

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure over the last two weeks to have so many of you in school for the two Parents' Evenings. We have looked to use the majority of rooms across the school with most staff in their teaching spaces, as this gives a greater degree of privacy when you are having conversations. You may recall that at first schools, you may have had a 10 minute conversation with your child's class teacher, whereas at Walkwood you could be seeing a number of staff, so each 5-minute appointment does add up.



Alongside the consultation evenings are the three-times-a-year progress reports. To the forthcoming summer ones, is an additional input from each child's tutor to sum-up how things have been over the year. Remember that these will be accessible through the Arbor app, which you can easily download.

Takeover Day interviews have come to an end this week; pupils were informed whether they were successful yesterday. Naturally, not every application brings success which is part of the process for applying for anything, although we recognise that some children may feel disappointment. We also recognise the very healthy number of pupils who have applied and 'given it a go', including many thoughtful letters.



Learn where there is wisdom, where there is strength, where there is understanding, so that you may at the same time discern where there is length of days, and life, where there is light for the eyes, and peace.

Baruch 3:14

Submissions for the new Pupil Leadership Team are still open for Year 7, with the QR code and link to the online applications shared again on page 3.



Rev. C. Leach, Principal

This week's theme was:
St Francis of Assisi

I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.

Psalms 119:7

Most High, glorious God, enlighten the shadows of my heart, and grant me a right faith, a certain hope and perfect charity, sense and understanding, Lord, so that I may accomplish your holy and true command.

Amen.

Whole school Attendance

94.39%

Whole School Target

95.6%

12.06.2023 to 16.06.2023

Year 5 94.43%

Year 6 92.08%

Year 7 95.45%

Year 8 90.88%



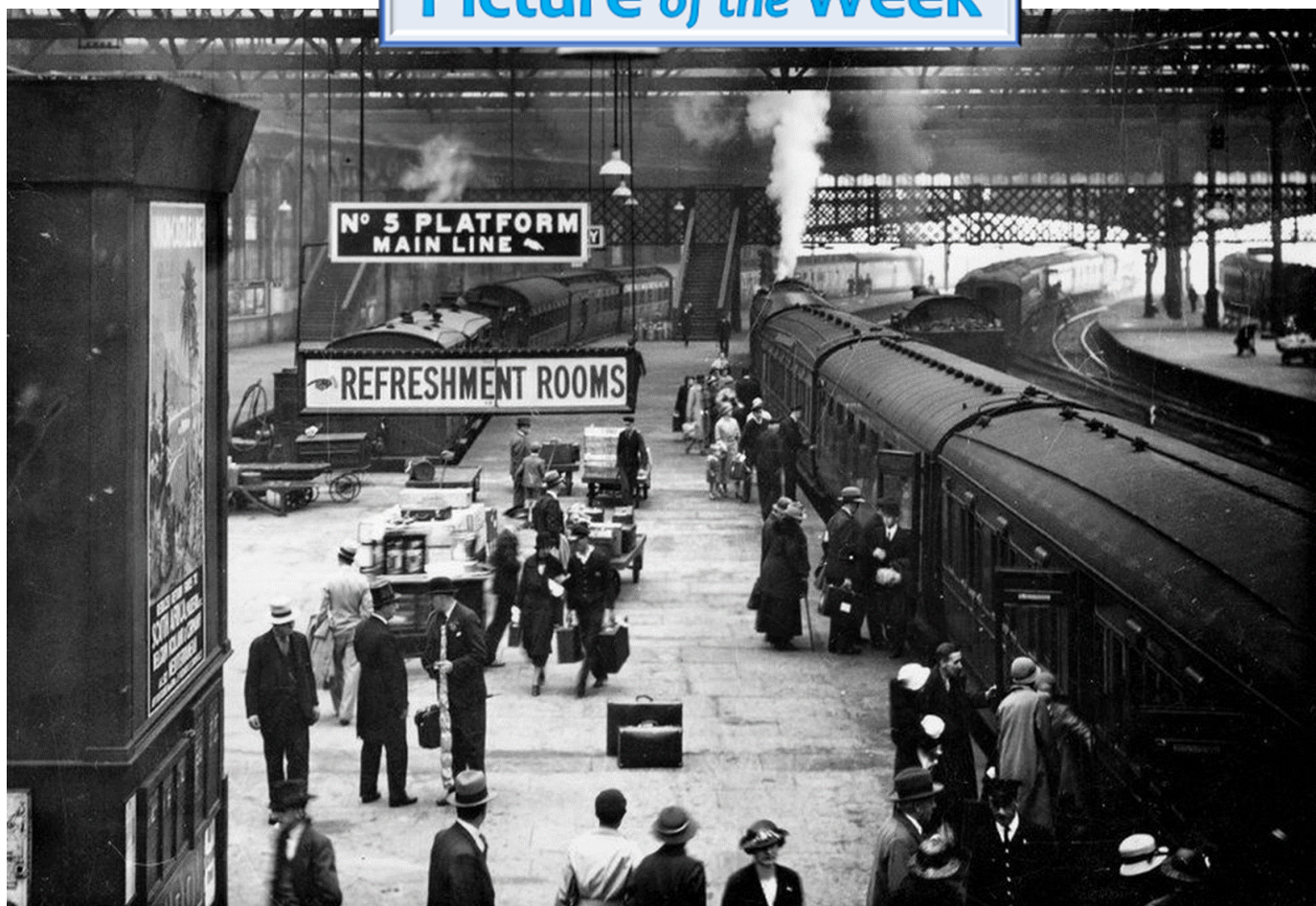
For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Honour	Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honouring one another. <i>Romans 12:10</i>
The assembly theme will be:	Doing the right thing	In every country God accepts anyone who worships him and does what is right. <i>Acts 10:35</i>

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

The weekend	those involved in competitive sport, that play is fair and yet challenging	Monday	our school's senior leadership team
Tuesday	hope for each other as we view our futures	Wednesday	Year 11 and 13 students as they come to the end of their exams
Thursday	the families who are joining Walkwood in the coming weeks	Friday	the Prince and Princess of Wales

Picture of the Week



Carlisle Citadel railway station, pictured here in the 1930s.



New 'Pupil Leadership Team' for 2023-2024

A reminder that **the closing date for applications is Friday 7th July**. Current year 7 pupils will have the opportunity to apply for a role (which include Head Boy and Head Girl, College Captains and Vice Captains and a team of Prefects) ready for the new academic year in September.

All applications will be completed online via a link. This link can be accessed via a personal student school email, the Insider and school website via a link and QR code.



https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DLKbF_K2skm4Vr4y1pECGTro_y6Tg31BkHdcOGMuP4pUNEo4RIhNNjRSSUhVSKJRRDg1WVZMVVZGNy4u

Lunch Money



Please can we ask that all ParentPay accounts are settled regularly and sufficient credit added to avoid any debit balances. You can view what your child has purchased on ParentPay.

If you have any queries, please contact the finance office.

Thank you.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN AN INSTRUMENT?

**WE ARE NOW TAKING
APPLICATIONS FOR
SEPTEMBER 2023**

We offer tuition in a range of instruments provided by tutors from Severn Arts.

Use the QR codes for information and to express an interest.

Expression of
Interest Form

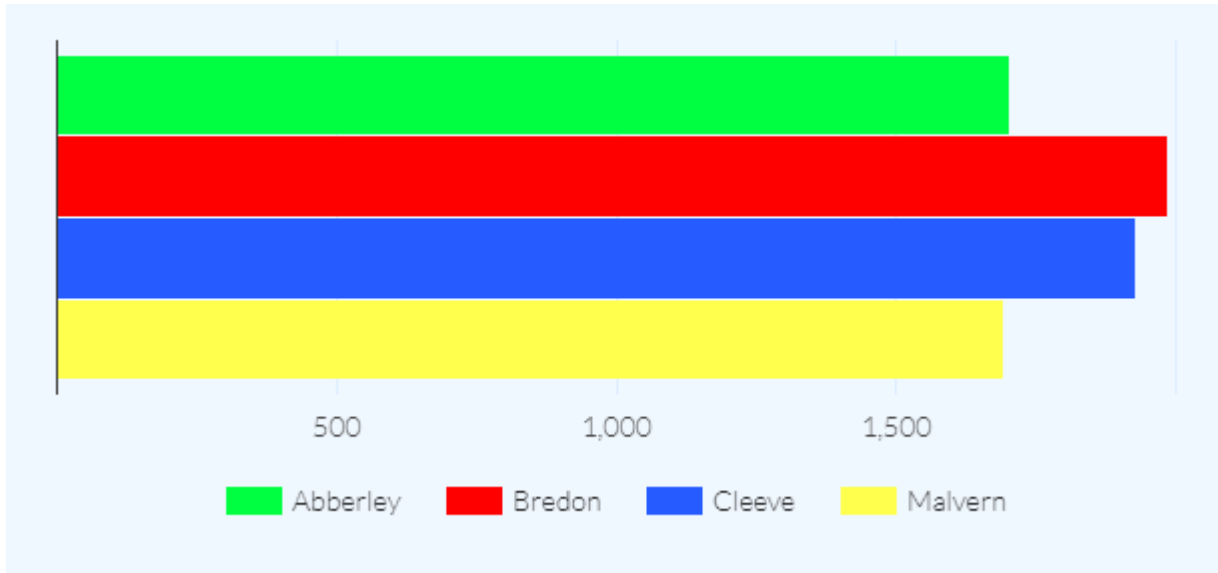


"Parent's Guide to
Instrument Lessons"





epraise this week



Top Readers for 21.05.2023 — 21.06.2023



Congratulations to:

Top Girl

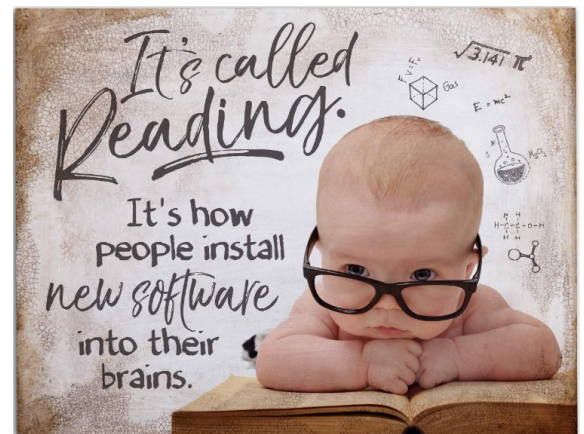
Hope Ivers (Year 6 BKKH) - who has read 658,034 words .

Top Boy

Basil Binoy (Year 8 BKKH) - who has read 272,188 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>



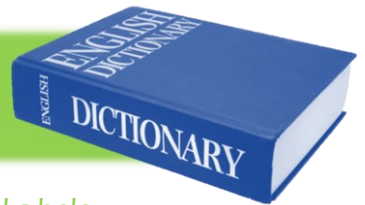
Reading matters



Did you know that your child's daily reading at home will help them to make maximum progress not only in the subject of reading/English, but all across all subjects? Please do keep reminding your child to read at home each day for a minimum of twenty minutes, in order to help them prosper across the full curriculum. Hearing your child read aloud is also useful for pupils of all ages and abilities in reading.



Word of the Week



Each week, there is a word displayed here. If the pupils have a go at the tasks below linked to the weekly word, they will earn a point from their tutor. Once per fortnight the tutor will go through the previous two weeks' words and pupils will work collaboratively exploring their meanings, features and usage.

consult

1. What word class is this word? Could it belong to more than one word class?
2. How many syllables does it have?
3. Write the dictionary definition(s) of this word, using your own words.
4. What are the synonyms for the word?
5. What are the antonyms for the word?
6. Write four sentences, each containing the word.

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 *exhilarated*:

Statement: Sam is feeling exhilarated this morning.



Clubs and Activities



Summer Term 2

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI Recorder Club, Music Room, GLA, 12.35pm-1pm. All welcome. We have instruments for those that need them. See Mrs Laishley to sign up.	Monday – KS2 tennis 12 th June– 10 th July Sign up only. 3.30-4.45 Meet outside on KS3 playground by changing room doors.
Tuesday	Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI Choir, Music Room, GLA, 12.35pm-1pm. All welcome. First sitting lunch pass required. See Mrs Laishley to sign up.	Keyboard Club: <u>3.30pm - 4.15pm</u> . This Club will continue for students currently signed up in preparation for our Summer Concert beginning on 6 th June. Last session will be Tuesday 4 th July. Tuesday – Year 5 multi sports run by Redditch United. Sign up only. 3.30-4.45 Meet outside on KS3 playground by changing room doors.
Wednesday	Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI Reading club, room 18, duration of lunch, JWA Core Reading Club, Room 15, duration of lunch, Mrs Shanley - Invite only	Ukulele Club: <u>3.30pm - 4.15pm</u> . This Club will continue for students currently signed up in preparation for our Summer Concert beginning on 7 th June. Last session will be Wednesday 28 th June. Wednesday – KS2 and KS3 rounders 21 st June – 12 th July. Sign up only. 3.30-4.45 Meet outside on KS3 playground by changing room doors.
Thursday	Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI Science Homework Drop In – Computing (Year 7 and 8)	Thursday – KS2 and KS3 cricket (24 pupils) 15 th June – 13 th July (Excluding: 29th June- staff training) Sign up only. 3.30-4.45 Meet outside on KS3 playground by changing room doors.
Friday	Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/PWE	



Trips and Visits



Date	Year group	Destination	Day trip?	Residential?	Cost
07/07 - 10/07/2023	5 •	Brecon Beacons Activity Centre		✓	£250
30/06 - 03/07/2023	7	Osmington Bay Activity Park		✓	£285
20/07/2023	8	Drayton Manor	✓		£40 *

• Fully booked

* Current estimated cost



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2023	Friday 21 July	End of Term
	Monday 4 September	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 5 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November	Half Term
	Thursday 21 December	End of Term
	Monday 8 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 9 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 12 – Friday 16 February	Half Term
	Friday 22 March	End of Term
	Monday 8 April	Staff Development Day
4	Tuesday 9 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 27 – Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Friday 19 July	End of Term