

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been dominated by SATs—the standard assessment tests for Year 6. School have to amend the timetable for all years to accommodate the arrangements, but I have been pleased with the way Year 6 children have coped. Additionally, the other year groups have also been understanding, even though none of them have had such tests as these were abandoned for Years 7 and 8 during the pandemic.



When we publish this edition, I and six other staff will be with 100 Year 6 pupils in North Yorkshire. I can assure you that the preparation for such residential trips is thorough. This post-SATs visit is something of a staple for our school, and we are looking forward to being at East Barnby for the first time in two years, where our pupils can enjoy the seashore and woodland.



My child, prepare provisions for the trip and head off with your companions. May God who is in heaven protect you on your way and restore you safely to me.

Tobit 5: 17

We have moved our school information system to Arbor, a migration that has been long in the planning. Some of the other programs that we use have not behaved as they should, not helped when some developers do not ‘switch over’ processes until the last minute. This has resulted in some strange goings on as ‘computer says no’ far too often. Last term’s reports, set to be sent on the penultimate day of term, have also been a casualty. Our school’s IT agents, Concero Education Technology, have been working many hours to rectify each issue. Parent Pay is now syncing, and we are hopeful that the reports can be unlocked very soon. Sorry for the issues which, very honestly, have been beyond our control, and our frustration levels have been severely tested!



Monday 23rd May will be our first whole-school photograph for some years as Covid prevented this. If the weather holds, we hope our pupils will be as smart and sparky as ever!



Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

A prayer for Truthfulness

Lord, We have been taught to be truthful, especially to you. We know that truthfulness is the way in which we can become closer to you. What is the point in untruth? We pray that you fill our hearts and minds with the truth that honesty is the best choice in our lives. We know that it can fill us with the joy and truth that we need in our lives. In your Name,

Amen.

This week’s theme was: Truthfulness

Truth will last forever; lies are soon found out.

Proverbs 12:19

Whole School Target

95.6%

Whole School Attendance

94%



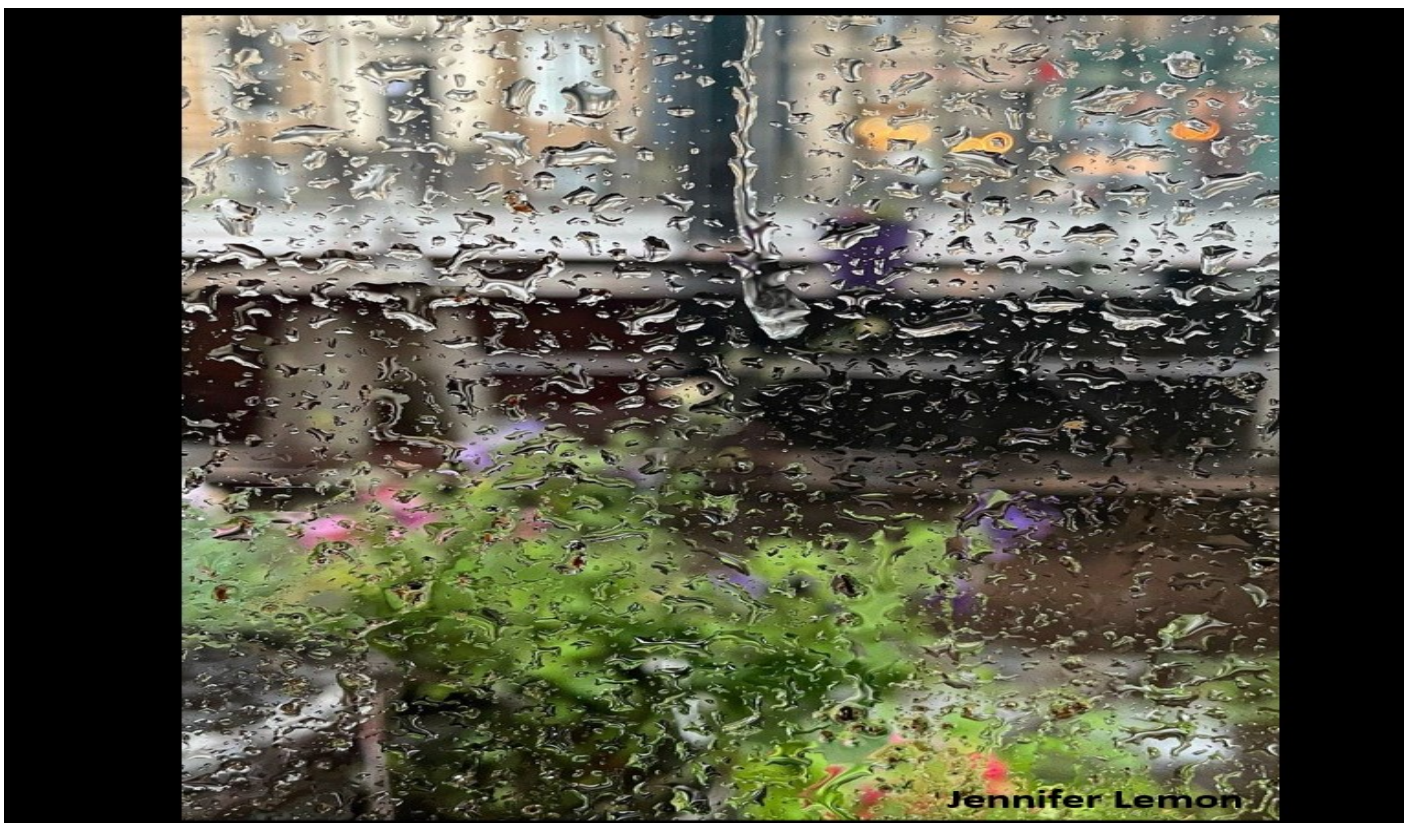
For the week ahead

<p>The Fruit of Faith is:</p>	<p>Honour</p>	<p>Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honouring one another.</p> <p>Romans 12:10</p>
<p>The assembly theme:</p>	<p>The Psalms</p>	<p>Happy are those who don't listen to the wicked, who don't go where sinners go, who don't do what evil people do. They love the Lord's teachings, and they think about those teachings day and night.</p> <p>Psalm 1:1-2</p>

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

<p>The weekend</p>	<p>fun and safety for our Year 6 pupils in Yorkshire</p>	<p>Monday</p>	<p>Ukraine</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Walkwood's Governors as they carry out their duties as volunteers</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>older students who are beginning their GCSEs or A levels</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>our Queen, Elizabeth II</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>the elderly who feel lonely</p>

Picture of the Week



Positive ePostcards- awarded to pupils during the Spring Term– 2nd half

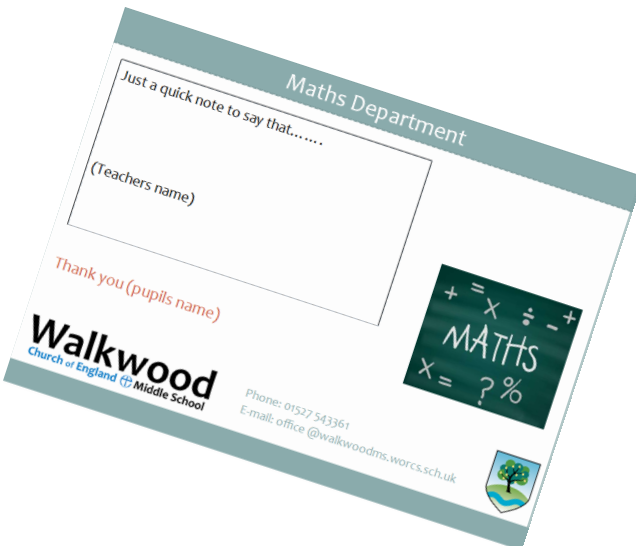
Year 5

Joe Taylor	5 E1	SSE
Miley Cromwell	5 E1	SSE
Maggie Webb	5 E1	Tech



Year 7

Estelle Stanley	7 C1	Science
Adele Rowe	7 C3	Science
Charlie Green	7 C1	Science, Maths
Chloe Parkes	7 E3	SSE
Issie Cripps	7 E3	SSE
Mary Hull	7 E3	SSE
Archie Grogan	7 E3	SSE
Alfie Tither	7 E3	SSE
Layla Baker	7 E2	English
Meredith Allen	7 C1	Tech
Matty Catton	7 C1	Tech
Laura Stabler	7 E2	Tutor
Riley Reed	7 C1	Maths
Jack Bonner	7 C1	Maths
Finley Fisher	7 C1	Maths



Year 6

Mason Doherty	6 C1	Science
Eliesha Dineen	6 C1	Science
Megan Smith	6 C1	Science
Azan Hussain	6 C1	Science
Charlie Staniland	6 C1	Science
Reggie Thomas	6 C1	Science
Alex Battle-Welch	6 C1	Science
Brody Turner	6 C1	Science
Bethany-Rose Lee	6 C1	Science, Tech
Luke Young	6 C1	Science
Jake Groom	6 C1	Science
Jessica Graburn	6 C1	Science
Sam Edmonds	6 C3	Science
Jay Fleming	6 C3	Science
Jayden Dudley	6 C3	Science
Bradley Nash	6 C3	Science
Riley Rogers	6 E3	SSE
Dylan Arkell	6 E3	SSE
Leo Yeomans	6 E3	SSE
Fred Lloyd	6 C2	Tech
Ciaragh Maher	6 C2	Tech
Alivia Ludlow	6 C2	Tech
Evie Fleetwood	6 C2	Tech
Jess Hughes	6 E2	Tech
Neve Lawrence	6 C2	Tech
Fia Hawkeswood	6 C2	Tech
Lucy Hudson	6 C2	Tech

Year 8

A J Huxley	8 C2	French
Zach Felton	8 C2	French
Malachi McKenzie	8 C2	French
Eughan Downing	8 C2	French
Izzy Pioli	8 C2	French
Reggie Catton	8 C2	French
Maymunah Kosar	8 C2	French
Fynn Hawkeswood	8 C2	French
Leo Jackson	8 C2	French
Isabella Bowditch	8 E1	Science
Chelsea Peters	8 C1	Science
Lauren Brown	8 E1	Science
Lucy Potter	8 E1	Science
Charlie Godson	8 E2	English
Callum Evans	8 E3	Maths
Lucy Potter	8 E1	Maths
Alexis Grodoski	8 E2	Maths
Evan Tomlinson	8 E3	Maths
Kian Parkinson	8 E2	Maths
Isabelle Hornsby	MAB	Pastoral

A massive well done to all recipients

LONELINESS ONLINE:

What Causes It and Ways to Feel Better

Have you ever been online and felt a little bit lonely?
In a recent study, 14% of 10–12-year-olds said they often felt lonely, so you're not the only one who sometimes feels that way. We spoke to a group of children and teenagers, who told us some of the things that make them feel isolated when they're online.

CAUSES OF LONELINESS ONLINE

-  Seeing photos or videos of friends having fun without me
-  Being excluded from group chats or games with friends
-  Friends or family not replying to texts or answering my calls
-  People being unkind to me online
-  When friends leave my group chat



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

So if these things happen to you and you start to feel down, what can you do? The same young people also told us how they make themselves feel less lonely when they're online – and we've collected some of their advice to share with you.

- Tell a friend or a trusted adult that you feel lonely
- Watch funny videos of cats and pandas
- Watch yoga videos and do some exercises
- Play single-player games you enjoy
- Listen to happy music
- Listen to your favourite audiobooks
- Send nice messages to your friends and family
- Play games with friends who you trust, if they're online too



TAKE A BREAK

Sometimes the best thing you can do is to take a break from technology and do something offline that makes you feel happy.

Here's what our group suggested!

- Paint or draw pictures
- Play with a pet
- Write about your feelings
- Hang out with your family
- Get outdoors & enjoy nature



FURTHER SUPPORT

Remember, it's normal to feel a bit lonely sometimes – but if it's really upsetting you, and you have no-one to talk to, you can call Childline for free on

0800 1111



 **National Online Safety**
#WakeUpWednesday

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

deduce

What word class is this word? Could it belong to more than one word class?

How many syllables does it have?

Write the dictionary definition(s) of this word, using your own words.

Are there any synonyms for the word?

Are there any antonyms for the word?

Write four sentences, each containing the word.

Challenge: vary the type of sentence each time: write one as a statement; one as a question; one as a command and one as an exclamation sentence.

For example, if the *Word of the Week* were joyous:

Statement: Xavier is feeling joyous this morning.

Question: Does that music sound joyous to you?

Command: Make yourself look a little more joyous.

Exclamation: What a joyous evening!

Show your tutor your notes on Word of the Week and receive a merit for answering the questions above!



Top Readers for 12th April 2022 — 12th May 2022

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Hope Ivers (BKKH) - who has read 621,382 words

Top Boy

Oliver Hughes (CEDU) - who has read 257,154 words

Well done - 3 merits will be awarded to you both.

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



Knowing our curriculum

For information about the curriculum for each year group, please select:



[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)



For information about specific curriculum subjects, you will find the calendars here:

[Art and Technology](#)

[Computing](#)

[Drama](#)

[English](#)

[French](#)

[Mathematics](#)

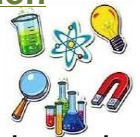
[Music](#)

[Physical Education](#)

[Science](#)

[Spiritual & Social Education](#)

Additionally, for [Careers](#)



For the overall rationale for the way we have put the curriculum together, or for how the pastoral system operates, please select:

[Curriculum Rationale](#)

[Pastoral Strategy](#)



Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

For information about our school:

www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk

Keeping children safe

The following information concerns how we continue to ensure that pupils are cared for within our school:

Early help: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/19c6-Early%20Help%20Offer.pdf>

E-safety: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/E-Safety>

Anti-bullying: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/f2c9-Anti-bullying%20Policy.pdf>

Attendance: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/53d7-Attendance%202018.pdf>

Prevent: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/25a5-Prevent%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Safeguarding: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection>

<https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/a297-Safeguarding%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Relationships and Sex Education: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/9ca0-Relationships%20and%20Sex%20Education%20Policy%202019.pdf>



Trips and Visits 2021-23



Date	Activity	Location	Open To	Cost	Leader
May 2022					
Fri 13 – Mon 16	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 324	Rev Leach
June 2022					
Wed 22 – Fri 24	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 24 – Mon 27	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y7	£ 324	Rev Leach
Fri 24 - Mon 27	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 220	Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull
February 2023					
Sat 4 – Sat 11	Ski Trip	Obertauern, Austria	Y5-Y7	£ 1360	Mrs Cull



Clubs and Activities

Summer term 1 2022

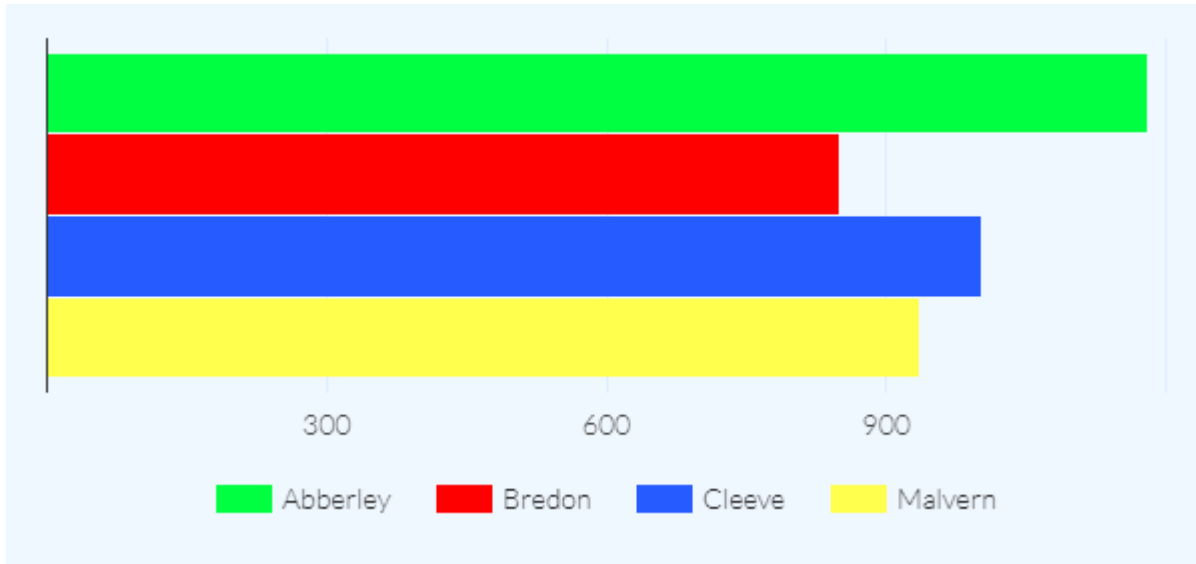
	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20PM	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday		Lexia LMo in ITA	Homework Club Year 5/6 boys and girls multi-sports club group 2 3.30-4.45pm (Pupils have signed up already and been allocated spaces)
Tuesday	Orchestra CGR 8.45am - 9.25am Music Room	Lexia ZBi in ITA	Homework Club
Wednesday			Homework Club
Thursday		Choir CGR 12.55pm - 1.20pm Music Room All Year Groups	Homework Club All year's athletics club (Sign up -limited spaces available) 3.30-4.45pm
Friday			



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College





Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 2	Wednesday 18 May	Y5 residential information evening 6.30 pm
	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June	Half Term
	Thursday 9 June	Y5 Y7 Parent's evening 4.00 —7.00 pm
	Wednesday 15 June	Y5 Y7 Parent's evening 4.00 —7.00 pm
	Thursday 21 July	End of Term
	Monday 5 September	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 6 September	First Day of the Autumn Term
	Monday 24 - Friday 28 October	Half Term
	Friday 16 December	End of Term
	2 0 2 3	Tuesday 3 January
Wednesday 4 January		First day of the Spring Term
Monday 20– Friday 24 February		Half Term
Friday 31 March		End of Term
Monday 17 April		Staff Development Day
Tuesday 18 April		First day of the Summer Term
Monday 29 May - 2 June		Half Term
Friday 21 July		End of Term