

Dear Parents and Carers,

The casting for Joseph was completed this week—good luck to those who are taking on significant parts.

A reminder that extra-curricular clubs do not run for the final week of term, nor for the first week of the following term. The dates for the reinstating of this provision is noted inside.

Next week shall see our Deep Days on Wednesday and Thursday, which are planned and resourced!

Should there be any further updates from Public Health, we shall share those, even if the timescale is short, which is what has taken place this week.

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people. *Matthew 2:5-6*

Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

Festive Jumpers

On the last day of this term, Friday 17th 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**.

For the Y6 who have PE, just wear your festive jumper over the PE kit—simples!



A prayer for Hope for the world
Almighty God, and most merciful
Father,
who has given us a new com-
mandment that we should love
one another,
give us also grace that we may
fulfil it.
Make us gentle, courteous and
forbearing.
Direct our lives so that we may
look each to the good of the oth-
er in word and deed.
Amen.

This week's theme was: Hope for
the world

Jesus treated us much better than
we deserve. He made us accepta-
ble to God and gave us the hope of
eternal life.

Titus 3:7

Whole School Target

95.6%

Whole School Attendance

**Congratulations to the follow-
ing tutor groups 99%+ for the
week commencing**



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:	Global Christmas	In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <i>John 1:1-5</i>

The weekend	New advances on keeping our world 'green'	Monday	The NHS doctors, nurses and support staff
Tuesday	Our Pastoral Managers	Wednesday	Successful Deep Days at Walkwood
Thursday	The Royal Army, Navy and Air Force	Friday	A great Christmas for staff and pupils.

Picture of the Week



Leo Liu

The two mudskippers were stunned during a fight for territory, by a playful dancing individual. These amphibious fish live in mudflats and connected mangrove ecosystems



PE Clubs

There will be no PE clubs running in the final week of term (13th- 17th December), they will re-sume week beginning 10th January. Pupils who signed up to KS2 boogie bounce or fitness club and are in group 2, emails have already been sent out with the starting dates.

Miss K Reeves

Head of PE

Homework Club

Please note that Homework Club is not on for the final week of term and for the first week back after the Christmas holidays and will re-commence Monday 10 January 2022.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately due to the current circumstances in school and restrictions related to Covid, we need to postpone our KS2 English workshop, which was originally planned for Monday 10/01/22 at 6.30pm. I will update you with a new date in due course.

Apologies,

Mrs M Johnson
Assistant Principal/Head of English



Music News

Exam Success

Congratulations to Chelsea Peters Y8 who has just passed her Grade 3 Cello exam.

Learn To Play A Musical Instrument.

We have vacancies for keyboard, singing, and saxophone/flute/clarinet to start after Christmas. Please contact Mrs Griffiths if you are interested.

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

obvious

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 09.11.2021 — 09.12.2021

Year 8s are in the reading lead this month

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

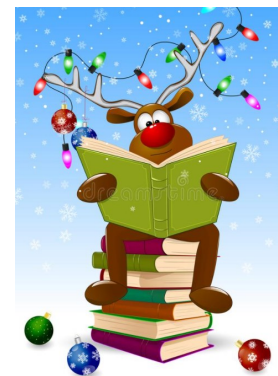
Molly Pym McGran (Year 8 BDDE) - who has read 724,659 words

Top Boy

Aston Slater (Year 8 CEDU) - who has read 435,568 words

Well done - 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>

Public health update

As you know from earlier updates, a small number of COVID-19 cases have been identified at our school.

To date, no confirmed cases of the Omicron variant have been confirmed at the school.

Additionally, all cases and relevant contacts of the small number of COVID-19 cases within the school are currently self-isolating and we are continuing our communication with Worcestershire County Council and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). Within school, our control measures minimise transmission and ensure a safe environment for our pupils and staff.

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange for them to take a PCR test as soon as possible, and notify the school of the result. Your child should continue to self-isolate while waiting for the results of a PCR test.

You can order a test online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>, and find more information about COVID-19 and getting tested at https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20870/coronavirus_covid-19_symptoms_and_how_to_get_a_test

From the Department for Education:

“School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school.”

“Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school and have been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 who is not a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant, should continue to attend school as normal.”



Trips and Visits 2021 - 23

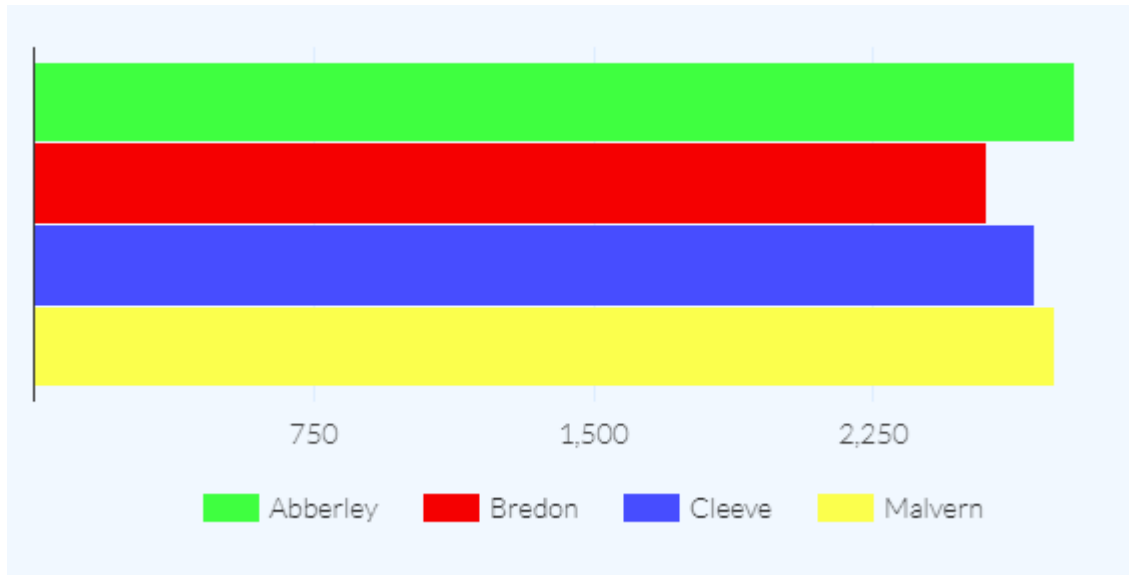


Date	Activity	Location	Open To	Cost	Leader
May 2022					
Fri 13 – Mon 16	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 324	Rev Leach
June 2022					
Wed 22 – Fri 24	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 24 – Mon 27	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y7	£ 324	Rev Leach
Fri 24 - Mon 27	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 220	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



Lunch Money

Please can we ask that all ParentPay accounts are settled by the end of term. If you have any queries, please contact the finance office.

Many thanks.





Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 1 2 0 2 2	Friday 17 December	End of Term
	Tuesday 4 January	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
	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