

Dear Parents and Carers,

The National Education Union has called on its members to take strike action on Wednesday 1st February. The union's dispute is with the Secretary of State, not our school. This is because *"she has failed to give the undertaking sought by the NEU to make available additional and sufficient funds to allow employers to pay a fully funded increase in teachers' pay at a rate greater than inflation"*.



There is not sufficient certainty that there will be adequate staffing levels to safely teach or supervise pupils on the proposed day of industrial action by members of the National Education Union. Consequently, **Walkwood will be closed to all pupils on that day.** There will be no clubs after school on that day. Please be mindful that the situation in each school will be different.



Home learning will be made available to pupils on ePraise and will be uploaded by late afternoon on Tuesday 31st January. Arrangements will be made for those pupils who are eligible for free school meals (these will be directly shared with the parents and carers of the pupils).

These measures will apply for **Wednesday 1st February**. There cannot be an assumption that the same closure provision will apply on future intended strike days of Wednesday 1st March, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023. It is our intention to provide at least a week's notice of our school's ability to accommodate pupils on these dates.



Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

"We toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith." 1 Timothy 4: 10-12

This week's theme was:
Our Monarchy

Respect and serve the Lord! Your reward will be wealth, a long life, and honour.

Proverbs 22:4

Almighty God,
we give you thanks for Charles, your servant and our King,
for his devotion to his family, nation and Commonwealth.
We thank you for his faith in you and his love for all peoples.
Bless and protect Charles in all the years to come,
grant him a long to reign over us
and we also ask the same for his heirs, William and George.
Through Jesus Christ, the King above all kings.

Whole school Attendance
95.85%

Whole School Target
95.6%

16.01.2023 - 20.01.2023

Year 5 97.56%
Year 6 93.45%
Year 7 96.93%
Year 8 95.41%



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Inclusiveness	He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <i>Matthew 5:45</i>
The assembly theme will be:	St Valentine	Continue to love those who know you and to do good to those who are righteous. <i>Psalm 36:10</i>

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

The weekend	carers of older relatives	Monday	artistic painters in all genres
Tuesday	Walkwood's sports teams	Wednesday	parents and carers of children
Thursday	integrity in public office	Friday	wordsmiths of many languages

Picture of the Week

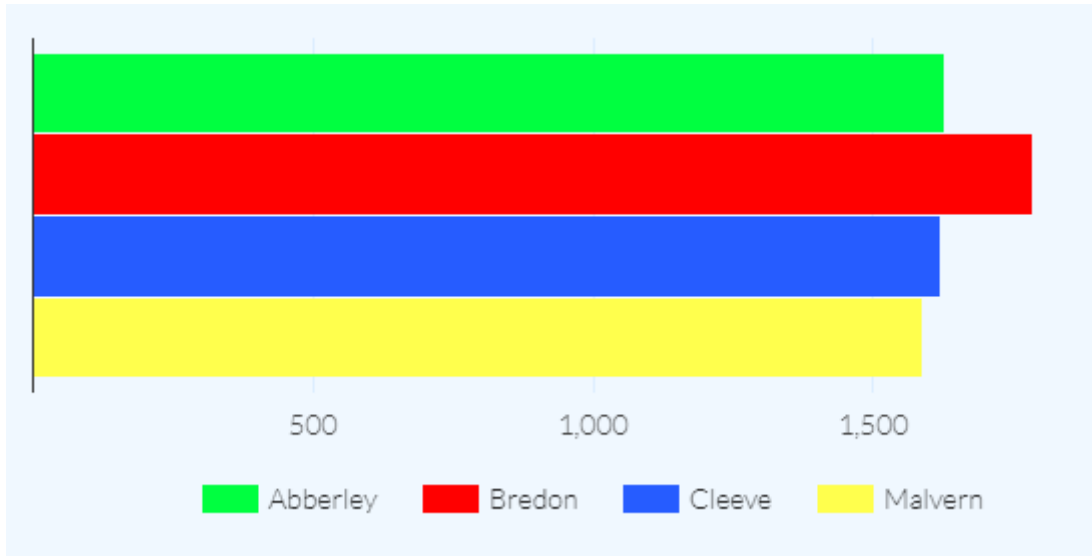
Happisburgh Lighthouse in Norfolk, taken shortly before midnight



Tom Wright



epraise this week



Top Readers for 25.12.2022 — 25.01.2023



Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Sarah McKay (Year 6 AJMA) - who has read 630,673 words .

Top Boy

Stanley Sole (Year 6 ARCO) - who has read 319,561 words. .

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

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

Happy Reading

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

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>

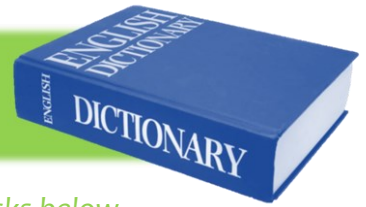
Safeguarding: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection>

<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>



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.

epitomise

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.



Prime bottles

Regrettably, these drinks are causing no end of problems in school. They are much sought after and pupils are attempting to acquire them in a variety of ways. Staff are dealing with 'Prime arguments' on a frequent basis.

Consequently, we shall be insisting that these bottles **do not** appear in school from Monday 30th January. If a pupil does have such a bottle, it will be stored in the Pastoral Hub where the pupil can collect it at the end of the school day.

If pupils need a water bottle, we insist that they use a non-branded item, or one that has a design that is appropriate for school, which includes football bottles and those with unicorns on, for example.





Clubs and Activities



Spring Term 1

	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday		<p>Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI</p> <p>Recorder Club, Music Room, GLA, 12.45pm-1pm. All welcome. We have instruments for those that need them. See Mrs Laishley to sign up.</p>	<p>Year 6 dodgeball Monday 30th January – Monday 13th February.</p> <p>Sign up only. Meet in changing rooms RDJ/ PMC</p>
Tuesday		<p>Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI</p> <p>Choir, Music Room, GLA, 12.35pm-1pm. All welcome. First sitting lunch pass required. See Mrs Laishley to sign up.</p>	<p>Year 5 gymnastics Tuesday 31st January – Tuesday 14th February (Max 26)</p> <p>Run by gymnastics coach and KRE. Sign up only. Meet in changing rooms</p> <p>Keyboard Club: 3.30pm - 4.15pm. Limited spaces. Sign up required. Priority given to those who did not gain a place last term.</p>
Wednesday		<p>Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI</p> <p>Reading club, room 18, duration of lunch, JWa</p> <p>Core Reading Club, Room 15, duration of lunch, Mrs Shanley - Invite only</p>	<p>KS3 dodgeball Wednesday 11th January, 18th January, 1st February. Sign up only. RMA/LWO</p> <p>KS3 dance Wednesday 11th January, 18th January, 1st February, 8th February. Sign up only. KRE</p> <p>Ukulele Club: 3.30pm - 4.15pm. Limited spaces, sign up required.</p> <p>No Clubs on Wednesday 1st of February due to school closure</p>
Thursday		<p>Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI</p> <p>Science Homework Drop In – Computing (Year 7 and 8)</p>	<p>Drama Club. Sign up and parental permission needed. 30 spaces available. Sign up only PAL/DDE</p> <p>Sean Paul Dance academy Year 6 Thursday 2nd February – Thursday 16th February. Sign up only. Meet in changing rooms.</p> <p>ART CLUB until February half term. Parents have been emailed for those chosen. Every Thursday apart from 19th Jan and 9th February in DT2 MGR</p>
Friday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/PWE	

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Trips and Visits



Date	Year group	Destination	Day trip?	Residential?	Cost
07/07 - 10/07/2023	5 [•]	Brecon Beacons Activity Centre		✓	£250
See below	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

For the Year 6 trips, these will go out on the following days:

Wed June 7 6c1 & 6c2

Thu June 8 6c3 & 6e1

Fri June 9 6e2 & 6e3



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 3	Monday 20– Friday 24 February	Half Term
	Friday 31 March	End of Term
	Monday 17 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 18 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 1st May	Bank holiday
	Monday 8th May	Bank holiday
	Monday 29 May - 2 June	Half Term
	Wednesday 14 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Thursday 22 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Friday 21 July	End of Term