

Dear Parents and Carers,

End of term

Government guidance says if someone tests positive for coronavirus, those who were in close contact with them 48 hours before the symptoms emerged are likely to need to be told to self-isolate. As it is schools that hold the information about control measures and seating plans, Public Health England is relying on schools and school leaders to provide this.

If a pupils shows symptoms, you must [get a test](#). Where a pupil has spent any time in school in the 48 hours before the onset of symptoms we need to know. This means that once we have broken up on the 18th December and a child displays symptoms on the **Saturday or Sunday** following that, it is important that you inform the school. A member of school staff will be available during the first week to instigate any procedures that need to be put in place. Close contacts will be informed of the need to self-isolate. Pupils who develop COVID-19 symptoms and test positive on or after Monday 21st December will not need to inform the school but will be required to self-isolate for 10 days and their close contacts will be identified through NHS Track & Trace.

Next term

With the relaxed rules for all Tiers over the Christmas period, from 23rd to 27th December, to enable families to enjoy a Christmas which is as close to normal as possible, there is inevitably going to be a spike in cases in January. To avoid the potential significant impact on other children's learning, it is very important that **no pupils return to school if they are displaying any COVID related symptoms, or are unwell in any way**. If you have any doubt at all then please keep your child at home and [arrange for them to be tested](#). If they then receive a negative result they can immediately return to school when they are well enough.

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. *John 15: 8*

Rev. C. Leach, Principal

Reporting a positive Covid-19 test during the holidays

A prayer for Advent– waiting

God of Love, ... Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, As we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.

Amen.



This week's theme was:
Advent - waiting

Joseph had a dream. God's angel spoke in the dream: "Joseph, son of David, don't hesitate to get married. Mary's pregnancy is Spirit-conceived. God's Holy Spirit has made her pregnant. She will bring a son to birth, and when she does, you, Joseph, will name him Jesus—'God saves' - because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:20-22 The Message

Whole School Attendance

96.90%

Whole School Target

95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 30.11.20:-

5E2

6C1 and 6E2



For the week ahead

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| 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><i>Ecclesiastes 5:18</i></p> |
| The assembly theme: | The Star | <p>And the star the wise men had seen in the east went on ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They were thrilled and excited to see the star. When the men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they knelt down and worshiped him.</p> <p><i>Matthew 2: 9-11</i></p> |

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

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| The weekend | members of the emergency services. | Monday | parents and carers who are preparing for the festive season. |
| Tuesday | reception and Admin staff at our school. | Wednesday | staff in Worcestershire's Social Care teams. |
| Thursday | those who are working in the national vaccination programme. | Friday | our pupils who have a Deep Day, when they work on understanding the Christmas story. |

Picture of the Week





Last day of term:
Friday 18th December 2020
The day ends at the usual time for the different year groups



First day of the new term:
Tuesday 5th January 2021
The day begins at the usual time for the different year groups

*Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth
peace among those
with whom he is
pleased!*
Luke 2:14

Link to [Families Herefordshire & Worcestershire Xmas Issue](#)

Families
Magazines

More than 4 million parents
a year rely on us to get the
best out of local family life!

The advertisement features a collage of four photographs: a baby in a pink scarf, a man reading to a child, a boy with a wide smile and messy hands, and a family riding bicycles outdoors.

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

affront

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 2nd November 2020 -
2nd December 2020

Congratulations to:

Top Boy

Alex Neill (Year 6 Cleeve) - who has read 1,616,144 words (same as last week!)

Top Girl

Lauren Carrington (Year 8 Malvern) - who has read 560,937 words

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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



Family Learning



All of the courses are listed at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses and at the moment they are free for all parents and carers to book onto.

Family Memories COVID-19 Time Capsule Course

COVID-19 is affecting almost every part of our daily lives, someday though it will all be a memory. We are living through a momentous, historic time but likely won't remember all of it - this course is to capture the moment. Together you will make things to help your family remember the significance of this time that doesn't cost any money. You will also take the time to make a memory box to store it all in to share with your family in years to come.

Managing Mindfulness for Parents and Carers of those with SEND

This course is for adults, parents or carers who are supporting and caring for children, young people or adults with special needs and disabilities. The course will take you through mindfulness for anxiety management, the 5 steps to wellbeing and how to manage "coke bottle effects" or melt-downs. It will teach you positive risk taking, relaxation and calming techniques and give you knowledge of understanding behaviour and support you with prevention, de-escalation techniques and strategies.

Family Crafts ESOL

A Family crafting session for parents and carers who have English as a second or other language. This course will support parents and carers learning the English Language and will support them with their child in the school environment and at home.

Magnificent Maths Course for Parents Online

A course for parents of Pre-school children and Reception Children to teach parents about the maths they will be taught and to show them how to make maths resources to use at home to support their young child with maths. These crafty maths resources will be made in each session. Skills taught to parents include: recognising numbers, matching numbers, more/less vocab, add and subtraction, numbers and shapes, doubles, halves, sharing and outdoor maths.

Zog's Fire Breathing Adventures

Join Zog with your pre-school child on his fire breathing adventures as a student in dragon school. This fun short course will have you roaring with laughter as you make some wonderful creative pieces with your fun Family Learning tutor online in the comfort of your own home. Each session a story will be read and you will be given ideas to make easy, yet wonderful, arty activities for your child.

Nurture Course for parents of children with SEND

This course is for all parents and carers of children with special needs and disabilities to give them time for themselves to nurture their own health and wellbeing. This course will be led by our friendly Family Learning Tutor who will give you time to explore some new arty ideas and create some new crafting activities whilst offloading with other parents and carers in similar family situations. This course will give you 'time for you' to enjoy some new activities.

Time For You - Your turn to Learn

This is a progression course from 'Your Turn to Learn' course. Learners on this course will progress from having time for them in a group with a tutor to start thinking about what their learning journey might look like and what they would like to learn next. We will aim to empower learners to take a step in their future and consider that it is their turn to learn and want to seek the next step.

Art in your Heart - Online course for Parents

This short course is an online course for parents and carers to explore different art in the comfort of your own home online with other parents. Using art can help you work through stresses you might be facing and empower you to feel positive mental wellbeing. This course really focusses on using art in different forms to support you to feel happier and encourage your self-awareness.

Time for You - Parents Online Course

This course is for all parents and carers that are interested in having some time for them following the lock-down and isolation period this year. This course will be delivered by our friendly Family Learning Tutor and will give you time to do some mindfulness activities, take your mind off any issues you may face, use it as a time to offload and talk about what we have been through with Covid-19 and empower you to find a positive mental wellbeing.

Thinking about Employment for Parents ONLINE

Have you thought about returning to work having been a parent at home? Not sure where to start or how to feel ready for this big step of change? This course is for any parent who might be thinking about maybe starting to find employment having been a parent staying at home. This course will empower you to start to feel ready to consider your own future now that your children are at school. On this course you will learn about our Adult Learning Team and the courses you might want to attend next.

Marvellous Me - After Lock down (Online)

This course is for parents and carers that would like some support and 'time for me' after "lock down". This is a course usually delivered in schools for parents but will be online. Returning to the "norm" after lock down may feel different for some. This course will offer mindfulness & positive well-being activities to nurture yourself with other parents. Each session (led by our friendly tutor) will give you time to offload, make friends, try activities, do art and colour therapy.

Fun Phonics'

Fun Phonics' course to introduce parents/carers to phonics in the Early Years (nursery, pre-school, reception, key stage 1) This course will focus on a different phonics aspect each week and every session parents will come away with homemade phonics resources to help their child. This course is to explain what phonics means, what the jargon means that they will hear at school and help them understand current school teaching methods to help their child at home.

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>

Book a test



[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.



Public Health
England

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)

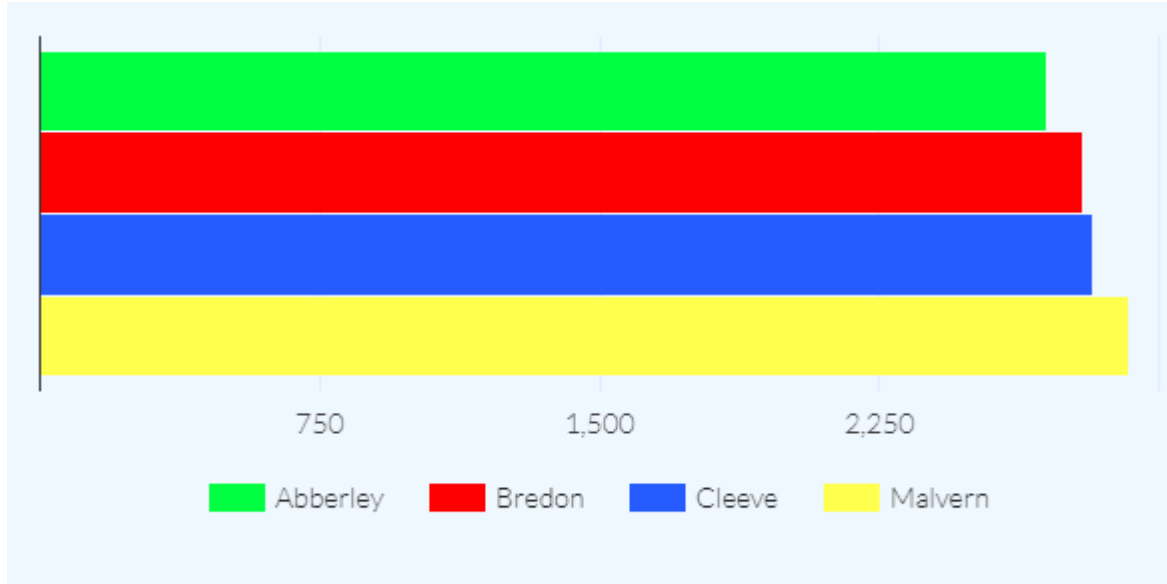
[Guidance for households with grandparents, parents and children living together where someone is at increased risk or has possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College





Looking ahead



| | Date | Event |
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| | Friday 18 December | End of Term |
| 2 0 2 1 | Monday 4 January | Staff Development Day |
| | Tuesday 5 January | First day of the Spring Term |
| | Monday 15 to Friday 19 February | Half Term |
| | Thursday 1 April | End of Term |
| | Monday 19 April | Staff Development Day |
| | Tuesday 20 April | First day of the Summer Term |
| | Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June | Half Term |
| | Wednesday 21 July | End of Term |