

Dear Parents and Carers,

For those of you who have been following our Twitter feed, you will have seen many snowy landscapes with our pupils enjoying the challenges of skiing. Unlike some such trips organised by schools, our children and staff fly close to the resort and then take a coach to the town. There is an environmental aspect here, which we consider alongside the long coach trip that would otherwise be the case. As 'Team Ski Walkwood' returns, I trust they will be able to rest during the half term break, especially the staff, for whom it can be a very draining time: I thank them for their commitment - Mrs Cull, Mr Macdonald, Mr Hunt, Mrs Timmins and Mrs Shanley.



This half term we have accumulated a large collection of water bottles and other lost property. Regrettably, we cannot keep all items indefinitely. The bottles have been put out for pupils to collect, and this will remain so until the Tuesday after half term. If an item of clothing is lost and has a name on, we do try and get it back to its owner!



That's how it is with your Father in heaven. He doesn't want any of these little ones to be lost.

Matthew 18:14

As we have had Celebration Assembly today, which had a really pleasant singing of 'Lord of all hopefulness', we were able to award commendations to some Year 5 pupils who have made such a roaring start to their time here. In addition, the half-termly presentation of the College Cup, which this time went Bredon.

For those of you who have forgotten (and so are racing to the shop for a card and a suitable gift), it has been St. Valentine's Day. It is rumoured that the celebration was invented by the English poet Geoffrey Chaucer around 1375 as there is no record of any special day of that name before then. However, the saint is a roman who died in the third century, and is expected to pray while in heaven for people whom she or he looks after. St. Valentine is said to be the patron saint of beekeepers and epilepsy, among many other things. So now you know!



Rev. C. Leach, Principal

A prayer for Hope for the World

Lord, Renew our spirits and cleanse our hearts. Renew our minds and transform our lives. Renew our cities and rebuild our ruins. Renew our world, in your name we pray,

Amen.

This week's theme was: Hope for the World

Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:7

Whole School Attendance

96.93%

Whole School Target

95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 02.02.20.

AAFA

BJHD

CSBK AND CTPO



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Inquisitiveness	Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights. <i>Proverbs 18:5</i>
The assembly theme:	Elizabeth Fry	I give myself this advice: Do not fear truth, let it be ever so contrary to inclination and feeling. Never give up the search after it; and let me take courage, and try from the bottom of my heart to do that which I believe truth dictates. <i>Elizabeth Fry</i>

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

The weekend	A safe return home for pupils and staff from the school ski trip	Monday	A restful and enjoyable half term for both pupils and staff
Tuesday	Those representing Britain in winter sports	Wednesday	The staff at the Alexandra Hospital
Thursday	Local charities that support the community of Redditch	Friday	A successful Book Fayre after half term

Picture of the Week



A bridge over the River Clyde, Glasgow © ALLAN COMRIE



After-school rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays will now run until 5.00pm.

Everyone is needed at all these rehearsals.

Production Team



College Cup



Spring—first half term

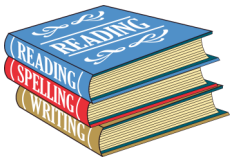


Bredon 15,908

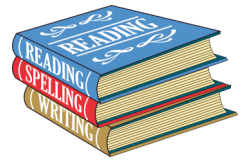
Malvern 15,527

Cleeve 14,744

Abberley 14,510



Don't forget to come to our Book Fair in the Library
from Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March



Find the **BEST NEW BOOKS** at your Book Fair from just £2.99!

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Walkwood
Church of England  Middle School

Appointment of Site Manager

Grade SC5 (full time equivalent £21,589 - £23,836 – based on 37 hours per week)

The Governors of Walkwood Church of England Middle School require a Site Manager.

The job holder will maintain a clean, attractive and welcoming site through a process of routine maintenance of buildings, grounds, fixtures and fittings and through a process of regular cleaning. The Site Manager will ensure that a safe and secure school environment is provided that is properly heated and lighted in order to support the effective teaching and learning of pupils and its full use by the staff, pupils and visitors who use the school. The job holder will manage a team of cleaners and a Caretaker and will have proven experience in completing typical handyperson / decorating tasks together with a good understanding of health and safety procedures.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

For full details of this position and how to apply, please visit our website at www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Recruitment. The application deadline is 9am on Monday 24 February 2020. CV's will not be accepted.

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

gall

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 13th January 2020 — 13th February 2020

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Mia Norris (Year 7 BCLO) - who has read 532,344 words.

Top Boy

Ethan Skinner (Year 5 MPJE) - who has read 1,493,010 words.

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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU





Trips and Visits

2019 - 2020



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 15 - Mon 18	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Wed 17 - Fri 19	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 19 - Mon 22	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7	£ 320	Mr West
Fri 19 - Mon 22	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 173	Mr Macdonald/ Mrs Cull

"Show your wonderful love. Your mighty arm protects those who run to you for safety."

Psalm 17: 7



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>



Clubs and Activities

Spring Term Part 2, 2020



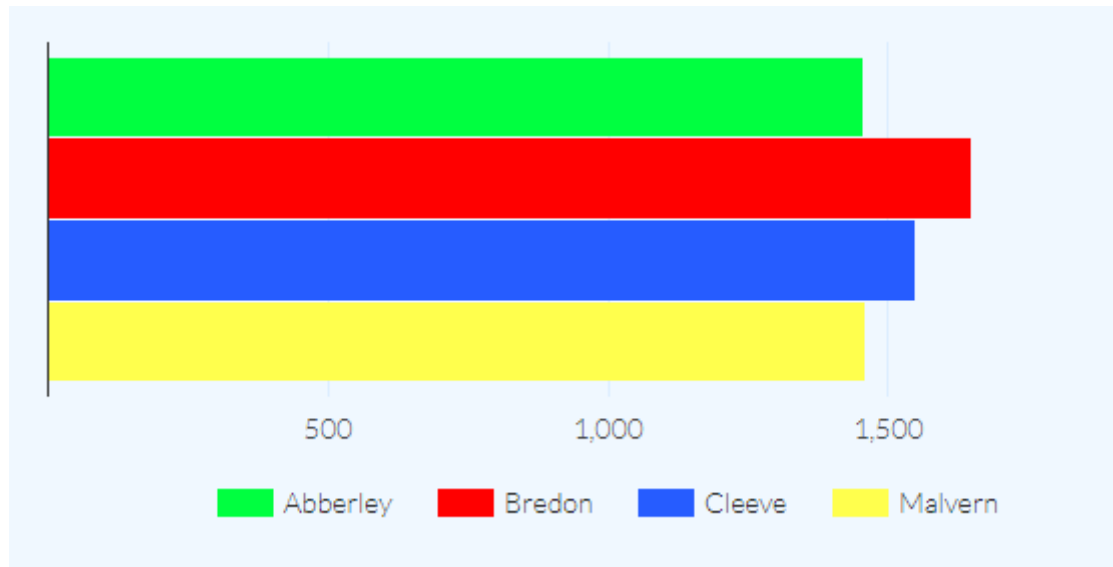
	Before School 8.00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library Orchestra Music Room 8.45-9.30am (CGR)		Multi Skills Club (All Years) 3.30 - 4.45 pm (PMc)
Tuesday	Homework Club Library	Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club - DT Block 3.30 - 4.30pm Year 5, 6, 7 Netball Training 3.30 - 4.45 pm (KRE) Production Rehearsal - Hall 3.30 - 5.00pm (TTO/CGR)
Wednesday	Homework Club Library	Colouring Club Room 15 (RSH) Silent Reading Club - Room 19 (LBA) KS3 Science Ambassadors - Lab 2 12.50 - 1.20pm (JHd)	Homework Club - DT Block 3.30 - 4.30pm KS2 Science Club - Lab 2 3.30 - 4.30pm (JHd) Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm (DSL) Cheerleading Squad 3.30 - 5.30pm (LMO/KRE)
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) - Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club - DT Block Library 3.30– 4.30pm Production Rehearsal - Hall 3.30 - 5.00 pm (TTO/CGR)
Friday	Homework Club Library		



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🟡 Zac Abdullah (AMLA) (51)
2. 🟠 Paige Chambers (ALBA) (41)
3. 🟡 Lucy Potter (CTPO) (31)
4. 🟠 Archie Morris (MHBA) (26)
5. 🟡 Joseph Leaver (AOPR) (22)
6. 🟠 Jacob Dobson (BCLO) (20)
6. 🟠 Farhan Asad (BHMA) (20)
6. 🟠 Mary Hull (BCLO) (20)
6. 🟡 Alishba Kosar (BHMA) (20)
6. 🟠 Oskar Grabowski (CABE) (20)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 0	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February	Half Term
	Wednesday 18 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm
	Tuesday 31st March	Bugsy Malone Production
	Wednesday 1st April	Bugsy Malone Production
	Thursday 2nd April	Bugsy Malone Production
	Friday 3 April	End of Term
	Monday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 6 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 8 May	May Day bank holiday
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	Half Term
	Thursday 4 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 10 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 17 July	End of Term
	Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 September	Staff Development Days
	Thursday 3 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Friday 23 October	Staff Development Day
Monday 26 to Friday 30 October	Half term	
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