

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the pupils, staff and school community for the wonderfully warm welcome that I have received this week. It is truly a privilege to take on the role of Interim Acting Headteacher at Walkwood Middle School, a role to which I am wholly dedicated. I very much look forward to working alongside the Governors, staff and the whole school community to build on the strengths of the school and so ensuring the best possible outcomes for all of the pupils in our care.

In my first week, I am delighted to congratulate the Year 8 football team for their spectacular 5-0 win at the Redditch Schools Cup Final. The children played incredibly well as a team, and we are really proud of their amazing achievement. Well done to you all! Thank you to staff, parents and carers for their encouragement and support at this event!

On Thursday, the year 5 children enjoyed a trip to the Repertory Theatre to watch *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. This was a fantastic experience for the children and the performance was of the usual fantastic quality provided by the Rep Theatre. Thank you to all the pupils who behaved very well, representing our school terrifically on the trip.

Mrs C Lowe

*Success is not how high you have climbed, but how you make a positive difference to the world - RALPH WALDO EMERSON*



## This week's theme was: **Temptation**

Every test that you have experienced is the kind that normally comes to people. But God keeps his promise, and he will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, he will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out.

*1 Corinthians 10: 13, RSV*

*Lord Jesus,  
you showed us that temptation  
can be overcome. You have  
taught us that you alone can help  
us to stand up against it and  
strengthen our lives and character  
as we face the enemy. Let your  
spirit fill our hearts and minds  
with your will and power to over-  
come temptation just as you did.  
Help us to understand the conse-  
quences of temptation so that we  
can have a heart to stand up to it.  
Amen.*

## Whole school Attendance

**94.43%**

**Whole School Target**  
**95.6%**

**27.11.2023 to 01.12.2023**

**Year 5 94.58 %**  
**Year 6 96.08%**  
**Year 7 92.68%**  
**Year 8 90.79%**





## For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Aspiration	Oh listen, dear child- become wise; point your life in the right direction. <i>Proverbs 23: 19</i>
The assembly theme will be:	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. <i>Titus 3: 7, CEV</i>

## Picture of the Week



The Wave rock formation in Arizona, USA





## Festive Jumpers

On the last day of this term, Thursday 21st December, pupils and staff are invited to replace their usual jumpers with a Christmas version. **The rest of the Walkwood uniform is to be worn, please, as it is not a non-uniform day.**

This is not compulsory! There will be pupils and adults who will be in their usual attire. School will finish at the usual time: ho, ho, ho!

We ask for a donation of £1 which will go to **Children in Need.**



## Unwelcome Visitors!!

It has come to our attention that there have been a couple of instances of head lice here at Walkwood and would like to inform you what the procedure is in case you find these unwelcome visitors in your child's hair - they will need to be treated straight away and for there to be no live lice left in their hair before they return to school.

Let us show them they are not welcome here!





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## Christmas Lunch 2023

Christmas lunches this year will be held on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th December 2023. If your child wishes to have a Christmas lunch, the cost will be £4.00, to be paid via Parentpay.

**Abberley** and **Cleeve** Colleges will have their Christmas lunches on Tuesday 19th December, while **Bredon** and **Malvern** College lunches will be on the following day. **There will be no other catering available on these days**, so pupils who do not wish to have a Christmas lunch will need to bring in a packed meal from home; equally the children in the colleges not having Christmas lunch will need to bring in a packed lunch as no other meals will be available. Those who take free school lunches will be provided with their meal (a Christmas meal on their allocated College day and a packed lunch on the other day).

Please note that when paying by Parentpay, the Christmas lunch option will be listed as a separate item so that we can identify the number of meals required. Please select the Christmas lunch item (log in to Parentpay, then go into 'pay for other items') and ensure that you make your payment by 15th December 2023.

Please note, **no tuck** will be available on Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th December.



### Christmas Lunch 2023

#### Menu

Roast Turkey

Sage and Onion Stuffing

Pigs in Blankets

Roast Potatoes

Sprouts, Carrots and Peas

Gravy

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Roast Quorn (Vegetarian Option)

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Ice Cream

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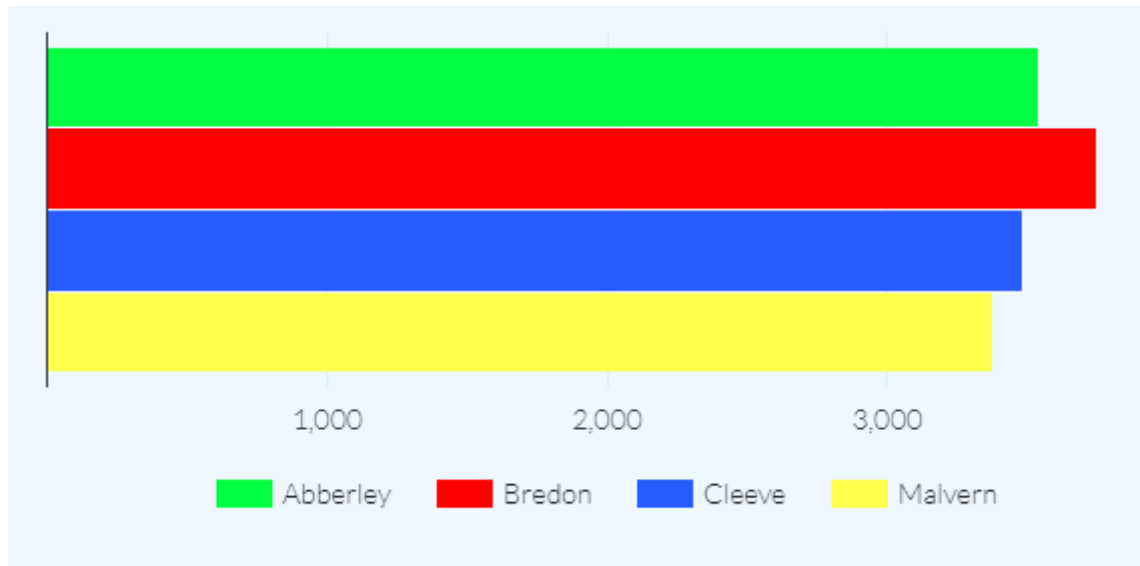
Flavoured Drink







# epraise *this week*







# Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

For information about our school:

[www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk)

A summary of how our school works can be found in:

[handbook for parents and carers](#)

## Keeping children safe

The following information concerns how we continue to ensure that pupils are cared for within our school:

[Early help](#)

[E-safety](#)

[Prevent](#)

[Anti-bullying](#)

[Attendance](#)

[Safeguarding summary](#)

[Safeguarding policy](#)

## 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](#)





# Reading matters

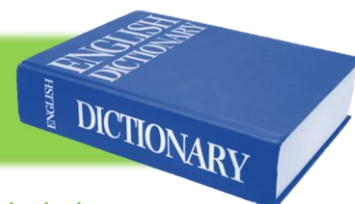


Did you know that research has found that the strongest factor affecting pupils' science scores is reading comprehension (EEF, 2017)?

Please remember our expectation for our students to read daily for between 20 and 30 minutes. Some of that reading will need to be done outside of school. Pupils will benefit from reading aloud daily to an adult (even if for a short time), right the way up to year 8 and is not just an exercise useful to younger children.



## 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.*

## subsequent

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.





# Sport round-up



## Walkwood winners

In a thrilling football final that took place between Walkwood and St Bede's, Walkwood emerged victorious with a resounding 5-0 triumph. The match showcased the exceptional skills and teamwork of Walkwood, highlighting the values expected by Walkwood pupils.

From the first whistle, Walkwood demonstrated their prowess on the field, maintaining control of the game and creating numerous scoring opportunities. The crowd was treated to a display of sportsmanship, discipline, and determination by the Walkwood players, who exemplified the school's core values throughout the match.

The goal scorers for Walkwood were Lucas, Luke, Max, Ollie, and Yeuhennii, each contributing to the team's impressive 5-goal tally. However, it was Ollie who stole the show with a standout moment – a breathtaking free-kick from a remarkable distance of 45 yards. The ball soared gracefully into the top corner of the net, leaving spectators in awe of Ollie's skill and precision.

The Walkwood PE staff expressed their gratitude to the enthusiastic crowd, acknowledging the fantastic support the team received throughout the final. The cheering and encouragement from the spectators undoubtedly played a role in boosting the players' morale and contributing to their stellar performance.

As the final whistle blew, Walkwood celebrated their well-deserved victory, not only as champions of the football final but also as ambassadors of the values instilled by the Walkwood school community. The team's exceptional display of skill, sportsmanship, and teamwork was a testament to the dedication and hard work put in by both the players and coaching staff.

The football final will undoubtedly be remembered as a shining moment in Walkwood's sports history, showcasing not only the talent of individual players but also the strength of unity and the embodiment of the school's values on the field.







# Clubs and Activities



## Autumn Term 2

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	KS2 fitness club (PMC/RDJ) Start Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November – Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December. Sign up only limited numbers.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	School Production Rehearsals for whole cast (GLA/DDE/PAL/LHA) Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November – Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (3.45pm-4.45pm)  <b>Homework club</b> (3.30 – 4.45) DT hub Sign up only.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	KS3 Boogie bounce (KRE) start Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December. Sign up only limited numbers.  <b>Homework club</b> (3.30 – 4.45) DT hub Sign up only.
<b>Thursday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI  Choir will take place during 2nd sitting. 12.35 - 1pm  All members will need to collect a lunch pass from Mrs Laishley.	KS3 fitness (CHU/RMA/LWO/PMI/RDJ/PMC) start Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December. Sign up.  KS2 Boogie bounce (KRE) start Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December. Sign up only.  School Production Rehearsals for whole cast (GLA/DDE/PAL/LHA) Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December (3.30pm-4.45pm)  <b>Homework club</b> (3.30 – 4.45) DT hub Sign up only.
<b>Friday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/LTI	





# Trips and Visits



Date	Activity	Location	Open To	Cost	Leader
<b>June 2024</b>					
Fri 28 – Mon 1	Outward Bound	Osmington Bay, Weymouth	Y7	£ 330	Mr West
<b>July 2024</b>					
Wed 3 – Fri 5	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 320	Mr Wootton
<b>February 2025</b>					
Sat 1 – Sat 8	Ski Trip	Obertauern, Aus- tria	Y5-Y7	£ 1659	Mrs Cull





# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2023	Thursday 21 December	End of Term
	Monday 8 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 9 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Thursday 25 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Wednesday 31 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Monday 12 – Friday 16 February	Half Term
	Friday 22 March	End of Term
	Monday 8 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 9 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Thursday 11 April	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
2024	Wednesday 17 April	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Monday 27 – Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Friday 19 July	End of Term