

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week noted a key item that indicates that pupils are settled into routine - no-one appeared to a lesson late because they had lost their way. One pupil told me that it was easier now that they realised that the two sets of stairs in the main block went up to different subjects. Progress indeed. We also had our formal fire drill that worked really well, and better from the practice that occurred last week.



Mrs Lashley and I have led pupils in our first hymns assemblies. She is the person who knows about the musical elements, while I can explain the meaning of words or phrases. Our school anthem, "Bless the Lord O my soul" (also known as *Ten Thousand Reasons*), was sung well by all colleges, particularly as the element of the crescendo within the chorus was a new item.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

*Philippians 2: 3-4*

We are very aware of the financial pressures that many families find themselves in, issues that affect the running of the school too. The cost of residential visits has risen alarmingly and it has felt unreasonable to continue with the provision that in past years has seemed appropriate. Therefore, we shall be offering two residential visits, one for Year 5 and another for Year 7, while Years 6 and 8 have the opportunity for day trips during school time. As with any residential, there are limits on the numbers of pupils we can accommodate, while also being aware that the travel distance to the host venue must be sensible for the age of pupils.



A reminder that if pupils bring mobile phones into school, these **must** be handed in to the tutor in the morning. The devices are put in the 'phone boxes' and taken to our Reception office for the day and are collected at the day's end. No exceptions to this arrangement will be permitted.

Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

## This week's theme was: The Love of God

I am the Lord God. I am merciful and very patient with my people. I show great love, and I can be trusted.

*Exodus 34:16*

Dear God,

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging. It is the most powerful love, and the most true love. Some people cannot fathom the love that you have for us, and therefore they hide away from it. We pray for your love to overwhelm the school, and for people to be able to experience your love like never before. Let your heart pour out over us.  
Amen.

## Whole school Attendance

96.4%

## Whole School Target

96.0%

12.09.2022 to 16.09.2022

Year 5 — 98.57%

Year 6 — 95.77%

Year 7 — 96.90%

Year 8 — 94.05%



# 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. <i>Proverbs 17:9</i>
<b>The assembly theme will be:</b>	<b>Loving your enemies</b>	Jesus said “You have heard people say, ‘Love your neighbours and hate your enemies.’ But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you. Then you will be acting like your Father in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both good and bad people.” <i>Matthew 5:43-45</i>

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

<b>The weekend</b>	the heads of state and government meeting at the United Nations	<b>Monday</b>	our Pastoral Managers and College Leaders
<b>Tuesday</b>	the Diocese of Worcester’s Director of Education, Tim Reid	<b>Wednesday</b>	children who have a special educational need
<b>Thursday</b>	considerate parking around the school	<b>Friday</b>	His Majesty, King Charles III and the Queen Consort, Camilla

## Picture of the Week

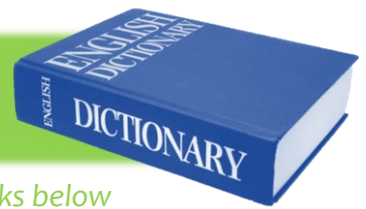
**King Charles III speaks to both Houses of Parliament in Westminster Hall.**

Although the current Palace of Westminster, which houses both the House of Commons and House of Lords, was built in the 1860s after a devastating fire, the hall was constructed by William I in 1097. It is now used for grand ceremonial occasions.





# 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.

## coherent

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.

**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 *exhilarated*:

- Statement:** Sam is feeling exhilarated this morning.
- Question:** Were you exhilarated by the swim?
- Command:** Do fifty push-ups now to feel exhilarated.
- Exclamation:** What a joyous evening!



# Trips and Visits



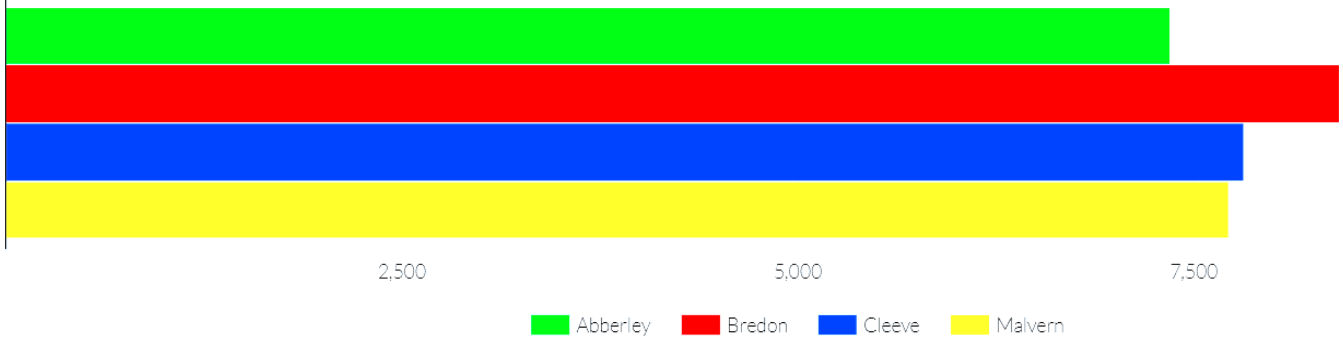
Date	Year group	Destination	Day trip?	Residential?	Cost
07/07 - 10/07/2023	5	Brecon Beacons Activity Centre		✓	£250
12/05/2023	6	Blackwell Adventure	✓		£38 *
30/06 - 03/07/2023	7	Osmington Bay Activity Park		✓	£285
19/07/2023	8	Drayton Manor	✓		£40 *
04/02 - 11/02/2023	6,7,8 •	Obertauern, Austria		✓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

• Fully booked

\* Current estimated cost



# epraise this week



Please  
name it



Feckenham Road has been supervised at key points this week by Police and Traffic Enforcement Officers.

A number of motorists have been stopped and advised of where to park and drop-off. We are led to understand that future visits are very likely to involve the issuing of fines for traffic offences.

The use of **Morton Stanley Park** as a parking place will alleviate this issue. There is also a café there now!



# 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>



## Appointment of Finance Assistant / Officer

*Remuneration: Grade 3 or 4 from £ 19,312 to £ 21,748 pro rata*

*Grade 5 (for a suitably qualified candidate) from £ 22,183 to £ 24,491 pro rata*

*5 days a week, 37 hours per week, term time only plus the 5 Inset days, and 4 mornings during the school holidays as agreed with the School Business Leader.*

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

We are looking for a Finance Assistant / Officer who will enjoy working in a team environment and demonstrate the ability to establish good working relationships with pupils, acting as a role model.

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](http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk). The application deadline is 9am on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022. CV's will not be accepted.

## Appointment of a Science Technician

*Remuneration: Scale SC3 £ 19,312 - £ 19,698 pro rata*

*Possible 5 days a week, up to 37 hours per week, Term time only plus the 5 Inset days*

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

The successful applicant will be proactive, have a positive attitude and good communication skills. They will enjoy working in a team environment and demonstrate the ability to provide efficient and effective support to staff and pupils. Previous experience is desirable for this role, together with GCSE passes in Maths and English (4+) or equivalent. A recognised qualification or experience in a science-related subject is also desirable. Training for specific aspects of the role will be provided.

For details, please email [recruitment@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk), from where full details will be sent of the post and the school. Application deadline: 9am on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Walkwood Church of England Middle School is committed to the protection and safety of children and young people. An enhanced DBS check will be expected from the successful candidate.



## Appointment of 2 x Catering Assistants

Remuneration: Scale 1 from £ 17,842 - £ 18198 pro rata  
4.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, 22.5 hours per week, term time.

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

We are looking for catering assistants 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.

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### 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

## Autumn Term 1



	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/ PMI Meet in changing rooms Sign up only Starts 26 <sup>th</sup> September
Tuesday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/ CMI	Year 8 netball club KRE Meet in changing rooms Sign up only
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 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. 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept start FCI  Year 7 boys football team training Meet in changing rooms LWO
Thursday		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  All girls Football club Meet in changing rooms RMA/ PMC/ RDJ  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 <sup>th</sup> September - 8th December MGR
Friday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/ PWE	Boys Rec Football Meet in changing rooms Starts Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September

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





# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 2 2 2 0 2 3	Monday 26 September	SATs information evening 6.30-7.30pm
	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
	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>	