

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 5 pupils are getting increasingly confident about being around the school. They are making the most of our catering facility at lunchtime, as the interest is certainly on the 'meal deals' (the mix-and-match of salad, baguettes and snacks such as rolls and paninis). We have been making more of this sort of sustenance this week, as the 'regulars' from the other year groups have kept up their appetites. There have been some changes to the menu (see a later page), so do encourage your child to see if there is anything that they like.



Toast and juice are available at breaktime, and we have been using an increasing number of loaves since the start of term. As pupils are beginning to remember their PIN at the till, the queues are moving more smoothly.

We have had our 'hymns' assemblies this week, and the singing has been strong. This is a key part of our time together as Mrs Griffiths leads the pupils in the music while I explain the words.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Philippians 4:4

As a point of information, there are staff on duty around the school site at the end of the day to ensure that pupils are safe and calm. Additionally, there are College Leaders and members of the Senior Leadership Team at key locations on roads surrounding the school. Our job is to supervise pupils, but we are not there to direct traffic or enforce parking regulations. However, our local PC has shared a leaflet which I include on a later page. Your assistance in keeping our pupils safe is really appreciated.



We are finalising our extra-curricular offer - more details will come in an email next week.

Rev. C. Leach, Principal

A prayer for Trust

Lord, You are the God of peace and love in Whom I place my trust. Give me a peaceful heart that rests in You and a loving spirit that pours fourth Your love to others.

I place my trust in You, Lord.

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

Whole School Target

96.95%

Whole School Attendance

96.95%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 6.9.2021

ARCO, ASBK,

BJHD, BDDE,

CLDW, CPJE, CCGR, CLTH AND MHBA



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 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 for your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

The weekend	Water conservation work around the globe	Monday	Government ministers who have recently started new roles
Tuesday	Our new Director of Education in the diocese, Tim Reid	Wednesday	The elderly who may be lonely
Thursday	Workers in hospitality industries	Friday	Our catering team

Picture of the Week



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Pilgrims travel to Mecca's Grand Mosque to perform tawaf, a ritual where they circle anti-clockwise around the Kaaba seven times - a large cube-like structure seen in Islam as the most sacred point on Earth.



Pupils at Walkwood Church of England Middle School have the opportunity to complete their homework after school right here on site. The 2021-22 Homework Club will commence the week of 20th September.

Monday to Thursday

3.30pm - 4.45pm

DT Hub

If you would like your child to attend our Homework Club, you must complete the Microsoft Form for which the link was sent out in the email with The Insider. Once you have signed your child up then a registration form will be emailed to you asking you to confirm the sessions. Before registering, you and your child are expected to read and accept the conditions which we require each pupil to adhere to when they attend each session:

- Only homework/classwork is to be completed at Homework Club
- Pupils are to silent read/complete book quiz if assigned tasks have been completed
- Pupils are to work quietly whilst allowing others to do likewise
- Pupils must sign in on arrival and out when leaving
- Pupils do have access to computers for work purposes ONLY- No games
- Pick-Up Arrangements- The PM Homework Club will run from 3.30pm - 4.45pm and pupils will only be able to be collected at the end of the session. At this time, the member of staff on duty will bring all pupils out to the Feckenham Road entrance where they can be collected. **Pupils must be collected at 4.45pm.**
- Please be aware that if a pupil misses Homework Club consistently then their place may be offered to another pupil. Registers will be reviewed on a half termly basis.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in the withdrawal of this facility for a stated period of time, in the first instance. Each session will have a maximum number of pupils so we will fill the spaces on a 'first come, first serve' basis. We will inform you via email whether or not you have been successful with your request.



















As previously mentioned, if you would like your child to attend Homework Club please complete the Microsoft Form via the link sent. Please keep this information as guidance for future reference.

Homework Club will not run on the first and last week of each term. A reminder of this will be sent during the preceding week.



 = main meal vegetarian option



	Menu A	Menu B	Menu C 	
Main meal	Monday	Chicken Nuggets (100% chicken baked in a crispy coated batter) Potato Wedges Baked Beans or Peas  Vegetarian Nuggets	Monday Brunch including Sausage, Bacon, Hash Brown, Baked Beans and Scrambled Egg  Vegetarian Monday Brunch	Beef Burger in a Bap (100% beef) Crispy Diced Potatoes Baked Beans or Corn on the Cob Rainbow Coleslaw  Vegetarian Burger in a Bap
	Tuesday	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta & Garlic Bread  Macaroni Cheese	Beef Pasta Bake in a Tomato & Basil Sauce with Garlic Bread  Vegetarian Pasta Bake	Chicken Fajita (build your own) with Mexican Rice and Salsa  Falafel
	Wednesday	Roast Ham Roast Potatoes Choice of Vegetables Gravy  Broccoli / Cauliflower Cheese Bake	Home Made Chicken Pie Creamy Mash Potato Vegetable Selection Gravy  Vegetarian Pie	Roast Pork Sausages Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Selection of vegetables Gravy  Vegetarian Sausages
	Thursday	Chinese Chicken Curry Stir Fry Vegetables  Chinese Vegetarian Curry	Chicken Tikka Rice Naan Bread  Vegetarian Tikka	Chicken Korma Rice Naan Bread  Vegetarian Curry
	Friday	Cod in Breadcrumbs and French Fries Baked Beans or Mushy Peas  Vegetarian Dippers	Cod in Batter and Chips Baked Beans or Mushy Peas  Vegetable Fingers	Fish Nuggets in Breadcrumbs with Chips Baked Beans or Mushy Peas  Vegetarian Tart
Self-select	 All the above £1.60 per meal			
	Choice of puddings, cheese & biscuits, yogurt, jelly pot or fruit 40p each			
	Selection of juice cartons 50p each			
	Sachet (vinegar, tomato ketchup, mayonnaise etc.) 5p			
	Differing daily selection of: pizzas, paninis, toasties, sausage rolls, soft filled baguettes, fresh sandwiches £1.10 each			
Jacket Potato	 Choice of the salad bar 50p			
	Choice of puddings, cheese & biscuits, yogurt, jelly pot or fruit 40p each			
	Selection of juice cartons 50p each			
Fillings of cheese, tuna, beans (or combination) £1.40				
Choice of puddings, cheese & biscuits, yogurt, jelly pot or fruit 40p each Selection of juice cartons 50p each				



Lost Property

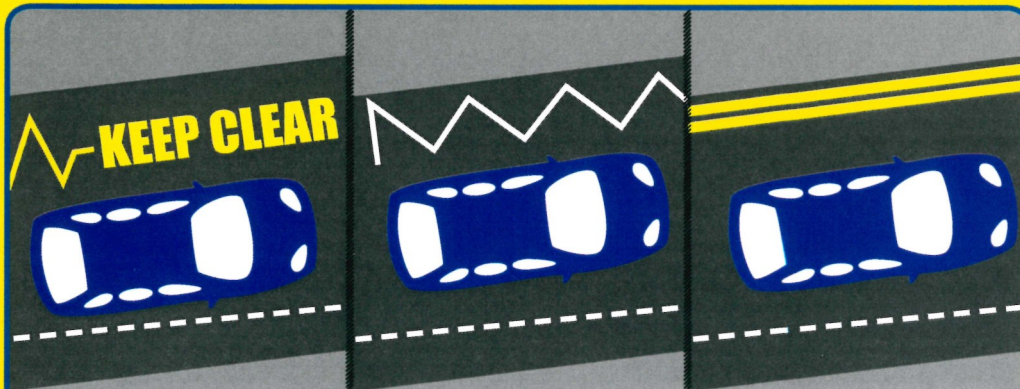


It is the start of the school year and we already have many items of **lost property** in our Reception area. We do endeavour to get the items back to the children but unfortunately if these are not named we do not know who they belong to. Could you please therefore ensure that you name all your child's belongings so that we can return the items to the child concerned.

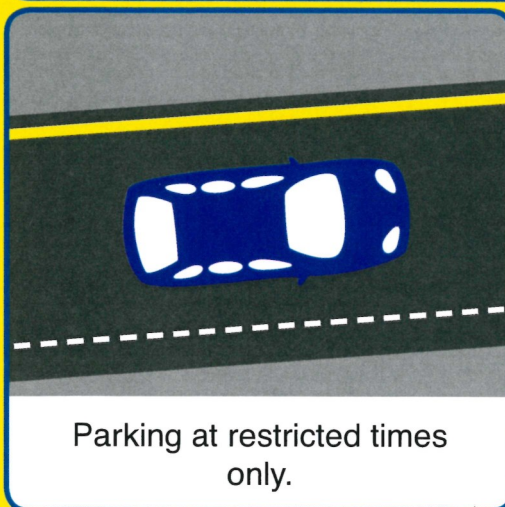


Think before you park!

**Illegal and irresponsible parking can put lives in danger.
Remember the following:**



No parking or waiting at any time.



Parking at restricted times only.



Parking on footpaths/corners/junctions creates a dangerous obstruction to pedestrians and other drivers.

**If you choose to ignore this advice you may be prosecuted.
The safety of pedestrians is far more important than finding a close spot to leave your car. Always think before you park.**

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about ...

SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

On any social media platform, you'll often come across links to genuine-looking websites. They might include an exclusive offer for one of your favourite shops or invite you to complete a quiz in return for a particular reward. In some cases, clicking on these links takes you to a fake website where you are asked to provide your personal details. The whole enterprise is a ploy to capture sensitive details, such as your email address and password, which the scammers then exploit at your expense.

Clickjacking for fake rewards

Here, the attacker tries to lure you into clicking a link by offering something in return, such as a free gift for completing a survey. However, when the link is clicked, it collects the details of whoever fills out the survey. This might include full names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Scammers could use these to hack into your other accounts or simply sell your data to other criminals.

Malicious app downloads

Some cybercriminals design software that appears genuine or helpful (and is normally free) but has been created to steal your personal information. There may be a pop-up ad encouraging you to download and install the app. Once the app is downloaded, the attacker can see any personal credentials you enter, and could then use this information for their own gain.

'Payment first' scams

Prevalent on sites such as Depop, these scams have spread to Facebook since it added the Marketplace feature. A user lists an item for sale and requests payment up front. Most online stores work this way, but the crucial difference is that scammers ask for payment via PayPal friends and family – not goods and services. This means you can't dispute the payment: the scammer keeps your money, and you never receive the item.

Threats disguised as quizzes

Most quizzes on social media seem harmless, but many come with hidden threats. When you submit your answers, you're also agreeing to terms and conditions which – in some cases – allow the quiz developer to sell your details to third parties. This puts you at greater risk of phishing attacks and spam advertising emails. It might also give the app permission to use information from your profile.

Untrustworthy URLs

It's common on social media for URLs in posts to be shortened (to meet Twitter's character count, for instance). This may seem harmless, but it opens an avenue of attack for scammers who may be disguising a malicious link as legitimate. These links can install malware on the victim's device, which could lead to passwords being stolen or even be the precursor to ransomware attacks.

Angler phishing scams

Using a fake corporate social media account, the scammer pretends to be from customer services. When someone complains about customer service on social media, the fake account messages them asking for their name, phone number and email. If the user provides this info, they are directed to a fake website where they enter their login details. The attacker can then steal their credentials or infect their device with malware.

Advice For Parents & Carers

Set strong passwords

Always ensure that your passwords are not easily guessable. Try to use a mix of letters, numbers and special characters so that criminals cannot forcefully get control. You should also change your passwords every so often to provide further protection against your accounts being taken over. If you have any concerns about your account's privacy, change the password.

Review your privacy settings

Regularly review your privacy settings on social media. You can restrict which parts of your profile can be seen and by who. We recommend making your personal information only visible to friends, which will help to limit the information a scammer could find out about you from social media. It's also safest to only accept friend or follow requests from people that you actually know.

Protect your personal information

Never enter personal information on unfamiliar websites. If you were redirected to a site from a social media post or an email link, putting in your personal details could give key information away to a scammer. Fraudsters may pose as someone you know to try and get your address or bank details (or your family's). If this happens, block the user and tell your family, so the scammer can't try to deceive anyone else.

Avoid opening suspicious emails

When you get an email, always check the sender's address before opening it. If it's an unexpected email and the sender is a stranger, mark it as junk (in case they try again in future) and simply delete it. They could be a scammer who's simply seen your email address on your social media profile. Being aware of phishing attacks is the primary method of defence against scam emails like this.

Choose trusted download sources

Don't download apps or files from unknown sites – instead, use verified and trustworthy sources (such as Google Play or the App Store for download to mobile devices). You can recognise safe sources by their trust seals. The browser address bar on a secure site starts "https" instead of "http". A shield or lock symbol in the address bar also indicates that a site is secure.

Install anti-virus software

Another key tip is to ensure that you have robust and reliable virus protection installed on any of your devices that support it. Anti-virus programmes will help to insulate you against cyber-attacks by blocking any malicious downloads or detecting any recently downloaded malware and removing it. Update your virus protection software regularly and carry out frequent scans of your device.

Meet Our Expert

Formed in 2016, KryptoCloud provides cyber security and resilience solutions to its customers. With offices in the UK, the company offers managed service operational packages including cyber security monitoring and testing, risk audit, threat intelligence and incident response.



Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

articulate

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!



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.

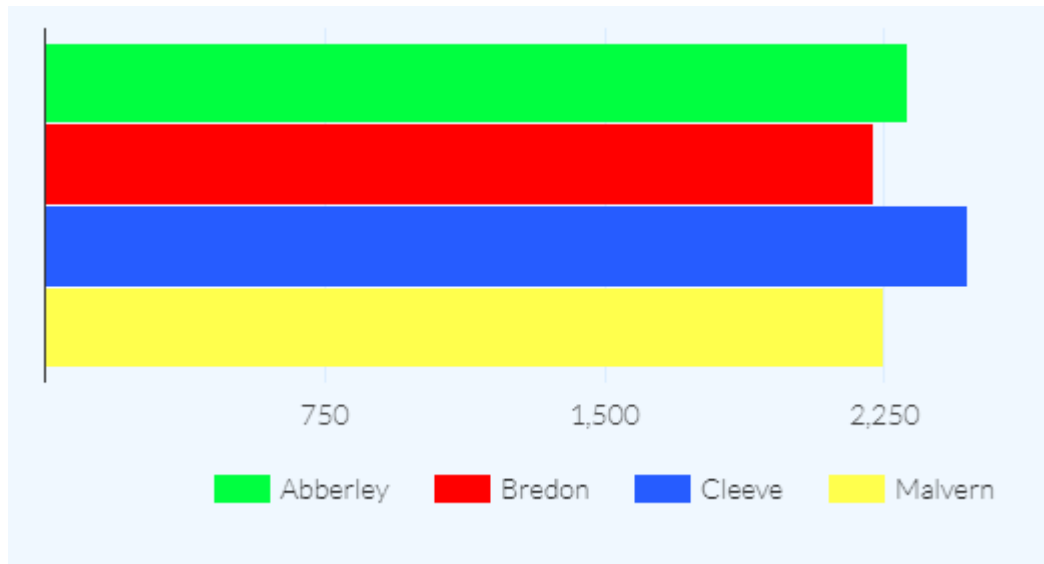
When reporting self-test results parents will now be offered the opportunity to create a household account, which should take no more than 2 minutes. Parents can then add all household members to their account, enabling them to save time when reporting all future self-test results.



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Trials for football and netball next week.

Tuesday 21st September- boys 5 and 6 football trials

Thursday 23rd September – boys 7 and 8 football trials

Thursday 23rd September- year 8 girls netball trials



Please bring your PE kit and appropriate equipment (football boots and shin pads recommended).

Make your way to the changing rooms at the end of the day.

Trials will finish at 4.45pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.

PE Department



Looking ahead



Date	Event
2 Wednesday 22 September	Y6 SATs information evening—virtual
0 Thursday 21 October	Y5 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
2 Friday 22 October	Staff Development Day
1 Monday 25 to Friday 29 October	Half Term
Monday 22 November	Parents' KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
Friday 17 December	End of Term
2 Tuesday 4 January	Staff Development Day
0 Wednesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
2 Monday 10 January	Parent English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
2 Thursday 27 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
Wednesday 2 February	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
Monday 21 to Friday 25 February	Half Term
Wednesday 30 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm
Friday 8 April	End of Term
Monday 25 April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 26 April	First day of the Summer Term
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