

Dear Parents and Carers,

Have you ever had ‘one of those weeks’? The last few days can certainly come into such a category. You may not be surprised to learn that unsettled weather can contribute to unsettled children. And add the unsettled year thus far into the mix. The sun is out and the classroom windows allow in a pleasant breeze, aided by the classroom door being open (both as part of our Coronavirus control measures), and later in the same day children are sat wearing coats as there is a howling wind (this is when we close the external door to reduce the draught down the corridors). Our PE teachers plan one lesson only to have to amend it at short notice as the rain clouds appear. I sympathise with the youngsters who have had PE so come attired in kit only for it to be cold at breaktime. The old adage (shown right →) comes to mind, and we have got on with it.



May the patience and encouragement that come from God allow you to live in harmony with each other.

Romans 15: 5

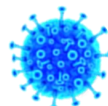


Thank you for your understanding if we have had to cancel outdoor after school activities due to a forecast of rain. We do this only as a last resort. The take-up of extra-curricular activities has been encouraging, both for sport and academic clubs.



The HPV vaccinations that were due to take place this week have been postponed by the nurses. We are looking to schedule these later in the term but before the summer holidays.

The collaboration with our local public health teams has been working well in regard to the surge testing. Completed test kits have been dropped off in the white box at the front gate, collected by the courier in the early afternoon, and results being sent to the recipients by breakfast time the next day. Children can be tested at the discretion of parents and carers. You can still give permission for your child to be receive a test kit by completing [this form](#) . The dropbox will remain for the next week, with daily courier collections up until the start of half term.



Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

## A prayer for Sacrifice

May I see in your sacrifice on the cross not only death and defeat but victory and life. Loving Father, may the holy sacrifice of your Son cleanse my soul, strengthen my heart, pardon my past and restore me in your peace. May I always adore you by uniting myself in His holy sacrifice, the sacrament of your divine love.

Amen

## This week's theme was: Sacrifice

Christ offered his life's blood as a sacrifice and brought you near God. Christ has made peace... and he has united us by breaking down the wall of hatred that separated us.

Ephesians 2:13-14

## Whole School Attendance

94.40%

## Whole School Target

95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing: 10.05.21

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# For the week ahead



<b>The Fruit of Faith is:</b>	<b>Honour</b>	Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honouring one another. <i>Romans 12:10</i>
<b>The assembly theme:</b>	<b>The Ascension</b>	Lifting up his hands Jesus blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. <i>Luke 24:50-51</i>

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

<b>The weekend</b>	those working in vaccination centres this weekend	<b>Monday</b>	those helping the effort to reduce global warming
<b>Tuesday</b>	those countries troubled by armed conflicts	<b>Wednesday</b>	newly elected politicians
<b>Thursday</b>	the NHS doctors, nurses and support staff	<b>Friday</b>	the teachers and support staff at Walkwood

## Picture of the Week



This image was taken around 04:30 on the Roman walls in the city of Chester.

# 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>



[Check if you or your child has coronavirus symptoms](#)

[Track and trace](#)

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EMAIL SCAMS

Email scams are when you receive a mail from someone purporting to be a genuine person or company, but is actually an online fraudster trying to trick you into disclosing personal information. This is often referred to as 'phishing'. Normally, people click on the links in an email assuming that they will be directed to a trustworthy website – but fake sites, closely resembling the real thing, are increasingly being set up by cyber criminals specifically to capture your personal information, which could in turn jeopardise your financial, emotional and possibly even physical wellbeing.

## Disguised Deceptions

Some scam emails can appear to be from companies that you know and use. For example, you could receive an authentic-looking email advising of a problem with your account or payment method. Instead of reacting to the email and disclosing personal information like bank details, it's wise to call the company directly on a trusted number to confirm if there actually are any account issues.

## Identity Theft

Another significant risk is falling victim to identity theft. If a scammer manages to acquire your usernames and passwords, they would then have access to your online accounts – and they could effectively pretend to be you. This could have a massive negative impact if changes were made to your accounts, for instance, or the scammer communicated with your contacts while posing as you.

## Viruses and Malware

A particularly devastating hazard with scam emails is that some links, when clicked on, could result in dangerous viruses or malware being downloaded onto your devices. This could enable scammers to harvest valuable information without your consent (and sometimes even without your knowledge) or prevent you from accessing the device altogether, making it unusable.

## Financial Damage

One of the primary consequences for victims of an email scam is the financial cost. If you do click on a scam email and disclose any personal information, it can then be used to take money from accounts belonging to you and your family. Depending on exactly what information the cyber criminals obtain, this could result in significant and far-reaching financial losses and personal stress.

## Hijacked Accounts

A scammer with access to your accounts could – once they're logged in as you – deny you entry. If they were to change the password, it would – in most cases – not allow you any further access. Even for accounts with little or no financial value attached, this could be hugely inconvenient: you could permanently lose data and files that you had invested a considerable amount of time in.

## Personal Safety

Another danger of scam emails is that, in extreme cases, they could ultimately lead to a threat to your physical wellbeing. If someone is demanding to meet with you and has accessed your personal information (your address, for example), they could attempt to confront you in person – which is of course exceptionally dangerous. Losing control of sensitive information could put you in a vulnerable position.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### Protect Personal Details

Never input any personal information into websites that you are unfamiliar with. If you were redirected onto a certain page by clicking a link in an email, entering your personal details could then give away your location or other key information to the scammer. This could then put you in physical danger as the cyber criminals would know exactly where to find and approach you.

### Beware of Suspicious Emails

If you are unfamiliar with the sender, it's safest to simply not open an email. When an email makes you wary, mark it as junk (to reduce the chance of any recurring issues) and then delete it. Awareness of phishing is the primary method of defence against malicious emails. Once someone knows how to identify and deal with scam emails, they are far less likely to fall prey to them in future.

### Check Spelling and Grammar

Pay close attention to any spelling mistakes or grammatical errors. Many scam emails can be spotted this way, as they often tend to contain these types of mistakes. Make sure your child knows that if they do spot this sort of tell-tale error and is not sure who the email came from, it's a good idea to either delete the email or report it to a trusted adult to prevent any possible future harm.

### Access Sites Manually

If you or your child wish to visit a particular website, it's safest to avoid clicking on a link in an email to take you there. Instead, find the site through your search engine or manually type the address into your browser. This significantly reduces the possibility of being redirected to a bogus website where fraudsters could capture your personal information after you enter it.

### Don't Open Dubious Attachments

If you or your child ever see any files as attachments on emails that you are uncertain about, do not download them or even click on them: this could result in your systems being infiltrated. If your devices at home do not already have anti-virus software, you should install some and ensure it is regularly updated. This will help you to detect and remove any dangerous files as soon as possible.

## Meet Our Expert

Formed in 2016, KryptoKloud 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.



SOURCES: <https://www.cybersecurity-magazine.com/news/education-disruption-online-safety/>, <https://www.natpacstrust.org.uk/blog/cybersecurity-in-education-2020/>

# Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

**rambunctious**

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 19th April 2021 - 19th May 2021

Congratulations to:

### Top Girl

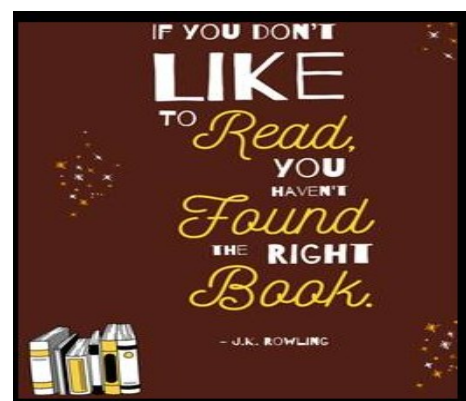
Lauren Carrington (8E1 Malvern) - who has read 575,530 words

### Top Boy

(Reggie Catton (7C2 Bredon) - who has read 553,664 words

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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU .....



## Coral Reef Costume Club

So...after several weeks, we have designs, fabric dyeing and manipulation, coffee filter dipping, needle felting, and 3D costume design compositions! Well done to the six Year 7 girls who submitted their designs in November and are well and truly getting stuck in to designing 'Under the Sea' costumes....more photos coming soon!



## Keeping hydrated . . .

As we progress into the second half of the summer term, there may be further bouts of warm weather. We encourage pupils to make use of our water dispensers by filling up their water bottles (best to name them in case they get lost—and all too many do!).



## Music News



### CHOIR

Successful applicants for Year 5 Choir will be notified at the start of next week.

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

If any pupil is interested in learning to play a musical instrument next school year, we can offer tuition in keyboard, violin, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, singing, trumpet/trombone, drum kit.

This opportunity applies to all pupils who are currently in Years 5, 6 and 7.

For more details please contact me at school.

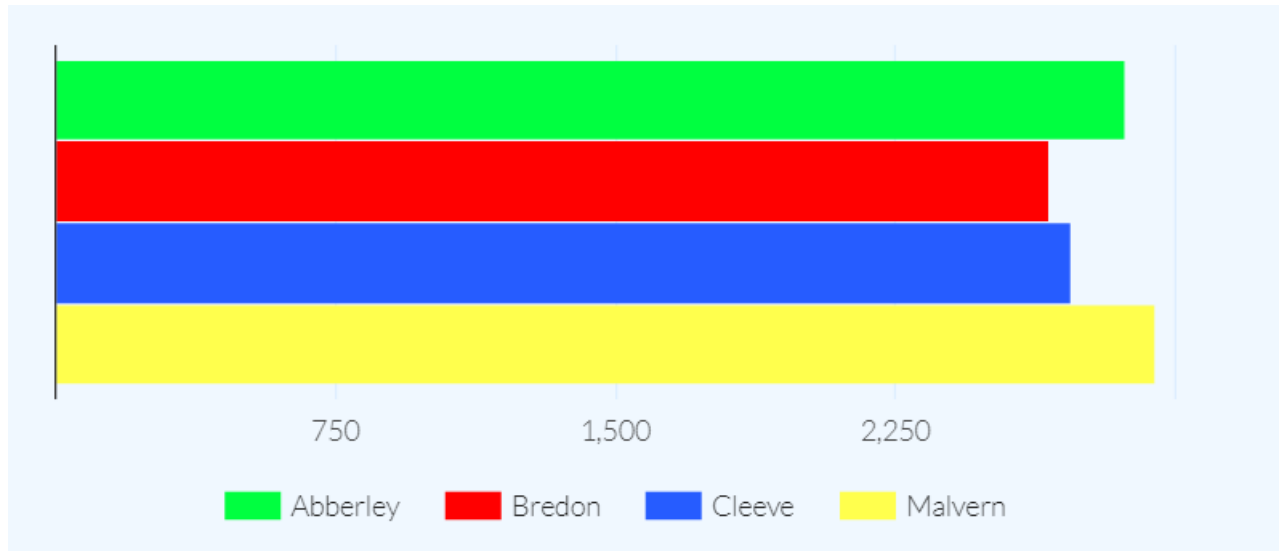
Mrs C Griffiths



# Epraise Update



## Points This Week: By College







# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2021	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	Half Term
	Wednesday 21 July	End of Term
	Thursday 2 September	Staff Development Day
	Friday 3 September	Staff Development Day
	Monday 6 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Friday 22 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 October	Half Term
	Friday 17 December	End of Term
2022	Tuesday 4 January	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 21 to Friday 25 February	Half Term
	Friday 8 April	End of Term
	Monday 25 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 26 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June	Half Term
	Friday 22 July	End of Term