


Dear Parents and Carers,


 This week we have needed to bear with the windy conditions; such weather can affect the way pupils behave, making them louder than usual—it may seem peculiar but tends to hold true. There is an old saying: *you can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make it drink*. The school equivalent is that you can buy a child a coat but you cannot always get them to wear it. That is why you may see children carrying their coats no matter what the weather. Anyway, with the lower temperatures there is reduced chance of children losing their jumpers, because they are wearing them.



Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.  
*Joshua 1:9*



The preparations for Open Evening on Thursday 13th October are advancing with pupils beginning to be part of the planning. They have been our prime ambassadors during these events in the past, and after not being able to hold such evenings in recent times, it will be good to show the school to interested children and their parents and carers. The following week we shall hold some Open Days for parents and carers as we will show the school in action, where pupils will once again take a key role. (Please note that Open Days are for adults who are unaccompanied by school-age children.)

 **Arbor** The sign up for this app has been very high, which is really helpful for us in order to communicate with parents and carers. Most initial email contact will be 'posted' through Arbor, so you may miss information unless you are able to access this.

ParentPay remains separate, at least for now, so do ensure that pupils have sufficient funds for in-school catering purchases. The ability to begin paying for residential trips, a bit at a time, is also now active on ParentPay.



Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

**This week's theme was:  
Reconciliation**

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Dear Lord,  
Sometimes we fall out with each other, we quarrel and argue and say things we don't necessarily mean. At other times, our hearts are filled with hatred. We pray that you can give us forgiving hearts, and broken hearts, that we may value our friendships and want to reconcile with each other. give us the strength to understand how important it is to say sorry and forgive. let your Spirit of peace be upon us to teach us this. In your precious name, Amen.

**Whole school Attendance**

95.29%

**Whole School Target**

96.0%

**date to date**

Year 5 — 95.25%  
Year 6 — 95.85%  
Year 7 — 95.00%  
Year 8 — 95.06%



# For the week ahead

<b>The Fruit of Faith is:</b>	<b>Forgiveness</b>	Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends. Proverbs 17:9
<b>The assembly theme will be:</b>	<b>Anti-bullying</b>	We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

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

<b>The weekend</b>	The emergency services	<b>Monday</b>	Our Pupil Leadership Team
<b>Tuesday</b>	The admin staff here at school	<b>Wednesday</b>	Governors of our school
<b>Thursday</b>	Prospective parents and pupils visiting our school on Open Evening	<b>Friday</b>	Our town of Redditch, and those who work at the borough offices

## Picture of the Week



A young member from a herd of highland cattle gets used to the surroundings



## Online Safety for Parents & Carers



Walkwood is a certified school with National Online Safety, from whom our regular cartoon-like updates are obtained. This organisation is now offering two free courses, one each for pupils in years 5 and 6, with a second for the older two years. The courses provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to feel confident and empowered to keep your children safe online.



Children aged between 7 and 11 start to become more aware of the possibilities of the internet and begin to make decisions about what they'd like to do online which is usually either influenced by their peers or by their interests. As they start to become more independent, and start to access different things, it's essential parents take an active interest in their children's safety online.

Children aged between 11 and 14 are usually confident in their online abilities; technology is integral to their life and they often know what content they like to consume and how. Social media, gaming online and messaging apps become more popular, which means greater opportunities to communicate with others, so it's important to take an active interest in your child's online safety



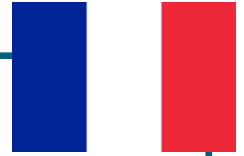
### Learning Outcomes

- ✓ Understanding the online world today and striking a balance between promoting the positive use of the internet and safeguarding children from harm.
- ✓ Recognising how children at this age are interacting with the online world, the technology they're using and what games and platforms are most popular.
- ✓ Identifying the common risks that children at this age are most vulnerable to and the range of online harms to be aware of.
- ✓ Understanding what steps to take to support a culture of online safety at home and help build children's digital resilience.
- ✓ Recognising the importance of communicating with children at all times, keeping an open dialogue and providing children with the tools they need to keep themselves safe.

[The course covering Years 5 and 6 is available here.](#)



[The course covering Years 7 and 8 is available here.](#)



## Le petit-déjeuner

In French lessons our year 8 pupils have been learning how to express their likes and dislikes of a variety of food. To conclude the topic, the pupils will have the opportunity to partake in a French breakfast with their class, utilising their knowledge and perfecting their French accents to order and discuss the foods on offer. 8C1 and 8E3 will have their breakfast during their French lesson on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October and the remaining classes (8E2, 8C3, 8E1 & 8C2) on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We truly hope that the pupils enjoy the experience and relish the opportunity to use their language skills in an authentic context.

The event is kindly being sponsored by Tesco in Redditch.

Mme Hughes & Mme Dumitru



Love to Learn;  
Learn to Live;  
Live to Love.



# Walkwood

Church of England Middle School



## Outstanding

Our Church of England inspection said:

- ✓ The inclusive vision of the school ensures that all children are supported in their personal well-being and academic achievement.
- ✓ Key to the school's vision is that every individual is created in the image of God, and from this belief springs the school's outstanding attention to individual needs, both academic and pastoral.



## Open Evening

for prospective Y5 pupils and parents.  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October,  
from 6.45 to 8.15pm

The current pupils, staff and Governors invite prospective Y5 pupils with their parents to our **Open Evening**. Tours of the school with current pupils will demonstrate the breadth of learning that a middle school can provide.

## Parents' Days

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Our Parents' Days will show the school in action. There will be a tour, with the opportunity to ask questions of pupils and staff. Places on the tour can be booked by contacting the school Reception on 543361, or emailing us at [office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk).



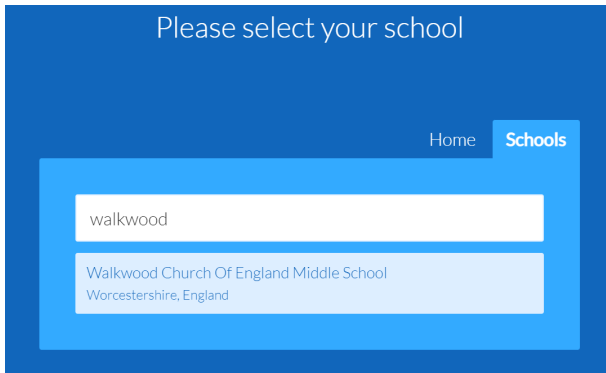
- ✓ An impressive ethos pervades the school. Its motto 'Love to learn, learn to live, live to love' reflects the Christian principles that underpin the school's work. The school is fully inclusive of all faiths and beliefs. It values each individual. It has nourished a very positive climate for learning in the school which helps all pupils to thrive.
- ✓ During their time at the school, pupils develop into confident, articulate pupils. They acquire good social skills, develop tolerance of others and are resilient.



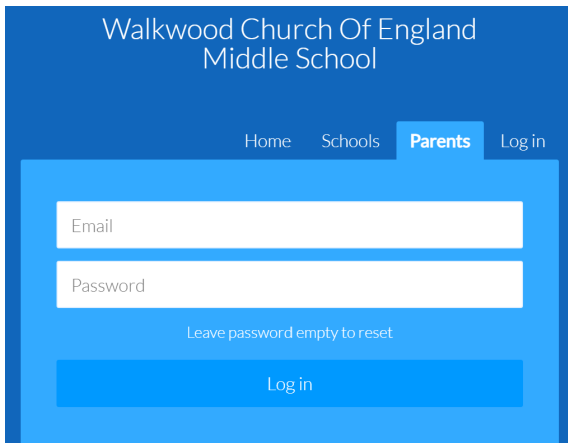
Login support for parents:

[Walkwood Church Of England Middle School | epraise.co.uk](https://www.epraise.co.uk/WalkwoodChurchOfEnglandMiddleSchool)

Selecting Walkwood Church of England Middle School from the list.



Click on the parent tab, and then enter your email address, and leave the password field blank, press submit and a password will be sent to your email.



Login support for pupils both in school and outside of school:

[Walkwood Church Of England Middle School | epraise.co.uk](https://www.epraise.co.uk/WalkwoodChurchOfEnglandMiddleSchool)

Pupils can login using their Walkwood network credentials.

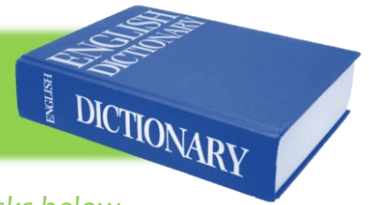
Username format – 22fullname (no spaces but –s in double barrelled names are included)

Passwords- These were all set to ‘Walkwood22’

Pupils may have changed their password when they logged in for the first time on the Walkwood network.



# 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.

## deliver

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.



# Trips and Visits



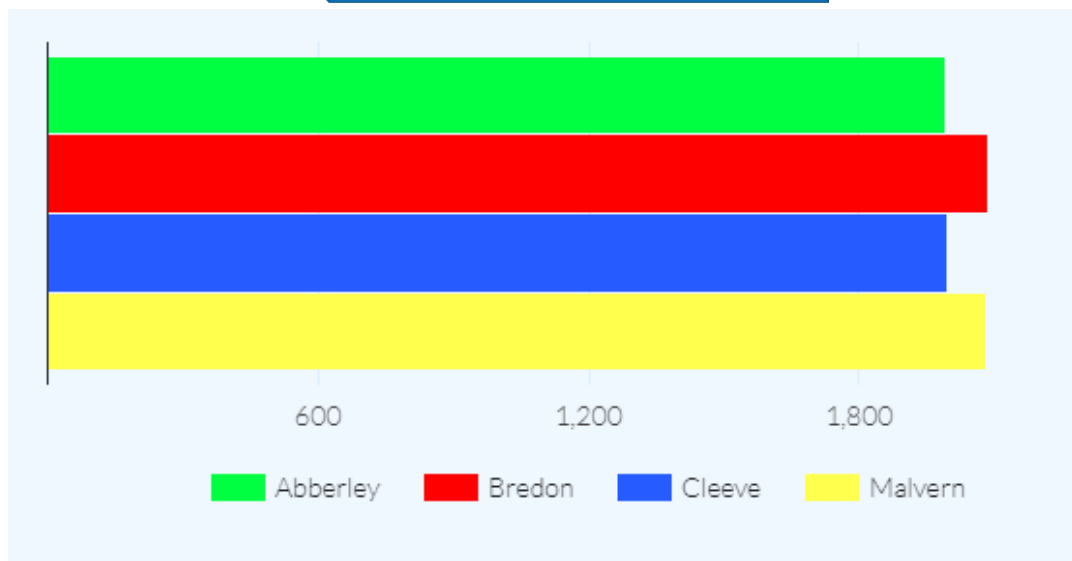
Date	Year group	Destination	Day trip?	Residential?	Cost
07/07 - 10/07/2023	5	Brecon Beacons Activity Centre		✓	£250
12/05/2023	6	Blackwell Adventure	✓		£38 *
30/06 - 03/07/2023	7	Osmington Bay Activity Park		✓	£285
19/07/2023	8	Drayton Manor	✓		£40 *
04/02 - 11/02/2023	6,7,8 •	Obertauern, Austria		✓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

• Fully booked

\* Current estimated cost



# epraise this week



## Harvest

As Harvest is fast approaching, we as a school are collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries to be donated to local food banks.

There will be a designated area in reception for any donations. We are asking pupils to bring in the following:

- Abberley - tinned vegetables, tinned fish, tinned meat or tinned soups
- Bredon - men and women's toiletries such as deodorant, shampoo, shower gels, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste or toothbrushes
- Cleeve - packets of rice or pasta, tea or coffee
- Malvern - tinned fruit, tinned puddings or tinned custards

Please could any donations be brought into school by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank 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](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>





# Sport round-up



## Netball, Benchball and Football College matches

The PE department run college matches twice a year, where pupils participate in a sporting activity against the other colleges in the school. Points are awarded to teams and these then go towards the college sports total at the end of the year.

College matches take place during lesson time where a whole year group will come down to PE at once. This may mean your child has two PE lessons that week and so will need to bring their kit in on two days.

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Lesson 2 and 3	Year 8
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Lesson 4 and 5	year 5
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Lesson 2 and 3	year 7
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Lesson 4 and 5	year 6

Please can you make sure pupils have correct PE kit for the following days. It is also recommended that boys have boots and shin pads.

Thanks,

PE Department



## Top Readers for 05.09.2022 — 05.10.2022

Congratulations to:

### Top Girl

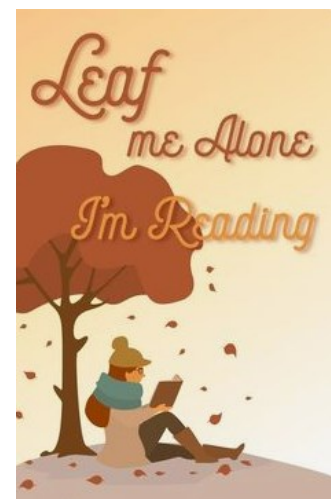
Evie Morgan (Year 7 MABE) - who has read 1,176,646 words .

### Top Boy

Stanley Sole (Year 6 ARCO) - who has read 433,048 words

Well done - merits will be awarded to you both.

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





## College Cross Country Runs

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of both the PE Curriculum and intra-school competition, your child will be taking part in a 'College Cross-Country Run' during their **normal timetabled PE lessons** during the days of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Not only do the children gain points for their college in taking part but it helps us to identify pupils that will be invited to compete in the Redditch Schools District cross country after half term.

Date	Lesson	Classes
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	2 and 3	7C 1,2,3 (x)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	2 and 3	8E1,2,3 (y)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	2 and 3	6E1,3,3 (y)
	4 and 5	5E 1,2,3 (x)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	2 and 3	8C 1,2,3 (x)
	4 and 5	5C1,2,3 (x)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	2 and 3	7E1,2,3 (y)
	4 and 5	6C 1,2,3 (x)

We can't predict what the weather will be like next so we ask that your child bring the following to their next timetabled PE lesson:

A towel.

A carrier bag to put dirty shoes in.

Football boots to run in. (Optional but recommended)

Pupils can also wear alternative PE clothing if the weather is not great and the field is muddy, however, they can wear their PE kit if they choose to.

If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure they have their inhaler with them clearly labelled.

Every pupil is expected to take part but if your child is unwell and unable to take part, please provide us with a letter excusing them. However, they must still come with PE kit as they will take part in an officiating role down on the field.

Faithfully

Miss K Reeves

Curriculum Leader of PE



# Clubs and Activities

## Autumn Term 1



	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/ CMI  Lexia Club ITA Miss Walker	KS2 Boys and Girls multi sports club RDJ/ PMI Meet in changing rooms Sign up only
<b>Tuesday</b>		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/ CMI	Year 8 netball club KRE Meet in changing rooms Sign up only
<b>Wednesday</b>		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/ CMI  Reading club, room 18, duration of lunch, JWa  Lexia Club ITA Mrs Shanley	Year 7 netball club KRE Meet in changing rooms Sign up only  Year 8 boys football team training Meet in changing rooms RMA  Year 5-8 STEM Club. (Lab 1) 16 spaces available. Parental permission and sign up needed. FCI  Year 7 boys football team training Meet in changing rooms LWO
<b>Thursday</b>		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/ CMI	Year 5 boys football team training Meet in the changing rooms CHU  **Year 6 boys football team training Meet in the changing rooms PMI  **No training this week due to Year 6  All girls Football club Meet in changing rooms RMA/ PMC/ RDJ  Year 5-8 Art Club. Puppetry and Xmas Gons. First come first serve basis. 12 spaces available. Parental permission and sign up needed. Starts 29 <sup>th</sup> September - 8th December MGR
<b>Friday</b>		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/ PWE	Boys Rec Football Meet in changing rooms

Important notice – there will be **no** all girls football, year 6 boys football or year 5 boys football on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October due to meetings and year 5 tutor evening.



# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 2	Thursday 13 October	Open Evening 6.45-8.15pm
	Thursday 20 October	Year 5 Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm
	Monday 24 - Friday 28 October	<b>Half Term</b>
	Monday 14 November	Parents Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30-7.30pm
	Friday 16 December	<b>End of Term</b>
	Tuesday 3 January	<b>Staff Development Day</b>
	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
2 0 2 3	Monday 20- Friday 24 February	<b>Half Term</b>
	Friday 31 March	<b>End of Term</b>
	Monday 17 April	<b>Staff Development Day</b>
	Tuesday 18 April	<b>First day of the Summer Term</b>
	Monday 29 May - 2 June	<b>Half Term</b>
	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	<b>End of Term</b>