

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had an unannounced inspection from Environmental Health on Tuesday to reassess our catering facilities and procedures. Once again, Walkwood has gained a 5-star rating for its food preparation equipment and practices, including consideration for labelling and how we take account of allergies. Consequently, we congratulate Mrs Williams who leads the kitchen staff, and the catering team of Mrs Evans, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Tither.



All of these depend on you to provide them with food, and you feed each one with your own hand.

Psalm 104: 27

Today has seen the visit of the nursing team to administer the nasal flu vaccine to those from whom we have received consent. As for the HPV that took place for Year 8 last month and for any vaccinations that take place on our site, the school simply provides a venue for the health practitioners who take responsibility for the administration of the vaccines.

Emails have been sent this week for the residential visits that are taking place in 2022. A payment plan applies for each and, should the need arise, we offer to talk with anyone if this does not fit into when they are paid. We have deadlines for payment to our suppliers, so it is important that sufficient funds are available. Interest for the ski trip in 2023 does not close until just before half term.



On the final day of this half term, Thursday 21st October, we shall be holding a charity fund-raising event. Our intention is to supply the local food bank as well as an international charity. For the latter we hope to raise sufficient to send a dairy cow to a village in a less economically developed nation through Send-a-Cow. Therefore, on this day, we offer pupils the opportunity to dress in black and white and bring in £1 and a tin of food of some kind, with soups, canned fruit, vegetables or meat preferred. We shall supply more details next week.

Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

A prayer for World Smile Day

Dear Lord,

Help us make the world a happier place with a simple smile. If we were to just smile at someone every day, we could make that person's day. Help us see that happiness is one of the most powerful things on earth.

Amen.

This week's theme was: World Smile Day

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6: 24-26

Whole School Target

96.95%

Whole School Attendance

94.66%



For the week ahead

<p>The Fruit of Faith is:</p>	<p>Friendliness</p>	<p>When others are happy, be happy with them, and when they are sad, be sad. Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people. Don't mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others.</p> <p><i>Romans 12:15-17</i></p>
<p>The assembly theme:</p>	<p>The Beatitudes</p>	<p>Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.</p> <p><i>Matthew 5:3-9</i></p>

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

<p>The weekend</p>	<p>The emergency services</p>	<p>Monday</p>	<p>Local charities that support the community of Redditch</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>The local churches and community centres</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>The staff at the Alexandra Hospital</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Those affected natural disasters around the world</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>The teachers and support staff of Vaynor First School</p>

Picture of the Week



Billy the goldendoodle at Brothers Water Lake, Cumbria



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



Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School



Admissions

Open day tours will take place in the mornings and afternoons, in the weeks of 11th and 18th October:



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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.



Take a look at our website:

www.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.



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 that week and so will need to bring their kit in on two days.



PE lessons

Monday 11 th October	Lesson 4 and 5	Year 5
Tuesday 12 th October	Lesson 4 and 5	Year 6
Wednesday 13 th October	Lesson 2 and 3	Year 8
Thursday 14 th October	Lesson 2 and 3	Year 7

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

Thanks,
PE Department

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 Friday 15th October to Thursday 21st 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
Friday 15 th October	2 and 3	6e1, 2, 3
Monday 18 th October	2 and 3	7c1, 2, 3
	4 and 5	5c1, 2, 3
Tuesday 19 th October	2 and 3	8c 1,2,3
	4 and 5	6c 1,2,3
Wednesday 20 th October	2 and 3	8e 1,2,3
	4 and 5	5e 1,2,3
Thursday 21 st October	2 and 3	7e1,2,3

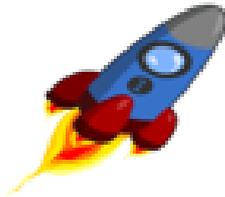
We can't predict what the weather will be like next so we ask that your child could bring the following to their next timetabled PE lesson:

- 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.

Miss K Reeves
Curriculum Leader of PE



Points Boosters

Back by popular demand!

'Points Boosters' are designed to reward all pupils who have 100% attendance and those pupils who consistently uphold and adhere to the Walkwood Values.

How does it work?

Attendance Points Boosters

- A 5-point booster will be awarded for every time your child has 100% Attendance for the period of the 2-week timetable- Week 1 & Week 2.
- These points are automatically given out on the Friday of Week 2

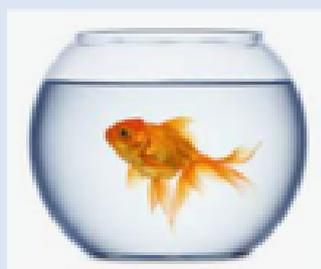
Zero Demerit Points Boosters

A reward for all pupils who continue to demonstrate excellent focus and behaviour in and out of lessons.

- We are awarding a 5-point booster for every time your child has Zero Demerits during the period of the 2-week timetable- Week 1 & Week 2.
- Again, these booster points are automatically given out on the Friday of Week 2.

Each time a pupil receives an Attendance Booster or Zero Demerit Booster their name will be entered in to.....

The Autumn Celebration Assembly Prize Draw



Fabulous prizes to be won

As a school, we continue to evolve and adapt our systems as we search to motivate our pupils to want to attend school and give their best whilst they are here. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.



Clubs and Activities

Autumn Term part 1 2021

	Before School 8.00 – 8.45 am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20 pm	After School 3.30 – 4.45 pm
Monday			Homework club All year's girls' football club (Sign up only) – meet in girls' changing rooms <i>Mr McHague</i>
Tuesday	Orchestra 8.45 – 9.30 am <i>Mrs Griffiths</i>		Homework club Y 5 and 6 football team training (if selected) – meet in boys' changing rooms Y5 maths club (Sign up only) <i>Mrs Cull</i> Outdoor Activities Club (Sign up only, Y7 & Y8) – meet in changing rooms
Wednesday			Homework club Y7 girls' netball club (Sign up only) – meet in girls' changing rooms <i>Miss Reeves</i>
Thursday		Choir 12.55 – 1.20 pm <i>Mrs Griffiths</i>	Homework club Y6 Art Club (Sign up only) - DT2 <i>Mrs Grimes</i> Y8 girls netball club (Sign up only) – meet in girls' changing rooms <i>Miss Reeves</i> Y7 and 8 football team training (if selected) – meet in boys changing rooms <i>Mr Hunt / Mr Macdonald</i> Y7 Science Club (starts 7 October) (Sign up only) <i>Mrs Haldane</i>
Friday			Boys all year's Rec football club for all those who didn't make the team (Sign up only) – meet in boys' changing rooms <i>Mr Hunt / Mr Macdonald / Mr Wootton / Mr West / Miss Reeves / Mr McHague</i>

Caretaker

At Walkwood Church of England Middle School (Walkwood Academy Trust)

The Governors of Walkwood Church of England Middle School require a Caretaker for 20 hours per week.

The job holder will maintain a clean, attractive and welcoming site through a process of routine maintenance of buildings, grounds, fixtures and fittings and through a process of regular cleaning. The Caretaker will ensure that a safe and secure school environment is provided that is properly heated and lighted in order to support the effective teaching and learning of pupils and its full use by the staff, pupils and visitors who use the school.

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 1 November 2021. CV's will not be accepted. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held shortly after the closing date.

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

define

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 September 2021— 6th October 2021

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

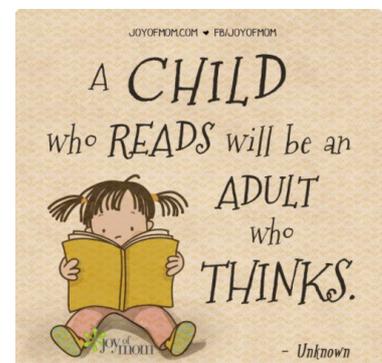
Evie Morgan (Year 6 MABE) - who has read 475,401 words

Top Boy

Jack Mould (Year 6 BDDE) - who has read 572,743 words

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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



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>



New household account feature for parents reporting test results

NHS Test and Trace are continuing to develop and improve the process for self-test reporting. Currently, if a parent is submitting results through their account on behalf of a child, they have to enter the child's details every time they report a result.

As a result of feedback from parents, NHS Test and Trace have introduced household accounts. This allows parents to save their children's details to their own user accounts so parents can report results for multiple members in the household more quickly and easily.

When reporting self-test results parents will now be offered the opportunity to create a household account, which should take no more than 2 minutes. Parents can then add all household members to their account, enabling them to save time when reporting all future self-test results.



Trips and Visits 2021 - 23



Date	Activity	Location	Open To	Cost	Leader
May 2022					
Fri 13 – Mon 16	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 324	Rev Leach
June 2022					
Wed 22 – Fri 24	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 24 – Mon 27	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y7	£ 324	Rev Leach
Fri 24 - Mon 27	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 220	Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull
February 2023					
Sat 4 – Sat 11	Ski Trip	Obertauern, Austria	Y5-Y7	£ 1360	Mrs Cull



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College





Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 1 2 0 2 2	Thursday 21 October	Y5 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 22 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 October	Half Term
	Monday 22 November	Parents' KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Friday 17 December	End of Term
	Tuesday 4 January	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 10 January	Parent English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 27 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 2 February	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Monday 21 to Friday 25 February	Half Term
	Wednesday 30 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 8 April	End of Term
	Monday 25 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 26 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 18 May	Y5 residential information evening 6.30 pm
	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June	Half Term
	Thursday 9 June	Y5 Y7 Parent's evening 4.00 —7.00 pm
	Wednesday 15 June	Y5 Y7 Parent's evening 4.00 —7.00 pm
	Thursday 21 July	End of Term