

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen our Year 7 pupils visit two local high schools. (We are embarking on curriculum collaboration projects with both these schools.) Thursday saw them attend a day at St. Augustine's Catholic High School where there were sessions on Science, Art and Engineering as well as Catholic Life. Today sees the same year group at Tudor Grange Academy Redditch, where the activities centre around Maths and English along with Science, while the afternoon has some wacky games. I extend my thanks to my peers at these schools, Mr O'Connor and Mrs Bolter respectively, for their support, and to the teachers at these two schools who took on the running of these sessions for our pupils.



Next week includes the two Transition Days. Redditch is fortunate that schools agree these days in advance, usually being in the penultimate week of a school year. Our Year 8s will go to their new high schools, while the 168 Year 4 pupils who shall join Walkwood as Year 5 in September will be with us. Our new pupils will settle into their tutor groups across our four colleges and have some sample lessons in a number of subjects. The size of our school will be very different for many, as will the moving around, but we have a deep experience of how this transition can take place smoothly.

The Lord's word is tried and true. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. Psalm 18: 30

Preparations have begun this week for the final week of term's Sports Day. This is not the 'usual' time that we have previously held such an event, but reassessing where things fit in the post-pandemic school calendar is all part of us evaluating anew what works best. Sports Day will be somewhat different in format and the arrangements will need to be tested, which is why we are holding this as a whole-school in-school event rather than inviting family members. This will allow us to refine our new working without additional safeguarding matters that arise when we hold an 'open' event.



We have items of lost property that are yet to be claimed. If a name is on the garment or item, then we can get that back to the pupil. If a child is missing something, please let us know and we shall check our 'lost box'.



Rev. C. Leach, Principal

## A prayer for Discipleship

Father God, We thank you for your Son that He provides us with great love and guidance in our lives through your Word in the Bible and through our personal relationship with Him now. We pray that we can go and make disciples, just as you commanded us to. Give us the opportunities in our lives to talk about you and how you can affect someone's life. Bless us in this way. Amen.

## This week's theme was: Discipleship

Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28:18-20

**Whole School Target**  
**95.6%**  
**Whole School Attendance**  
**93.3%**



# For the week ahead

<p><b>The Fruit of Faith is:</b></p>	<p><b>Honour</b></p>	<p>I have honoured my followers in the same way that you honoured me, in order that they may be one with each other, just as we are one.</p> <p><b>John 17:22</b></p>
<p><b>The assembly theme:</b></p>	<p><b>The environment</b></p>	<p>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.</p> <p><b>Genesis 1:1-13</b></p>

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

<p><b>The weekend</b></p>	<p>those who continue to be adversely affected by flooding</p>	<p><b>Monday</b></p>	<p>integrity in those who serve our nation</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b></p>	<p>Year 8 who visit their high schools this week</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p>	<p>our new pupils who join us in September</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b></p>	<p>Ukraine</p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p>	<p>local residents near Walkwood</p>

## Picture of the Week



The Eastern end of Birchfield Road at Headless Cross

# 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](http://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>

# Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

## cooperate

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 6th June 2022 — 6th July 2022

Congratulations to:

### Top Girl

Rubie Styler (CLDW) - who has read 549,588 words

### Top Boy

Mikaaiyl Farhan (BAFA) - who has read 554,755 words

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

### IT ADDS UP!

If you read just  
15 minutes a day,  
in one year you  
will have read  
over 1,000,000  
words!

Source: Statisticbrain.com





# Clubs and Activities

## Summer term 2 2022

Due to transfer days and end of term- PE clubs final sessions were the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> July (other than tennis which will run until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July).

	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20PM	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>		Lexia <u>LMO</u> in ITA	PMC/RDJ- KS2 tennis – <b>Last session Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Orchestra CGR 8.45am - 9.25am Music Room	Lexia <u>ZBi</u> in ITA	PMI/ PMC- KS2 boy's cricket- <b>Last session Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>  KRE- KS3 rounders - start <b>Last session Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>			Year 7 and 8 Cricket 3.35-4.45pm (PJE/LWO) <b>Last session Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>  KRE/ RMA- KS2 rounders – <b>Last session Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Thursday</b>		Choir CGR 12.55pm - 1.20pm Music Room All Year Groups	CHU/ RDJ – all girl's cricket – <b>Last session Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Friday</b>			



# Trips and Visits 2021 - 23



Date	Activity	Location	Open To	Cost	Leader
<b>February 2023</b>					
Sat 4 – Sat 11	Ski Trip	Obertauern, Austria	Y5-Y7	£ 1360	Mrs Cull

## Lunch Money

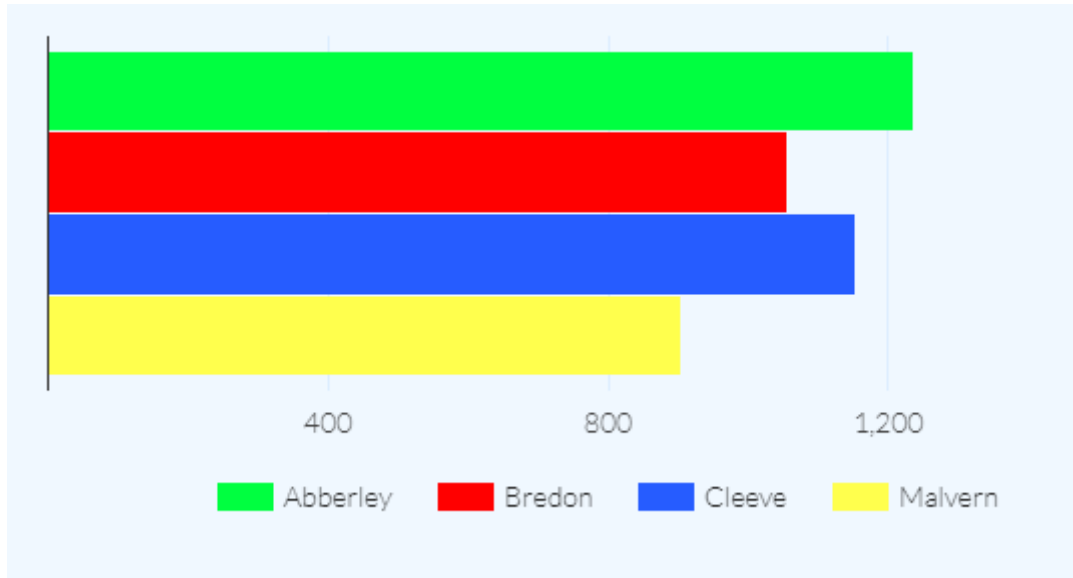
Please can we ask that all ParentPay accounts are settled regularly and by the end of term, particularly to our Year 8s who are moving schools. If you have any queries, please contact the finance office.

Many thanks.



# Epraise Update

## Points This Week: By College





# Looking ahead



	Date	Event	
2022	Tuesday 12 July	Summer Concert	
	Thursday 21 July	<b>End of Term</b>	
	Monday 5 September	Staff Development Day	
	Tuesday 6 September	First Day of the Autumn Term	
	Monday 24 - Friday 28 October	<b>Half Term</b>	
	Friday 16 December	<b>End of Term</b>	
	2023	Tuesday 3 January	Staff Development Day
		Wednesday 4 January	First day of the Spring Term
		Monday 20– Friday 24 February	<b>Half Term</b>
		Friday 31 March	<b>End of Term</b>
Monday 17 April		Staff Development Day	
Tuesday 18 April		First day of the Summer Term	
Monday 29 May - 2 June		<b>Half Term</b>	
Friday 21 July	<b>End of Term</b>		