

Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been two visitors of note this week (not that any of you who have dropped in are not important too!). On Tuesday, Redditch County's MP, Rachel Maclean, was toured around the school by our Head Boy, Daniel Wild, and Head Girl, Lily-Mae Lev. Mrs Maclean talked with them as they explained the sort of school we are while visiting some classes. I also had the opportunity to talk to our MP about Walkwood's recent past, and she was keen to know about our place within the 2 and 3 tier debate. She also asked me about the funding situation, and I know she is keen to press Redditch's case in Parliament.

Wednesday brought the Regional Schools Commissioner, Christine Quinn, to the school. She too had time with pupils, including Daniel and Lily-Mae, as I feel that it is important for visitors see us as we are, and hear from the pupils themselves whose school it is anyway! Ms Quinn was also very taken indeed with what she saw and heard. With a member of the Education team from the Diocese of Worcester, Ms Quinn and I then talked about Walkwood, the current educational situation in Redditch, and also about the future of this school. I believe that Walkwood Church of England Middle School has a substantial future, not that there won't be challenges, big or small, of which funding will be one of the former, as it is nationally. We are set to benefit from the forthcoming National Funding Formula.



Also this week, The Parliamentary Review has been launched, and our school is featured in the important publication. The Parliamentary Review's September release is a key fixture in the political calendar. Walkwood features alongside the Prime Minister and a small number of outstanding schools in a document that looks back on the year in schools and Westminster. The main aim of the Review is to showcase best practice as a learning tool to the public and private sector. The Parliamentary Review is sent to over half a million leading policymakers. You can view our feature on pages 57-59:

<https://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/editions/secondary-education/west-midlands>

Rev. C. Leach
Principal

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.
Psalm 36: 7-9

Dear Lord,

We thank you that we can call you our friend and that we can share our burdens and our triumphs with you, caring for us in the dark days and rejoicing in the times of celebration. We pray that your friendship will help us to be better friends to each other as we try to imitate Jesus' love in our friendships. Help us to love one another as you love us.
Amen.

This week's theme was:
Friends of Jesus

A friend loves at all times,
and kinsfolk are born to
share adversity.

Proverbs 17:17

Letters this week:

Year 8 Football
Year 8 Netball
Year 8 Extended Football
Year 6 Football
Year 6 Football Referee

Whole school Attendance—97.06%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

11.09.17—15.09.17

Year 5 — 98.24%
Year 6 — 96.35%
Year 7 — 96.9 %
Year 8 — 96.64%





For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Friendliness	When others are happy, be happy with them, and when they are sad, be sad. Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people. Don't mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others. <i>Romans 12:15-17</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Friendship	Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm. <i>Proverbs 13:30</i>
The assembly theme:	Helping others	You obey the law of Christ when you offer each other a helping hand. If you think you are better than others, when you really aren't, you are wrong. <i>Galatians 6:9</i>

We ask your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

The weekend	charity workers and non-governmental organisations working overseas.	Monday	the senior leadership team at Walkwood.
Tuesday	pupils and staff at Crabbs Cross Academy.	Wednesday	our pupils who represent Walkwood at sport.
Thursday	Y8 pupils and parents who are attending high school open evenings.	Friday	Macmillan Cancer Support and the recipients of their care.



by Ryan Moisy, Y7

A Year 5 parent's afternoon tea .

2pm -3pm on Friday 29th September 2017.

This will take place in the movement area - tea and coffee will be supplied.

We are supporting Macmillan Cancer Support on this day and the pupils and staff are making cakes to raise money for this worthy cause. Please help us raise as much money as possible while enjoying a slice, or even two, of delicious cake and having a chat. Donation boxes will be placed on tables.



We would appreciate having an idea of how many are attending. Please email office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk giving 'Tea party' in the subject line. Or just let the teacher on the gate know at the start or end of the day.

Thank you.



Love to Learn;
Learn to Live;
Live to Love.



Open Evening

for prospective Y5 pupils and parents.
Wednesday 11th October,
from 6.30 to 8.30pm

The current pupils, staff and Governors invite prospective Y5 pupils with their parents to our **Open Evening**. Tours of the school with current pupils will demonstrate the breadth of learning that a middle school can provide!

Outstanding

Our Church of England inspection in March 2017 said:

- ✓ The inclusive vision of the school ensures that all children are supported in their personal well-being and academic achievement.
- ✓ Key to the school's vision is that every individual is created in the image of God, and from this belief springs the school's outstanding attention to individual needs, both academic and pastoral.



Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

Parents' Days

Tuesday 17th &
Wednesday 18th October

Our Open Days will show the school in action. There will be a tour, with the opportunity to ask questions of pupils and staff. Places on the tour can be booked by contacting the school Reception on 543361, or emailing us at office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk.


Ofsted
Good
Provider

- ✓ Students' behaviour and safety are outstanding. They are very keen to learn and are excited by their lessons and the extra activities provided for them. They are polite, kind and thoughtful and are very proud of their academy.
- ✓ Students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding as a result of the curriculum that students follow and the caring atmosphere that the academy provides.





Parent Governors

The Governing Body has vacancies for parents of current Walkwood pupils to serve as school Governors. The Full Board meets once a term, and each Governor also serves on one of the two sub-committees which also meet once in each term. As Walkwood is an academy school, there are legal duties to ensure its smooth running and financial stability, along with supporting and holding to account the school's leaders. Governors put aside the needs of their own child and look to support the school in delivering to all pupils.

For an initial conversation, please contact the PA's Office at school, or email office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk.



Music Success

Congratulations to all the following pupils who were successful with their music exams at the end of last term:

Jamie Kelman – Grade 2 Electric Guitar

Freddie Masefield – Grade 2 Guitar

Leo Limbrick – Grade 1 Electric Guitar

Lily Mae Lev – Grade 3 Singing

Amelia Watkiss – Grade 2 Singing

Evie Floate – Grade 2 Flute

Matthew Lindsay – Copper Music Medal – Flute

Katie Bove – Copper Music Medal – Flute



Primrose Concert

Walkwood Choir are very busy preparing for the Primrose Proms Concert on the evening of Friday October 13th at 7.30pm here at Walkwood, where Walkwood Choir will be guests of the Primrose Choir, together with the Alcester Silver Band. This is always an exciting concert. Most of our rehearsals are taking place at lunchtimes (12.50pm in the Music Room, so those children coming to rehearsal will need to go into first lunch sitting), and in addition we are having rehearsals after school on Tuesdays in the Music Room until 4.45pm.

Rehearsal days for next week: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes as well as Tuesday after school until 4.45pm.

Tickets for this concert are already on sale – letters have been sent home with choir members.

Four Colleges Challenge



Matthew & Joseph Humphreys 1 Sept 2017

• START: Walkwood School 8.18am. HILL 1: Bredon Hill, 299m, climbed at 10.21am. HILL 2 : Cleeve Hill, 317m, climbed at 11.20am. HILL 3 : Worcestershire Beacon, Malvern Hills, 425m, climbed at 1.20pm. HILL 4: Abberley Hill, 283m, climbed at 3.10pm. FINISH: Walkwood School: 4.08pm. 379m of ascent, 10k walking , 175k car.

The four Colleges of Walkwood School are named after these four hills of Worcestershire and Gloucestershire.



Clubs and Activities Autumn Term 1



Day	Before School 7:45am—8:45 am	Lunchtime 12.35-1.20 p.m.	After School 3.30 pm—4.45 pm
Monday	<p style="color: #0070C0;">Homework Club (Library)</p> <p>Orchestra (Music Room) 8.45-9.30am (CGr)</p>	<p style="color: #0070C0;">KS3 Art Club Starting 18th September (ECO)</p> <p style="color: #0070C0;">Choir (all year groups) 12.50-1.20 pm Music Room (CGR)</p> <p style="color: #0070C0;">Monday lunchtime DT block Movie club (all years) (AMI)</p> <p style="color: #0070C0;">Gardening Club Textiles Room At the start of lunch (STA)</p> <p style="color: #0070C0;">Maths Club for KS2 and KS3 Room 6</p>	<p style="color: #0070C0;">Homework Club (Library) 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Kurling and Boccia Club (invite/sign up only) (NFO/DPA) 3.30-4.45pm</p>
Tuesday	<p style="color: #0070C0;">Homework Club (Library)</p>	<p style="color: #0070C0;">DT Club in DT block All years (AMI)</p> <p style="color: #0070C0;">KS2 Art Club Art Room (ECO)</p> <p style="color: #0070C0;">Card Making club (invite only) Art Room (STA)</p>	<p style="color: #0070C0;">Homework Club (Library) 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Year 5 & 6 Science Club 3.30-4.30 pm LAB1 (JHD) Starts 12th September (not on 17th October, 31st October, 12th December and 19th December)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Year 5/6 Netball—(HTR/KRE)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Years 5, 7 & 8 Football (RMA, CHU, SWA)</p>
Wednesday	<p style="color: #0070C0;">Homework Club (Library)</p>	<p style="color: #0070C0;">Signing Club (All year groups) (Textiles Room) (JHa)</p> <p style="color: #0070C0;">Silent Reading Club Room 19 (LBa)</p> <p style="color: #0070C0;">Colouring and Drawing Club for Mindfulness and Relaxation (12.50—1.20) Room 9 (MMG and PC) (limited places available)</p>	<p style="color: #0070C0;">Homework Club (Library) 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Cooking Club 3.30-4.45pm (DSL) (rota of when you are cooking will be confirmed)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Girls Football 5/6—7/8 (RMA/HTR/NFO)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">KS2 Boys Hockey (DPA)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Cross Country Club Field (NRO)</p>



Clubs and Activities Autumn Term 1 (Continued)



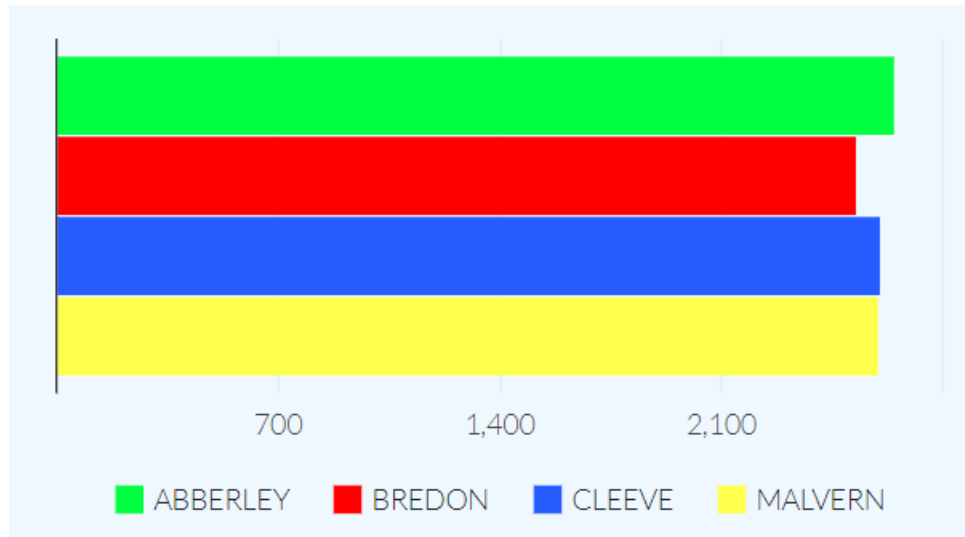
Thursday	Homework Club (Library)	Choir (All year groups) Music Room—12.50- 1.20pm (CGR) Languages Club 1.00 pm in Room 15 (NHU) To start after October half- term Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 pm—if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm Year 7/8 Rugby—(PJE/SWA) Year 7/8 Netball—(HTR/KRE) Year 6 Football—(NSA/DPA)
Friday	Homework Club (Library)		Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm Rec Football - (SWA, NFO, CHU, DPA, RMA)



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Imogen Kesterton (ALBA) (31)
2. Amelia Smyth (BLBO) (28)
3. Kieron Baker (AAGA) (28)
4. Chardae McKenzie (AECO) (27)
5. Megan Wall (ALWA) (27)
6. Harry Shaw (AECO) (27)
7. Benj Whitehouse (ALBA) (27)
8. Jake Hemming (MDSL) (25)
9. Ryley Coles (BLBO) (25)
10. Eleanor Baldwin (AAGA) (25)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2017	Friday 29 September	Y5 Parents' Tea 2-3 pm
	Wednesday 11 October	Open Evening for prospective Y5 intake 2018
	Friday 20 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 23 – Friday 27 October	Half-Term
	Wednesday 1 November	Y5 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Thursday 9 November	SATs Information Evening 7 pm
	Monday 4 December	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Tuesday 12 December	Christmas Concert 7.30 pm
	Tuesday 19 December	End of Term
2018	Wednesday 3 January	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 4 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 15 January	Parent English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 1 February	Y6 & Y8 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Wednesday 7 February	Y6 & Y8 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Thursday 15 February	Y5 & Y7 reports to Parents / Carers
	Monday 19 – Friday 23 February	Half-Term
	Friday 9 March	Parent Focus Group 2.00—3.00 pm
	Thursday 29 March	End of term
	Monday 16 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 16 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June	Half-Term
	Monday 4 June	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 7 June	Y5 & Y7 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Wednesday 13 June	Y5 & Y7 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Monday 9 July	Parent Focus group 6 pm
	Tuesday 24 July	End of Term