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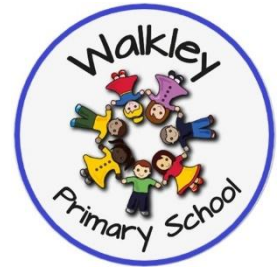
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'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'

4th September 2026

WPS – A wonderful first week back in 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 new Reception children have had a very settled 2 days in school. Undoubtedly as a community we value Golden Citizenship. For our older children it has been lovely to have our first assemblies all about returning to school for a new school year. In our assemblies we have discussed the qualities of a 'Golden Citizen' and our Walkley family.

We all belong to our Walkley family that nurtures us to grow as learners and thrive as golden citizens.



These qualities were just some of the responses from our pupils, in assembly and in their classrooms. The 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.



Golden Award Assemblies

A reminder that this school year all Golden Award Assemblies will be at 9.10am on Fridays. The KS2 assembly will be hosted in week 2 (11th Sept), and The EYFS and KS1 assembly in week 3 (18th Sept). Each phase will have their assembly fortnightly. The dates are in the school calendar.

This year we will be handing out 2 Golden Citizen Certificates and 2 Whizzy Worker Certificates at each assembly.

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.

Please help us to release pupils safely by waiting for the teacher to hand your child to you. Please DO NOT collect pupils from the line.

Also please refrain from using the trim-trail after school. This can cause crowding and congestion where the Y3 and Y4 pupils are handed to their parents.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club opened yesterday 3rd September for Year 1 to Year 6 pupils who booked their place on school gateway, with EYFS pupils starting on Monday 7th September. Thank you for making your bookings on school gateway.

Individual and sibling photographs

On **Thursday 10th September** we will be having our photo day. 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](#)

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	Wednesdays and Fridays
Reception	Caterpillars	Tuesdays 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	Tuesdays and Fridays
Year 3	Borrowers	Wednesdays and Thursdays
Year 4	Charlies	Mondays (swimming) and Thursdays
Year 4	Chayas	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 5	Hiccups	Mondays and Fridays
Year 5	The Wolves	Wednesdays and Fridays
Year 6	Kensukes	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 6	Lighthouses	Wednesdays and Fridays

Any variation to these will be shared in the Class newsletters that go to parents next Friday (11th September).

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 Baking Club, Board Games Club, Craft Club as well as many sport clubs and yoga.

Autumn Term 1 Club letters will be sent out today. The booking system for clubs goes live at 4pm on Wednesday 9th September.

Forest School

Classes within 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 7th September. Parents will receive reminders in the week before the scheduled class use. EYFS pupils will use the calm woodland in the Autumn term for their outdoor learning. They will take trips to the Forest School to familiarise themselves with this space.

Forest School Timetable		
		Year Group Week
Autumn 1	Week 1 - 31.08.26	Free to be booked
	Week 2 - 07.09.26	Year 1
	Week 3 - 14.09.26	Year 2
	Week 4 - 21.09.26	Year 3
	Week 5 - 28.09.26	Year 4
	Week 6 - 05.10.26	Year 5
	Week 7 - 12.10.26	Year 6
	Week 8 - 19.10.26	Year 1
Autumn 2	Week 1 - 02.11.26	Year 2
	Week 2 - 09.11.26	Year 3
	Week 3 - 16.11.26	Year 4
	Week 4 - 23.11.26	Year 5
	Week 5 - 30.11.26	Year 6

Curriculum Newsletters

At the beginning of each half term, you will 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

After positive feedback on the changes to Home Learning introduced last year, the home learning will remain the same for each phase of school. Information will be shared by class teachers.

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)	✓

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.

Kind regards and welcome back

Mr Wallis and the whole Walkley Team