

Dear Parents and Carers,

Creating a safe, positive, and welcoming school environment is of the utmost importance, because when this is in place, both pupils and staff can concentrate on their work. Thankfully, we feel strongly that such an atmosphere pervades within our school. However, we are also aware that not every individual is angelic all the time!

'Bullying' is a word that can be used seriously and appropriately, or is thrown around to produce an effect. In our Child Protection policy, we include bullying as one of the matters that we shall act upon. This we do for every case that is reported to us. We are confident that in all cases reported, bullying or suspected bullying is responded to effectively.



We recognise that, as a school, we have a difficult balancing act to consider. On one hand, we need to safeguard the victim and on the other hand provide the alleged perpetrator with an education. If we do not help the pupil who is doing the bullying, it is unlikely to stop. Applying one of our school values – forgiveness – gives any bully a chance to change for the better.



We understand what it must feel like for a parent or carer who has a child who is feeling uncomfortable at school. We shall act reasonably. However, bullying, threatening or attempting to intimidate Walkwood staff will not result in matters being dealt with any quicker.

Don't be proud and feel that you know more than others. Make friends with ordinary people. Don't mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others, 18 and do your best to live at peace with everyone.
Romans 12: 16-18

Pupils can easily report any behaviour that they find uncomfortable, whether it is bullying or not. Most pupils are able to speak with a member of staff, their tutor being one such person, but also the pastoral manager or college leader (see the list inside or [here](#)). If there is another person that a pupil speaks to, then that information can be passed on to the pastoral staff. Pupils can also send a report through ePraise. Pupils can also email staff when they login using Office 365.

Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

This week's theme was:
Making peace

Let's keep on pursuing those things that bring peace and that lead to building up one another.

Romans 14:19

Lord Jesus,
You made peace as you knew your fate upon the cross. You knew the meaning of it, and the hope it would bring. Help us to understand that some things are beyond our control. Some things will have a better outcome even if it feels like the difficulties will never end. We pray that you can help us know how to best respond to things, and how by making peace with a situation and understanding that all things have a meaning and you can bring good from it, that we can be blessed through our troubles. In your name, Amen.

Whole school Attendance

95.66%

Whole School Target

96.0%

07.11.2022 to 11.11.2022

Year 5 — 96.54%

Year 6 — 95.89%

Year 7 — 97.15%

Year 8 — 92.76%



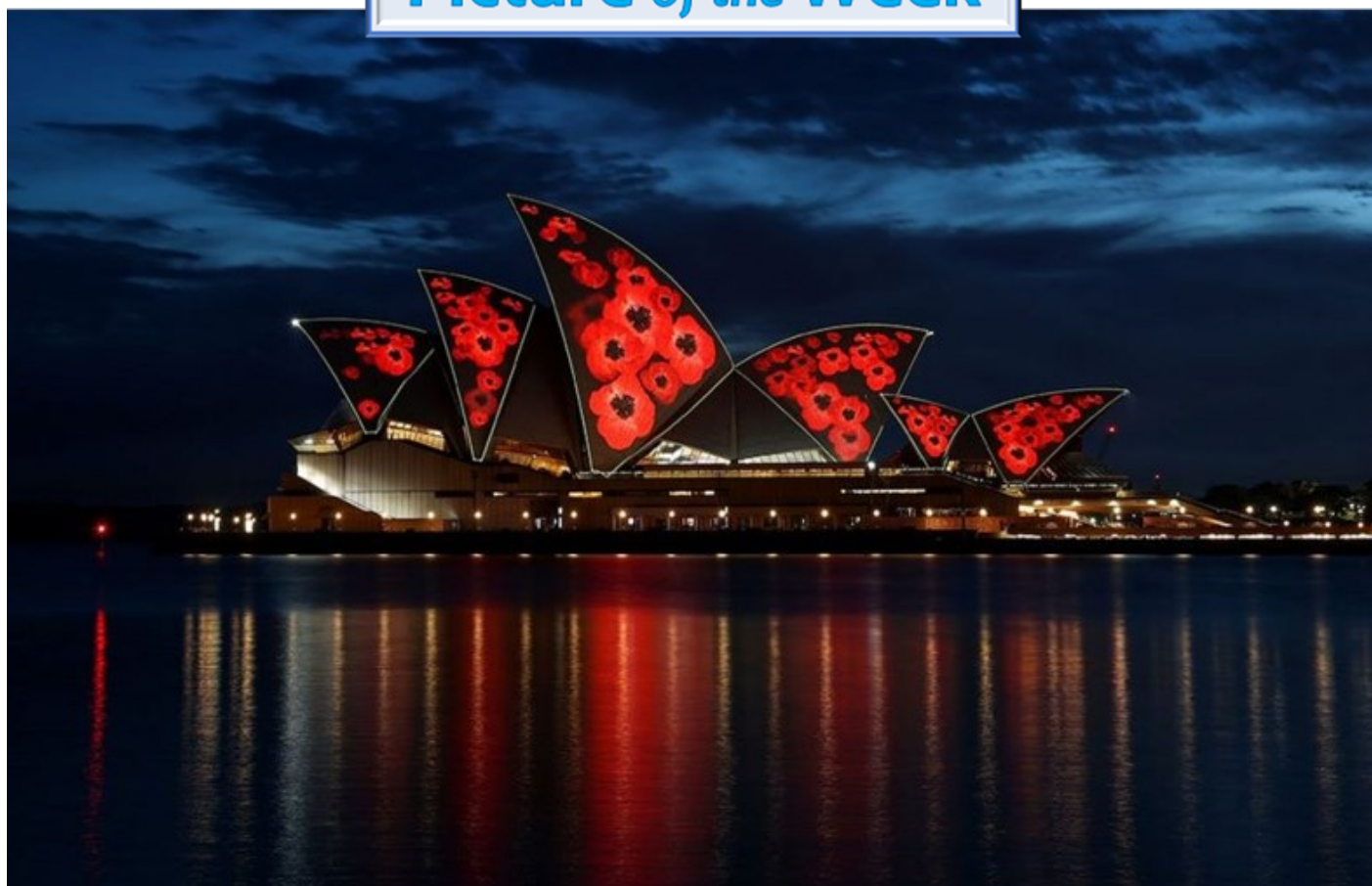
For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Achievement	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. <i>Ecclesiastes 5:18</i>
The assembly theme will be:	Resilience	Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. <i>1 Corinthians 13:6-8</i>

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

The weekend	the FIFA officials who undertake duties over the next weeks.	Monday	pupils who are experiencing difficulties at home.
Tuesday	foster carers.	Wednesday	Walkwood's senior leaders.
Thursday	the Diocesan Director of Education, Tim Reid.	Friday	the Prince & Princess of Wales.

Picture of the Week





Tutor groups 2022-23

Abberley

College Leader		Mr P Cockram
Pastoral Manager		Miss S Ellis
A-FCI	Miss F Clarke	Lab 1
A-RCo	Miss R Cooke	R6
A-LHa	Mrs L Hayward-Bailey	R19
A-LLa	Mrs L Laszcz	R3
A-JMa	Mr J McAndrew	R17
A-LWo	Mr L Wootton	R14

Bredon

College Leader		Mr C Hunt
Pastoral Manager		Mrs H Hands
B-PAI	Mr P Allen	R8
B-DDe	Mrs D Deakin	R2
B-AFa	Mrs A Fazackerley ^{Mo, Tu, Th, Fr} Miss L Walker ^{We}	R16
B-KKh	Mrs K Khan	R1
B-HMa	Mrs H Manzur ^{Mo, Tu, We} Mrs N Hughes ^{Th, Fr}	R4
B-MMg	Miss M McGoldrick ^{Mo, Tu, Th, Fr} Mrs N Hughes ^{We}	R12

Cleeve

College Leader		Mr R Macdonald
Pastoral Manager		Mrs D Langstone ^{Mo, Tu, Th, Fr} Mrs D Brotherhood ^{We}
C-EDu	Mrs E Dumitru	R10
C-MGr	Mrs M Grimes	DT2
C-PJe	Mr P Jenkin	Lab 3
C-GLa	Mrs G Lashley	Music
C-LTh	Mrs L Thurston ^{Mo, Tu, We, Fr} Mrs Z Bishop Th	R9
C-JWa	Miss J Watts	R20

Malvern

College Leader		Miss K Reeves
Pastoral Manager		Mrs M Russell ^{Tu, We, Th} Mrs D Brotherhood ^{Mo, Fr}
M-HBa	Miss H Baker	R7
M-ABe	Mrs A Belson	R11
M-PBo	Mr P Bounous	R13
M-PMi	Mr P Miles	R5
M-RSh	Mrs R Shanley ^{Mo, Tu, We} Mrs C Lomas ^{Th, Fr}	R15
M-DSI	Mrs D Sly ^{Mo, Tu, We, Th} Mrs Z Bishop ^{Fr}	DT3

Honour our staff

Honour is one of our school values—our Fruits of Faith. Our definition is:

We show respect to others and know that all people are God's creation.

Sadly, we have had incidences of parents or carers demanding to speak to staff immediately, and insisting that a call is returned the same day, even within a couple of hours. This is not possible due to the working arrangements of staff, and not all colleagues work each day of the week. Rudeness has been part of what our staff have been on the receiving end of, and that is **not honourable**.

We have a [Protocol for home/school communication](#) which everyone is given as part of the 'Welcome' pack at the start of their time with us. We do not respond to threats towards the school or its staff, and these *will not* result in matters being dealt with more quickly. Bullying of staff is not acceptable under any circumstances.

We will always tell the truth, although we know this is not what some people want to hear.

Thankfully, the vast majority of our parents and carers are supportive, whatever social media may say.



Walkwood
Church of England  Middle School

Appointment of a Catering Assistant

Walkwood Church of England Middle School are looking to recruit 2 x Catering Assistants.

Remuneration: Scale 1 from £ 17,842 - £ 18198 pro rata

5 hours per day, 5 days a week, 25 hours per week, term time

We would welcome applications from individuals looking to explore flexible working hours.

We are looking for a catering assistant who will enjoy working in a team environment and demonstrate the ability to establish good working relationships with pupils, acting as a role model. Previous experience is essential for this role, together with a Basic Food Hygiene Certificate.

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. The application deadline is 9am on Monday 21 November 2022. CVs will not be accepted.



Congratulations to former pupil Matt Smith, who has been selected to represent the Wales Football Team at the upcoming World Cup in Qatar. Matt attended Walkwood from 2009 to 2013 and whilst in Year 8, led a talented squad to the National Final (pictured below). The opening game for Matt and the Welsh team will be against the USA on Monday 21st November at 19:00. We wish him well.



Festive Jumpers

On the last day of this term, Friday 16th 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!

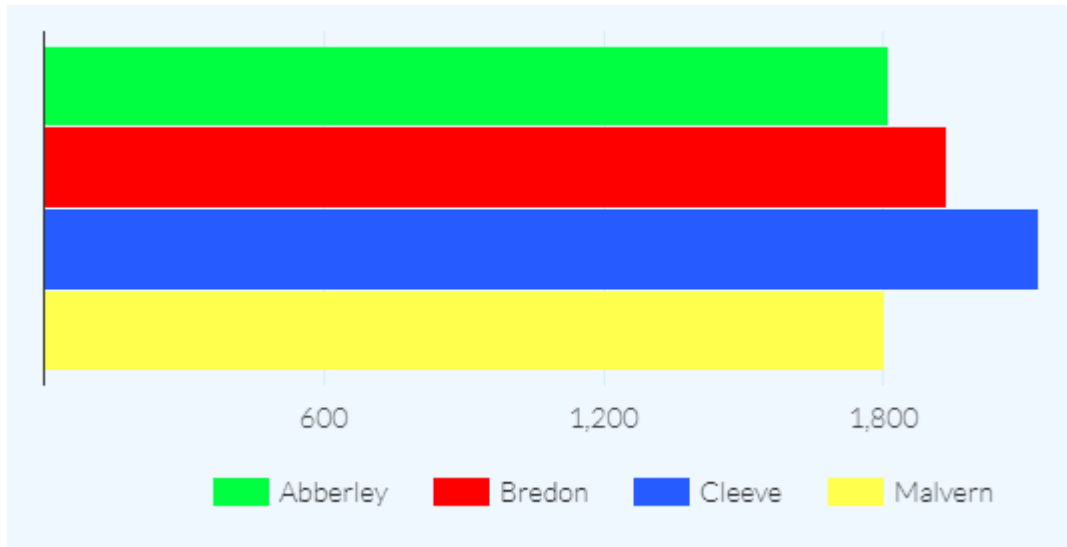
We ask for a donation of £ 1 which will go to

Children in Need.





epraise this week



Top Readers for 16.10.2022 — 16.11.2022



Congratulations to:

Top Girl

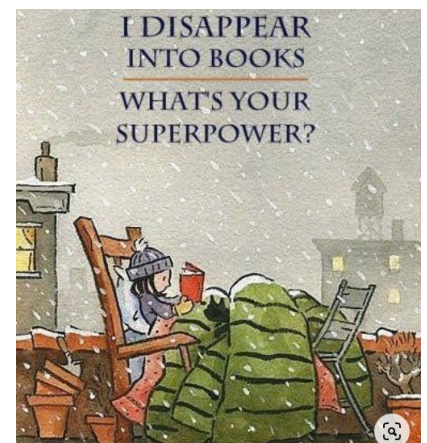
Eden Sherwood (Year 5 CPJe) - who has read 702,583 words .

Top Boy

Jake Groom (Year 7 Alla) - who has read 407,261 words. .

Well done - merits will be awarded to you both.

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU ...



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

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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>

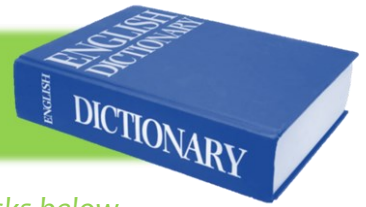
Safeguarding: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection>

<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



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.

rephrase

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.



Clubs and Activities

Autumn Term 2



	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI Lexia Club ITA Miss Walker	KS2 Boys and Girls multi sports club RDJ/ PMC Meet in changing rooms Sign up only
Tuesday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI Choir, Music Room, GLA, 12.35pm-1pm. All welcome. First sitting lunch pass required. See Mrs Laishley to sign up.	Keyboard Club, Music Room, GLA. Sign up only. 10 spaces available.
Wednesday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI Reading club, room 18, duration of lunch, JWa Lexia Club ITA Mrs Shanley	Year 7 & 8 fitness club. Parental permission and sign up needed Meet in the changing rooms RMA & LWO Last session Wednesday 7 th December KS2 boogie bounce Sign up only Meet in changing rooms KRE Last session Wednesday 7 th December Year 5-8 STEM Club. (Lab 1) current group to continue until 7 th Dec FCI
Thursday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI Science Homework Drop In – Computing (Year 7 and 8)	Year 5 & 6 fitness club. Parental permission and sign up needed Meet in the changing rooms CHU & PMI (No club on Thursday 24th November due to staff meeting) Last session Thursday 8 th December Ks3 Boogie Bounce club Sign up only Meet in changing rooms KRE (No club on Thursday 24th November due to staff meeting) Last session Thursday 8 th December Year 5-8 Art Club. Puppetry and Xmas Gongs. First come first serve basis. 12 spaces available. Parental permission and sign up needed. Starts 29 th September - 8th December MGR (No club on Thursday 24th November due to staff meeting) Yr5-8 Drama club. 30 spaces available. Parental permission and sign up needed. Starts 10 th November. PAL & DDE (No club on Thursday 24th November due to staff meeting)
Friday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/PWE	

No clubs on Thursday 24th November due to staff meeting.



Trips and Visits



Date	Year group	Destination	Day trip?	Residential?	Cost
07/07 - 10/07/2023	5 •	Brecon Beacons		✓	£250
12/05/2023	6	Blackwell	✓		£38 *
30/06 - 03/07/2023	7	Osmington Bay Activity Park		✓	£285
19/07/2023	8	Drayton Manor	✓		£40 *
04/02 - 11/02/2023	6,7,8 •	Obertauern, Austria		✓	£1360

• Fully booked

* Current estimated cost



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 2	Friday 16 December	End of Term
	Tuesday 3 January	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 4 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 9 January	Parents English KS2 Workshop 6.30-7.30pm
	Thursday 19 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00 -7.00pm
	Wednesday 25 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00 -7.00pm
	Monday 20– Friday 24 February	Half Term
	Friday 31 March	End of Term
	Monday 17 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 18 April	First day of the Summer Term
2 3	Monday 29 May - 2 June	Half Term
	Thursday 8 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Wednesday 14 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Friday 21 July	End of Term