

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week started with pupils having their photographs taken, and I hope the proof copies got home without any problems. If there are any queries, it is best to contact Tempest direct as it is their studios who manage the process. It is quite an operation to ensure all our pupils get to the photographers in the correct order, so my thanks to the Pastoral Managers and other staff who were able to assist.

Year 5 had their Welcome Service at The Bridge Church, and the weather stayed fine until we got back to school! Thank you, Lord, for sufficient sun. The pupils behaved superbly, as we have come to expect when we attend church, and also as we walk to and from the service. Well done Year 5.

We have yet to complete a cycle of the two-week timetable, but there have been few problems as pupils get used to our routines again. Changes to the lunch menu have been appreciated as we try out new dishes, and there are new vegetarian options alongside selected meals being halal. The menu will be kept under review this term, and I appreciate the continued efforts of our catering staff as we try out some of the pupils' suggestions.

Even though it has been the first full week back, our Year 8 pupils have had presentations from Trinity High School and St. Augustine's Catholic High School. I encourage parents and carers to check the local press and the websites of the high schools to see when the open evenings are being held. A list of the high schools is included within the pages. Year 6 also received information last Friday regarding the possibility of moving within the county boundary for Year 7, but the option was not taken up by our pupils and parents last year.

This year we have decided to increase our attendance target which is shown in the box below. I'm making you aware of this challenge as we hope you will support us by encouraging your pupils to be in school.

Rev. C. Leach
Principal

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

Song of Solomon 4: 2

Dear Lord,

We pray this week we can learn to trust in you in all areas of our lives. We thank you that we can trust in your grace and faithfulness to help guide and protect us in each day. Your love helps to strengthen our faith and build up our lives, and we trust that in you, your love and peace will shine in all that we do.

Amen.

This week's theme was:
Trust

We are saved by trusting.
And trusting means looking forward to getting something we don't yet have.

Romans 8:24

Letters this week:
Inclusion Sports Festival
Year 6 Maths Intervention

Whole school Attendance—97.57%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

06.09.17—08.09.17

Year 5 — 99.81 %
Year 6 — 96.13%
Year 7 — 97.32%
Year 8 — 97.64%



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:	Friends of Jesus	A friend loves at all times, and kinsfolk are born to share adversity. <i>Proverbs 17:17</i>

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

The weekend	members of the emergency services.	Monday	the admin staff here at school
Tuesday	our town of Redditch, and those who work at the borough offices.	Wednesday	pupils who are settling into their homework timetable!
Thursday	Our Year 8 pupils and parents as they begin deciding about high schools for next September.	Friday	understanding and mutual respect between leaders of faiths.





WANTED

If anyone has any old denim garments (jeans, jackets etc.) could they please be given to the school Textile department for a project this year? Please do not throw them away.

Any donations can be delivered to the school office and addressed to the Design and Technology Department.



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



Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

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.

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.



- ✓ 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.



High Schools in Redditch

Saint Augustine's Catholic High School

<http://www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk/Home/>

Trinity High School

<http://www.trinity.worcs.sch.uk/>

RSA Academy Arrow Vale

<http://www.arrowvaleacademy.co.uk/>

Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

<https://www.redditch.tgacademy.org.uk/>

Ridgeway Academy

<https://ridgeway.academy/>



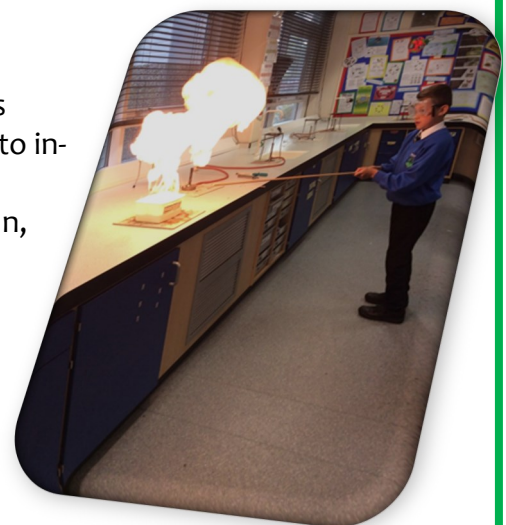
Science Club



On Tuesday Science Club welcomed new year 5's where we experimented with washing up liquid to investigate which bubbles made the best gas. Science club is open to all year 5's and 6's, it is fun, interesting and you get to do some really cool "stuff".

Science club is for children of all abilities and if science is not your forte come along who knows where it will take you or what cool experiments you will get to do.

Mrs Haldane *Head of Science*
Mrs Shepherd *Science TA*



MUSIC NEWS

Labelling Instruments and Music

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have labelled musical instrument cases – it really does make life easier when we're faced with twenty guitars, all in black cases! The most successful labels are the keyring type which attach easily and permanently to the instrument case and have room on them to write a name and tutor group. The style shown below is ideal.



Please can you also make sure that any music tuition books are also clearly labelled with your child's name and tutor group. I can then return them to their rightful owners when they are left behind.

Points For Practice

Please also encourage your child to do some regular music practice at home to ensure good progress. 10 minutes of practice daily is ideal for beginners. Please sign their practice diary – 5 signed practices in any week can be exchanged for an independent learning point from me.

Mrs C Griffiths



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>Homework Club (Library)</p> <p>Orchestra (Music Room) 8.45-9.30am (CGr)</p>	<p>KS3 Art Club Starting 18th September (ECO)</p> <p>Choir (all year groups) 12.50-1.20 pm Music Room (CGR)</p> <p>Monday lunchtime DT block Movie club (all years) (AMI)</p> <p>Gardening Club Textiles Room At the start of lunch (STA)</p> <p>Maths Club for KS2 and KS3 Room 6</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Kurling and Boccia Club (invite/sign up only) (NFO/DPA) 3.30-4.45pm</p>
Tuesday	<p>Homework Club (Library)</p>	<p>DT Club in DT block All years (AMI)</p> <p>KS2 Art Club Art Room (ECO)</p> <p>Card Making club (invite only) Art Room (STA)</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>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>Year 5/6 Netball—(HTR/KRE)</p> <p>Years 5, 7 & 8 Football (RMA, CHU, SWA)</p>
Wednesday	<p>Homework Club (Library)</p>	<p>Signing Club (All year groups) (Textiles Room) (JHa)</p> <p>Silent Reading Club Room 19 (LBa)</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Cooking Club 3.30-4.45pm (DSL) (rota of when you are cooking will be confirmed)</p> <p>Girls Football 5/6—7/8 (RMA/HTR/NFO)</p> <p>KS2 Boys Hockey (DPA)</p> <p>Cross Country Club Field (NRO)</p>



Clubs and Activities Autumn Term 1 (Continued)

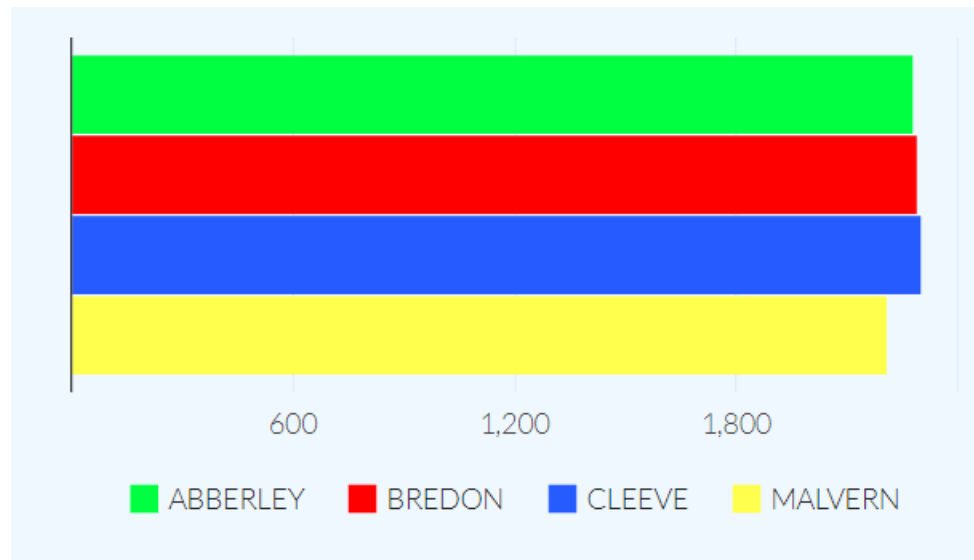


Thursday	Homework Club (Library)	Choir (All year groups) Music Room—12.50- 1.20pm (CGR) Languages Club 1.00 pm in Room 15 (NHU) To start after October half- term Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 pm—if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm Year 7/8 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. Evie Barnish (AECO) (32)
2. Blake Tuer (MMMG) (26)
3. Thomas Cacciottolo (ARMA) (25)
4. Summer Ewing-Boulton (CCHU) (24)
5. Noah Kelly (BCJO) (24)
6. Adrian Lyszcz (CCMI) (23)
7. Ruby Evans (MKRE) (23)
8. Georgie Pace (CCHU) (22)
9. Amber Norris (BCLO) (22)
10. Issabelle Burton (CCMI) (22)



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