievements with you once again in our Golden Assemblies starting on Friday 12th September.

- EYFS and KS1 Assemblies will be weekly on Fridays after drop off at 9.15am. Just make your way to the Hall door in order to come and join the celebration.
- KS2 Assemblies will continue weekly on Fridays at 2.30pm before collection at the end of the day. Access to assembly will also be through the Hall doors.

Uniform Guidance

General Uniform – Thank you with your efforts to adhere to our school code of dress. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name. Sharpie pens are available in the school office. Please remember, make up or painted nails are not permitted in school.

A word about shoes: Please ensure that your children wear sensible shoes to school. Children are very active during the day both inside the school and in the playground. Their shoes need to be comfortable and safe.

In extreme weather children will be allowed to wear boots/wellingtons for their journey into school and then change into other school shoes.

Jewellery and Hair accessories

For safety reasons children should not wear jewellery. The only exceptions are stud earrings and essential religious items. Jewellery, including earrings, should not be worn during PE lessons. Newly pierced ears must be covered by tape supplied from home. This cannot be administered by Walkley staff. If your child cannot do this themselves, they must come to school with tape already applied.

PE Kit

Children are required to wear their PE kits on their class PE days. If they have a club that requires a change to their school uniform, then a School PE kit can be worn throughout the day. The PE kit is comprised of the following items:

- T-shirts that are plain white with no logos.
- Shorts that are plain navy blue or black.
- Footwear should be trainers or plimsolls (preferably with non-marking soles) and can be kept in school throughout the week/throughout the year for use in the school hall or dance studio. When PE is outside, outdoor trainers can be worn all day and used for PE.
- A track suit or old sweatshirt can be used in colder weather.

PE Days:

Reception	Chameleons	Tuesdays and Fridays
Reception	Caterpillars	Wednesdays and Thursdays
Year 1	Anansi	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year 1	Jolly Posties	Wednesdays and Thursdays
Year 2	Hodgehegs	Tuesdays and Fridays
Year 2	Aeronauts	Mondays and Fridays
Year 3	Aslans	Wednesdays and Fridays
Year 3	Borrowers	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year 4	Charlies	Mondays (swimming) and Thursdays
Year 4	Chayas	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 5	Hiccups	Tuesdays and Fridays
Year 5	Sun Kings	Wednesdays and Fridays
Year 6	Kensukes	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 6	Tygers	Wednesdays and Fridays

Enrichment Clubs

We have continued to grow the number of clubs that we offer, including many clubs run by Walkley staff. This term we will continue with the very popular Cooking Club, Board Games Club, as well as many sport clubs and yoga.

Autumn Term 1 Club letters will be sent out this Friday 5th September. The booking system for clubs goes live at 4pm on Monday 8th September.

Information regarding Music Hub tuition was sent out in the summer term. There are still places for Year 5 and Year 6 children on the Music Pathways for Clarinet and Violins. Please contact school if you are interested in these tuition groups.

Forest School

Year groups will share the Forest school for the week, meaning that children could visit Forest School any day from Monday to Friday on their designated week. Year 1 will be the first year group to access Forest School. This will be in the week commencing 15th September. Parents will receive reminders in the week before the scheduled class use.

🌳 Forest School Timetable 🌳

		Year Group Week
Autumn 1	Week 1 - 01.09.25	Free to be booked
	Week 2 - 08.09.25	Free to be booked
	Week 3 - 15.09.25	Year 1
	Week 4 - 22.09.25	Year 2
	Week 5 - 29.09.25	Year 3
	Week 6 - 06.10.25	Year 4
	Week 7 - 13.10.25	Year 5
	Week 8 - 20.10.25	Year 6
Autumn 2	Week 1 - 03.11.25	EYFS
	Week 2 - 10.11.25	Year 1
	Week 3 - 17.11.25	Year 2
	Week 4 - 24.11.25	Year 3
	Week 5 - 01.12.25	Year 4
	Week 6 - 08.12.25	Year 5
	Week 7 - 15.12.25	Christmas

School Newsletter and Curriculum Newsletter

The school newsletter will once again be circulated to all parents during the half term. It will keep you updated with upcoming events, changes to schedule and will celebrate the achievements of the school community.

At the beginning of each half term you will also receive a curriculum newsletter from your child's class teacher that updates you on the learning that your child will undertake in school, any school trips or experience days.

Home Learning

As was shared at the end of the Summer term, this is the overview for home learning by Key Stage:

Year Group	Reading / Phonics	Spellings	Maths	Optional Home Learning Menu
Foundation Stage 2	✓ (reading record)			
Year 1 and Year 2	✓ (reading record)	✓ (paper)		✓
Year 3 and Year 4	✓ (reading record)		✓ (TT Rockstars)	✓
Year 5 and Year 6	✓ (reading journal)	✓ (paper)	✓ (Google Form)	✓

[Home Learning Consultation Update – Parent and Staff Voice and Policy](#)

We will of course continue to celebrate children's achievements with their home learning in celebration assemblies. This will include the continuation of Bronze, Silver and Gold Home Learning Awards for completed weeks of Spelling and/or Maths activities in Year 1 to Year 6.

These changes will come into effect from Friday 12th September with the first submission of homework being the following Wednesday 17th September. Homework will continue to be set on Fridays and handed back in on Wednesdays.

Kind regards and welcome back

Mr Wallis and the whole Walkley Team