

Dear Parents and Carers,



The 'call-backs' for the school production of Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat have been taking place and I know it has been a tricky choice for the staff involved when it came to making decisions. That will be enhanced, I suspect, as the final casting takes place. For those who do not have a main part, there will be the opportunity for other roles or activities that are part of putting on a show.

Earlier this week I made a visit to Tudor Grange Academy Redditch. I am in regular communication with the Principal, Mrs Bolter, so when some Year 9 pupils suggested I go over and see them there, it was a simple step to take. I was impressed with the calm and homely feel within the school, this being the case both within the classes and the corridors. I managed to see former Walkwood pupils in Years 9 and 10, all working studiously and supported by the teachers. There was algebra being done in Maths, while some excellent graphs were being drawn in a Science lesson. I also found Mr Walsh, the former College Leader for Bredon! The colour green predominated around the school, but in an appealing and artistic way which blended well with the atmosphere of the school as well as the appearance and conduct of the pupils. I thank Mrs Bolter and her staff for the warm welcome, and it was a delight to see Walkwood pupils so at home in their new school: a bit like a big Walkwood, but in green.



Today would have been when the vaccinations team were in school. However, given the current number of cases amongst pupils, this will be rescheduled. We shall continue to liaise with the local outbreak response team, but there will be alterations to some school operations for the rest of this term, which are outlined inside.



You know what sort of times we live in, and so you should live properly. It is time to wake up. You know that the day when we will be saved is nearer now than when we first put our faith in the Lord.

Romans 13: 11



The first day of Advent is this coming Sunday, with three other Sundays before Christmas Day.

Rev. C. Leach, Principal

A prayer for The future

Gracious and loving God, I get scared and nervous about the future. But I know that the future is in Your hands. Be with me as I go through this day. Help me to make good decisions, and be with me each step of the way. I know that your plans are for good. Thank you for giving me hope toward the future.

Amen

This week's theme was: The future

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

Whole School Target

95.6%

Whole School Attendance

93.55%



For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Achievement	<p>At last I have seen what is good and beautiful: It is to eat and drink and to enjoy the good in all our hard work under the sun during the brief lives God gives us. That is our lot in life.</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 5:18</p>
The assembly theme:	Temptation	<p>Every test that you have experienced is the kind that normally comes to people. But God keeps his promise, and he will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, he will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out.</p> <p>1 Corinthians 10:13</p>

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

The weekend	Health workers at The Alex	Monday	The lives of those with life-threatening illnesses
Tuesday	For those who have experienced online intimidation	Wednesday	Councilors of Redditch Borough
Thursday	Those helping the effort to reduce global warming	Friday	The teachers and support staff of Walkwood.

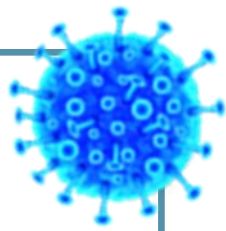
Picture of the Week



HEAD IN THE CLOUDS/BBC WEATHER WATCHERS

The lighting and a rainbow was captured by BBC Weather Watcher "Head in the clouds" in Graveley, Hertfordshire

From the Local Outbreak Response Team



Accepting that the greatest source of transmission is within the wide community, the following measures will be operational until the end of this term:

- Parents must not meet with staff face-to-face: conversations are to be virtual (we use Teams) or by telephone.
- Parents must not come to Reception if dropping a child off or collecting - office staff will ensure the pupil gets to Reception or walks to the gate, using our CCTV.
- There will be no sport with other schools, so all fixtures are cancelled.
- If pupils have PE on a particular day, then they are to come in PE kit for that day (see below).
- If pupils are in an extra-curricular sport club, they can come in PE kit for that day (see below).
- There will be no assemblies for the remainder of this term.
- Pupils will continue to sanitize as they enter and leave a classroom, as well as when they enter the canteen or dining hall.
- Desks will continue to be cleaned at the end of each lesson.
- Pupils are NOT recommended to wear face coverings.

The Local Outbreak Response Team are suggesting to parents and carers that pupils to be advised to complete 7 consecutive days of lateral flow tests. This includes all pupils not just limited to Year 7 and Year 8. If the 7th day is on a weekend it is recommended that they retest before school on Monday. Lateral flow tests to be completed on the morning before school.

Public Health advise to source lateral flow tests from pharmacies, testing centres or online.

PE kit expectations during enhance Covid-measures

Due to the increased number of Covid cases, and as a way of reducing the risk of transmission, PE lessons will now take place outside (unless there is wet weather). Pupils are allowed to come into school in their PE kit and due to the colder weather pupils will be able to wear the following:

- Walkwood PE polo shirt
- Walkwood PE jumper or school jumper
- Navy/ black tracksuit bottoms
- Coat



Base layers under the shorts and PE polo shirt are acceptable.

Hoodies and alternative jumpers will not be allowed.

We have spare Walkwood long sleeve rugby tops which pupils can borrow should they need to, and these will be washed after use.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

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2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

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3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

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4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

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5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

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6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

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7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

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8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

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9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

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10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

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Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

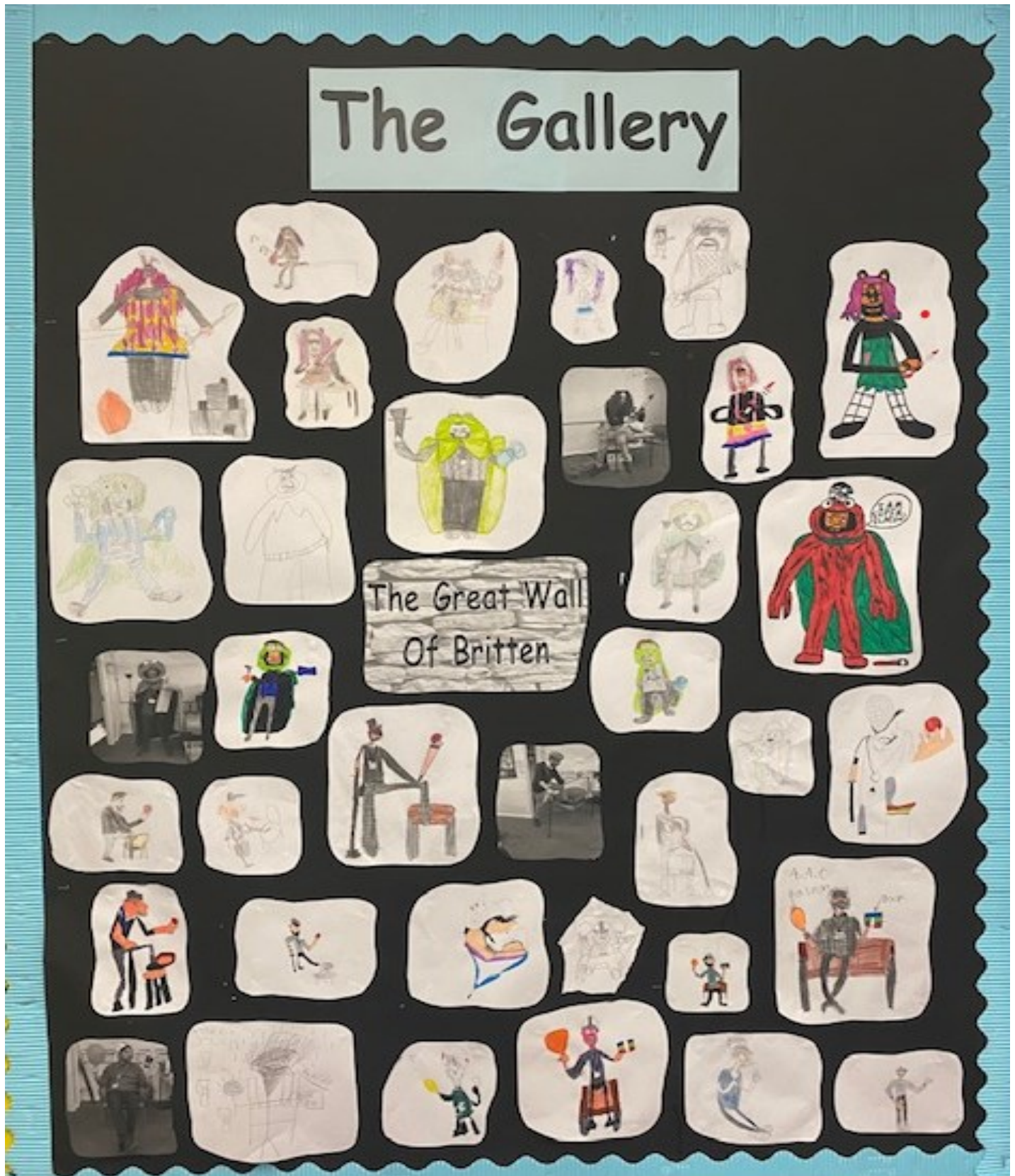


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#WakeUpWednesday



Over the last few weeks, our MAB pupils have all taken on a 'Still Life' art project, to produce the 'Great Wall of Britten'.

Mr Britten has been a good sport and great model, dressed in various silly costumes, enabling the pupils to practice their still life, perception and fine motor skills.





Clubs and Activities

Autumn Term 2 2021

	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20PM	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday			KS2 Fitness Club (3.30-4.45) RDJ/PMC
Tuesday	Orchestra CGR 8.45am – 9.25am Music Room		KS3 Boogie Bounce (3.30-4.45) Sign up only KRE
Wednesday			KS3 Fitness Club (3.30-4.45) Sign up only KRE/RMA/CHU Cooking club (3.30-4.45) DSL Pupils should have signed up and on a rotation.
Thursday		Choir CGR 12.55 – 1.20 Music Room All Year Groups	KS2 Boogie Bounce (3.30-4.45) Sign up only KRE Year 6 Art Club, DT2 MGr (names already submitted before summer)
Friday			

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

maintain

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 24.10.2021 — 24.11.2021

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

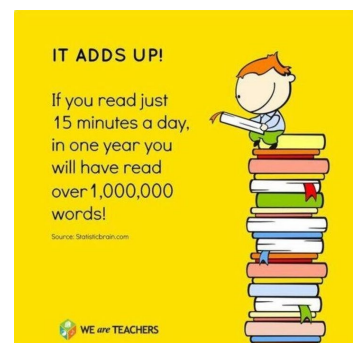
(Alex Newey CCGR Year 5) - who has read 548,303 words

Top Boy

(Joe Craig CLDW Year 5) - who has read 566,834 words

Well done - merits will be awarded to you both.

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



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>



New household account feature for parents reporting test results

NHS Test and Trace are continuing to develop and improve the process for self-test reporting. Currently, if a parent is submitting results through their account on behalf of a child, they have to enter the child's details every time they report a result.

As a result of feedback from parents, NHS Test and Trace have introduced household accounts. This allows parents to save their children's details to their own user accounts so parents can report results for multiple members in the household more quickly and easily.

When reporting self-test results parents will now be offered the opportunity to create a household account, which should take no more than 2 minutes. Parents can then add all household members to their account, enabling them to save time when reporting all future self-test results.



Trips and Visits 2021 - 23



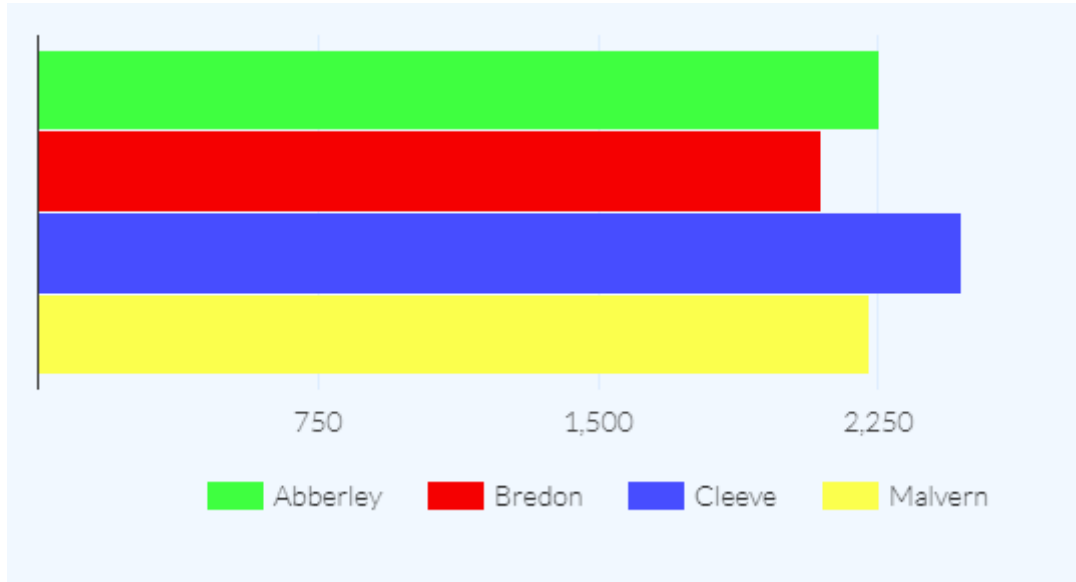
Date	Activity	Location	Open To	Cost	Leader
May 2022					
Fri 13 – Mon 16	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 324	Rev Leach
June 2022					
Wed 22 – Fri 24	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 24 – Mon 27	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y7	£ 324	Rev Leach
Fri 24 - Mon 27	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 220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



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College





Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2021	Wednesday 15 December	Christmas Concert 7.30 pm
	Friday 17 December	End of Term
2021	Tuesday 4 January	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
2021	Monday 10 January	Parent English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 27 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
2021	Wednesday 2 February	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Monday 21 to Friday 25 February	Half Term
2021	Wednesday 30 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 8 April	End of Term
2021	Monday 25 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 26 April	First day of the Summer Term
2021	Wednesday 18 May	Y5 residential information evening 6.30 pm
	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June	Half Term
2021	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
2021	Thursday 21 July	End of Term