

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are weeks in the school year when lots of things happen, but this week has been one where the focus has been in the classrooms and teaching spaces around the school. Pupils working hard, teachers having prepared lessons, and those who are in support roles ensuring that tasks are completed. That is, in fact, what a school should be about.

Is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy, for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. So let it grow, and don't try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete.

James 1: 2-4

Given the weather at this time, and the morning temperatures in particular, we are very happy for pupils to wear coats. As it is warmer in the afternoon, pupils can forget to take their coats home. We have a few that are currently in lost property, but we cannot get back to the owners as there are no names inside. Pupils can check if any lost item is theirs by simply going to the main office. If an item is named, we can get a message to that pupil to let them know.



I know some of you also make use of email to contact us at office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk. If your message needs to go to a particular member of staff, please show this in the subject line. The Office Manager, Mrs Hill, will then forward your email to the member of staff it concerns. The same occurs if you make use of the 'Contact' page on our website: <http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Enquiry-Contact>



There are Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings coming up for Year 6 and 8 on Thursday 27th January and Wednesday 2nd February. Other year groups will have this facility later in the year. When there are such events, any clubs that are run by teaching staff will not take place.

Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

A prayer for Talents

Dear Lord, We thank you for our talents. Help us to strive to use them wisely for the benefit of our special community. Guide us to fulfil your plan for each of us. Give us the grace to be humble, respectful and tolerant this day and all the days of our lives.

Amen

This week's theme was: Talents

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

Romans 12:6

Whole School Target

95.6%

Whole School Attendance



For the week ahead

<p>The Fruit of Faith is:</p>	<p>Inclusiveness</p>	<p>He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.</p> <p><i>Matthew 5:45</i></p>
<p>The assembly theme:</p>	<p>Sacred Art</p>	<p>The Lord is urging him and Oholiab from the tribe of Dan to teach others. And he has given them all kinds of artistic skills, including the ability to design and embroider with blue, purple, and red wool and to weave fine linen.</p> <p><i>Exodus 35:34-35</i></p>

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

<p>The weekend</p>	<p>those who carry out voluntary activities to the benefit of others.</p>	<p>Monday</p>	<p>our senior leadership team</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>the provision of water in all places where there is human habitation.</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>pupils who take part in sport.</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>children who are involved in learning in places other than school.</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>Her Majesty, The Queen.</p>

Picture of the Week



Parents & Carers Consultation Evenings



We would like to offer you the opportunity to speak with your child's teachers on the dates listed below. This will be an opportunity for you to talk with subject teachers to discuss your child's progress and attitude in lessons.

You are welcome to attend one of two parents' evenings on either:

Thursday 27th January, 16:00-19:00
Wednesday 2nd February, 16:00-19:00

This year, due to current circumstances, parent's evening will be held remotely using Teams but you must still book your appointment using ePraise.

There is an ePraise app available for Android and Apple phones or you can visit www.epraise.co.uk, ensuring you select Walkwood Church of England Middle School from the list of schools.

If you have forgotten your password, or have never logged into ePraise before, then click on the parent tab and enter your email address, leave the password field blank, press submit, and a password will be sent to your email.

If you do not have an email address registered with us then you will be unable to login: you will need to contact the [school office](#) to add an email address to your contact details.

The booking system for these Parents' Evening went live on ePraise from Friday 14th January. Teachers of the core subjects (Maths, English and Science) tend to get booked up quickly, so I would encourage you to book your appointments as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Each subject appointment will last for a maximum of five minutes. I would suggest leaving at least ten minutes between appointments to allow you time to enter the next Teams meeting.

Once in Epraise please:

- select [Community](#)
- then choose Parents' Evenings.
- Now click on the **Parents' Evening** you require, please check you have selected the date you want, and you will be given the option to book in with your child's subject teachers. If you see two teachers listed for one subject it is because it is a shared group. You will only be able to book in with one teacher so I would suggest selecting the teacher who has them for most of the lessons.

Some teachers are part time so they will only be present for parent's evening on the days they work. All staff are present for at least one of the above evenings.

Before the date of your parent's evening links to the different Teams meetings will be issued to you via your Parents' Evening booking in Epraise. You can use this Meeting link on a computer, smart phone or tablet but you must have a camera and microphone to enable parent's evening to run.

On the day of the Parents' Evening, please follow the correct link five minutes before your appointment time. Ensure you join the meeting when asked as this means you will be held in the virtual lobby until your time slot. The teacher will admit you to the meeting when they are ready for you. When following the link to the meeting you will be asked to enter a name, can you **please use your child's name**, this will enable staff to invite parents into the meeting in the correct order.

Mrs L Cull,
Assistant Principal

Recycle  Read



WE'RE RECYCLING TOYS AND REUSING TECH TO GET BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

HERE ARE SOME OF THE BOOKS WE COULD GET



You can find our Toy collection Box here:

DT2 ART ROOM



You can find our Tech collection Box here:

DT2 ART ROOM



Not sure what you can recycle? Hunt out the boxes to find out!

Find out more at www.recyclezread.org

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Administrative Assistant

7 hours per day, 5 days a week, 35 hours per week, Term time only plus the 5 Inset days

Remuneration: Scale SC2 £ 18,065 - £ 18,426 pro rata

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

The job holder will undertake reception duties such as answering routine telephone and face to face enquiries. The role also includes recording pupil absences received by telephone, as well as updating pupil information. Speaking with and supporting pupils when issues arise is an important part of the work, including the repatriation of lost property. Office duties are also a core function, and may include newsletter preparation, dealing with post, photocopying, laminating, and other time- and task-specific functions to support the work of the Office Manager.

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 Thursday 10th February 2022. CV's will not be accepted.

Caretaker

Grade: SC3

Salary: hourly rate of £10.21

This position may be part- or full-time. We would welcome applications from individuals looking to explore flexible working hours.

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. The job holder will manage a team of cleaners and a Caretaker and will have proven experience in completing typical handyman / decorating tasks together with a good understanding of health and safety procedures.

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Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

infer

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 19/12/2021— 19/1/2022

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Amna Hussein 5E2 - who has read 305,864 words

Top Boy

Joe Craig 5C3 - who has read 982,053 words

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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



Club Information



No KS2 Boogie bounce on Thursday 27th January due to Consultation evening.

No KS3 fitness club on Wednesday 2nd February due to Consultation evening.

No 'Joseph' rehearsal on Thursday 27th January due to Consultation evening.

epraise

What to do if your child is having problems accessing ePraise from home please click on the link below:

[How to login to Epraise](#)

Pupils need to ensure that they logon carefully, using the details as they would in school.

However, as we find here, there is overuse of



This can prevent correct signing in, especially with passwords - we advise holding the 'Shift' key and pressing the letter on the keyboard instead.

Contacting the School



You can contact the school via phone or by email through the website, but please allow 48 hours for staff to respond.

We currently have only one member of staff in the main office at certain times, so please be patient.





Trips and Visits 2021 - 23



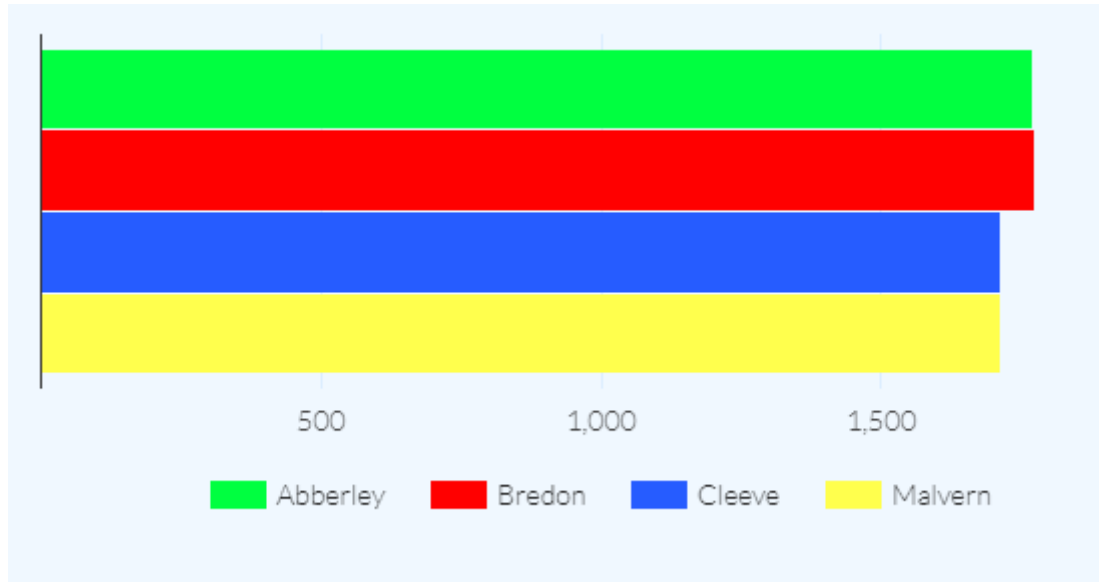
Date	Activity	Location	Open To	Cost	Leader
May 2022					
Fri 13 – Mon 16	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 324	Rev Leach
June 2022					
Wed 22 – Fri 24	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 24 – Mon 27	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y7	£ 324	Rev Leach
Fri 24 - Mon 27	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 220	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 2	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