

Dear Parents and Carers,

For two days this week our pupils moved up a year, in effect, and so made room for the incoming Year 5s from 14 first or primary schools. The buddies for the new pupils have been great at ensuring the new Year 5s have been where they need to be at (roughly) the time they need to be there. One of the things they seem to have found exciting is not being in the same classroom all the time. There will be plenty of routines to get used to, but change is the constant in life, and we have a variety of ways of supporting individuals.



There have been many comments about the enjoyment that our new pupils have experienced over these two days, and how tired they are at the end of them! A lot of work goes into making these transfers as smooth as possible. Walkwood staff have talked with first school staff, and then we have initial taster days for particular pupils. Year 8 have returned from their high schools, with many saying how they will miss Walkwood, and yet they appreciate it is time to grow yet further in their confidence.

To him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever.

Ephesians 3: 20-21

We have welcomed the National President of the NAHT to our school this Tuesday. Dr Paul Gosling was able to tour the school and visit lessons, including speaking with pupils about their experiences and learning. Additionally, he spent some time with some Year 7 pupils, explaining the role of trade unions in the British workplace, as well as sharing some tips about leadership. Dr Gosling said *"It was a real pleasure to visit Walkwood Church of England Middle School and meet children and staff. I saw happy children who, even on a hot afternoon, were focused on their learning. I was particularly impressed by the comments made about the school by the six prospective candidates for head boy and head girl. They all told me how the school was a welcoming and supportive place for its pupils, which is a fantastic thing to hear from any pupil."*



Rev. C. Leach, Principal

A prayer for the environment

Lord God, You are the creator of the Earth and all things. Thank you for the blessings we have had from you in this beautiful world we live in, even if sometimes we don't recognise it. We pray that you can deepen our love for your creation; that we can learn to understand what it means to look after this earth. Give us your love for this world, and the creatures and living things you have made within it. Bless those who do look after it and help those who don't to recognise what they are doing. Help us look after it. In your name,

Amen.

This week's theme was: The environment

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.

Genesis 1:1-13

Whole School Target

95.6%

Whole School Attendance

94.5%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 04.07.2022

BAFA



For the week ahead

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| <p>The Fruit of Faith is:</p> | <p>Honour</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>John 17:22</p> |
| <p>The assembly theme:</p> | <p>Coming and going</p> | <p>The Lord's word is tried and true. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him .</p> <p>Psalm 18: 30</p> |

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

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| <p>The weekend</p> | <p>the forthcoming Commonwealth Games in Birmingham</p> | <p>Monday</p> | <p>local Police officers and the PCSOs</p> |
| <p>Tuesday</p> | <p>Walkwood's site team</p> | <p>Wednesday</p> | |
| <p>Thursday</p> | | <p>Friday</p> | <p>safety for all members of the Walkwood community during the holidays</p> |

Picture of the Week



Rachel Johns

Nighttime at Brixham Harbour, Devon

Extreme Temperatures

The coming weekend and the first two days of next week will experience temperatures the likes of which we rarely endure in the UK.

For Monday and Tuesday when temperatures are in the thirties degrees Celsius, we offer pupils the opportunity to wear non-uniform, a different set of clothes each day. This will allow pupils to dress appropriately for these extreme temperatures, however, no crop tops or short shorts please! White shirt and black trousers are required for the remaining two days of term, that is, Wednesday and Thursday.

As for this week, there will be additional water stations around the school. Pupils can fill their water bottles during break and lunch times. However, many countries in which such high temperatures are routine do not have easy access to water. For that reason, we ask pupils to consider the following on Monday and Tuesday.



In these days of extreme temperatures in the UK, we shall have access to clean and easily accessed water.

Without access to nutritious food and safe water, more than 2 million children across Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia need urgent treatment for severe acute malnutrition.

On Monday and Tuesday, where UK temperatures will be around 34°C, we ask for voluntary donations towards the United Nations Children's Fund.



Just £1 per Walkwood pupil can make a real difference in allowing children and families to access safe water in countries where temperatures are frequently higher than the UK.

Sports Day

We have been keeping a close eye on the temperatures this week, for obvious reasons!

The temperatures forecast for next week have crept upwards, and the highest expected temperature for Tuesday is 34°C. Sadly, we have had to cancel this year's events as we do not wish to have the school on the field all day in such conditions, and where there is very limited shade.

Apologies.





School games

Last week, Walkwood took a number of pupils to the Worcestershire School Games. Here they competed against other schools across Worcestershire and various sports. Congratulations to the KS2 tennis team who performed extremely well, going on to win their competition and picking up the gold medals. Walkwood also had teams in the KS2 and KS3 boccia competitions. Congratulations go to both teams, with the KS2 team finishing 6th and the KS3 team picking up the silver medals for finishing second. A very successful day. Well done to all that took part.



Quads athletics

Well done to all those pupils from year 5 and 6 who competed in the Redditch Schools Districts Athletics competition on Friday 1st July. All pupils demonstrated determination within their events and were a credit to our school. Many medals were won across the different events and with a combined score of 229, it meant that, as a school, we came in first place out of 8 schools.

Ice in water bottles

In very hot weather, one idea is to fill a plastic bottle with water and place in the freezer.

The following day the bottle contains freezing cold water as the ice melts. This allows drinking water to be chilled for several hours.

But beware—when initially filling a plastic bottle, do not fill it to the top. Water expands when it freezes, so it may burst the bottle!



Summer Concert



Tuesday evening saw our annual Summer Concert in the main hall. We had a full house of families and friends who came to hear the contributions of our children.

There were a number of pieces which the orchestra joined together for. They performed so well in their first time in front of an audience, with each contributor being aware of what the others were doing, under the watchful guidance of Mrs Griffiths.

There were some individual contributions and duets, which showed that some of our musical community have talent that they are willing to share with us.

The choir sang boldly and brightly through the repertoire that they offered, including a piece from our recent school production. The finale had, naturally, all pupils involved playing or singing “Power in me”. It was indeed powerful and very humbling to know that our pupils are so blessed with musical ability.

It is certainly worth reflecting that the depth and breadth of music is one of the advantages of being in a middle school. The specialist provision and specialist teaching is a real boon.

Finally, Reverend Leach presented Mrs Griffiths with a rose bush which had the name ‘Nostalgia’. He hoped that it will be a nostalgic reminder of her time in Walkwood, and thanked her for the inspiration she has given to many musicians over her years of teaching.

Information about our school’s lettings

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is funded through the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Walkwood **must** comply with the legal obligations that are set by the agency. We have been told that any charges for school facilities must be at full cost. Funzone have benefited from many years of a **significant** discount which we are no longer able to offer due to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency.



The school has also compared its charges with other schools locally. The charge for a classroom per hour is only £13 which includes everything that may apply.

We recognise that costs for many things are rising and know too well the impact this is having on families. However, our school cannot absorb all increases. Any person, organisation or company who hires Walkwood facilities will be charged the full cost as we are not permitted to charge any reduced rates.

We are saddened that we must increase our charges for lettings but have no alternative. The money the school is given needs to be fully spent on Walkwood’s pupils.

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

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:

scan

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 June 2022 — 13th July 2022

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

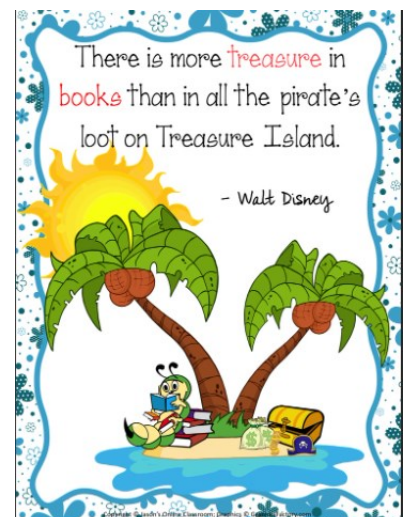
Rubie Styler (CLDW) - who has read 547,137 words

Top Boy

Charlie Gardner (MDSL) - who has read 374,782 words

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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU





Trips and Visits 2021 - 23



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

Lunch Money

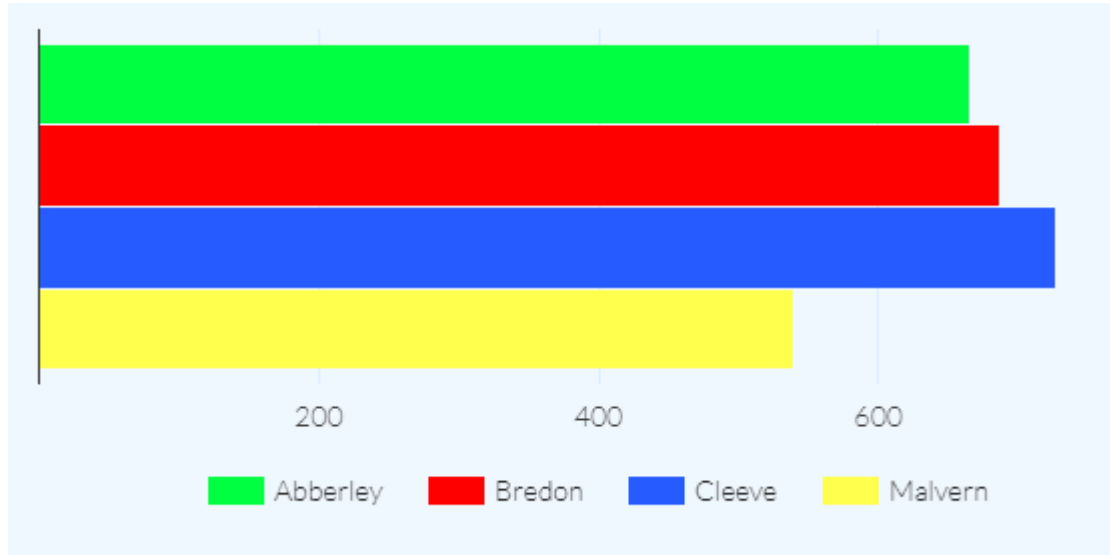
Please can we ask that all ParentPay accounts are settled regularly and by the end of term, particularly to our Year 8s who are moving schools. If you have any queries, please contact the finance office.

Many thanks.



Epraise Update

Points This Week: By College





Clubs and Activities

Summer term 2 2022

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

| | Before School 7:45am – 8:45am | Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20PM | After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm |
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| Monday | | Lexia <u>L</u> Mo in ITA | PMC/RDJ- KS2 tennis – Last session Monday 18 th July |
| Tuesday | | Lexia <u>Z</u> Bi in ITA | |
| Wednesday | | | |
| Thursday | | | |
| Friday | | | |



Looking ahead



| | Date | Event |
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| | Thursday 21 July | End of Term |
| 2 | Monday 5 September | Staff Development Day |
| 0 | Tuesday 6 September | First Day of the Autumn Term |
| 2 | Monday 24 - Friday 28 October | Half Term |
| 2 | Friday 16 December | End of Term |
| | Tuesday 3 January | Staff Development Day |
| | Wednesday 4 January | First day of the Spring Term |
| 2 | Monday 20– Friday 24 February | Half Term |
| 0 | Friday 31 March | End of Term |
| 2 | Monday 17 April | Staff Development Day |
| 3 | Tuesday 18 April | First day of the Summer Term |
| | Monday 29 May - 2 June | Half Term |
| | Friday 21 July | End of Term |