

Dear Parents and Carers,

The two transition days have dominated this week. Our new Year 5s spent Wednesday and Thursday at Walkwood, familiarising themselves with the school and many of our routines. The morning of the first day was mostly spent in tutor groups so that the older children could get to know the new pupils, and vice versa. Tutors had prepared activities to get to know pupils, including material that would allow those who were already here to reflect on their time thus far. We had our new tutors with us for the first day at least, and we are grateful to the schools they are leaving that they could allow a day's absence.



Jesus said: "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Remember this! Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." *Luke 18: 16-17*



Almost all of our Year 8 pupils had two days at their new schools, for Redditch is almost unique in that all schools agree to do transition events on the same two days. These older pupils, who will begin their final week with us on Monday, have returned from a variety of high schools. Some of them are, like to Year 4s, ready to move on, while others are reflecting on the times at Walkwood and wondering why they cannot stay. That is all very natural, and yet life moves on, just as it should.

Thank you for the many items of PE kit and school uniform that have been donated, particularly by those of you with Year 8 pupils, but not exclusively so. The washing machine has been in use every day of this week. Some items will go to the second-hand uniform shop that is run for the town, whilst other items will be held in school for use here.



The final week of term has a number of events planned, including the Year 8 Leavers' Service at The Bridge Church on Wednesday. Currently, that is the only day that the weather forecast suggests will be dry! We shall make amendments to our plans according after careful checking on the weather app . . .



Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

This week's theme was: **Travelling and staying**

You said to me, "I will point out the road that you should follow. I will be your teacher and watch over you."

Psalms 32:8

O God, our heavenly Father,
whose glory fills the whole crea-
tion, and whose presence we find
wherever we go: preserve those
who travel; surround them with
your loving care; protect them
from every danger; and bring
them in safety to their journey's
end; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen.

Whole school Attendance

94.3%

Whole School Target

95.6%

03.07.2023 to 07.07.2023

Year 5 94.79%

Year 6 93.01%

Year 7 93.25%

Year 8 89.68%



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Honour	Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honouring one another. <i>Romans 12:10</i>
The assembly theme will be:	Celebration	I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest. <i>John 10: 10</i>

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

The weekend	safety for those who are experiencing a heatwave in southern Europe and the USA.	Monday	our catering staff.
Tuesday	the NHS doctors, nurses and support staff.	Wednesday	local high schools.
Thursday	water security for people across the world.	Friday	our Year 8 pupils on their last day at Walkwood.

Picture of the Week



ESA / NASA

An image of France and the UK seen from the International Space Station



Summer Reading Challenge: **Extreme Reading**



Where is the most original or creative place YOU can read a book?

Send your photographs to:

office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk FAO Mrs West by September 6th. 5 merits each will be awarded!

Mrs West
Librarian

Lunch Money



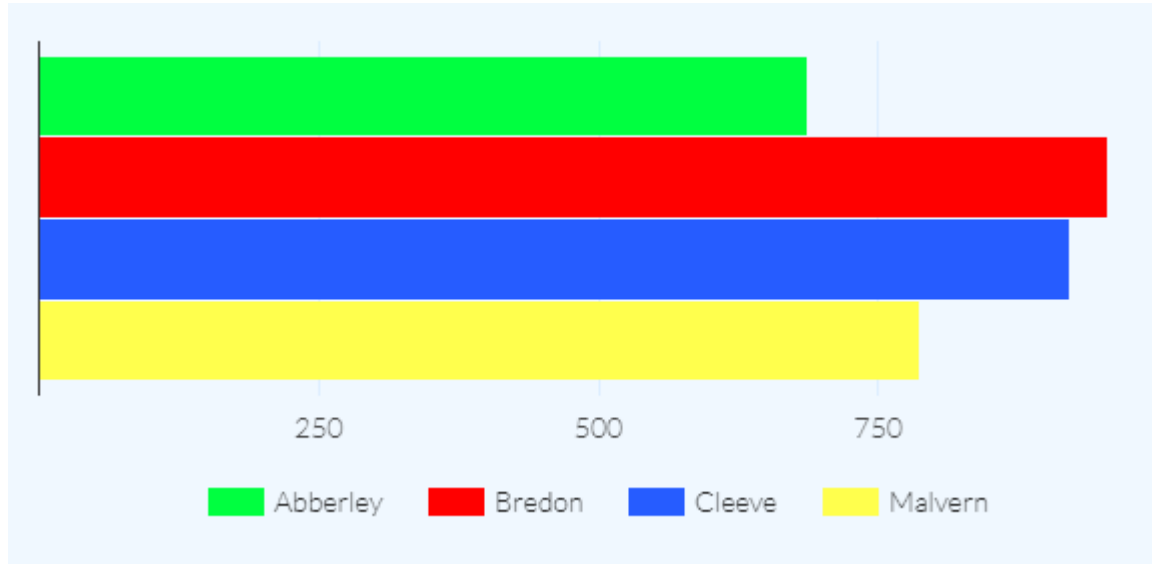
ParentPay

Please can we ask that all ParentPay accounts are settled by the end of term, particularly to our Year 8s who are moving schools. If any Year 8s are in credit, this will be re-funded at the end of the term. If you have any queries, please contact the finance office.

Many thanks.



epraise this week



Top Readers for 12.06.2023 — 12.07.2023



Congratulations to:

Top Girl

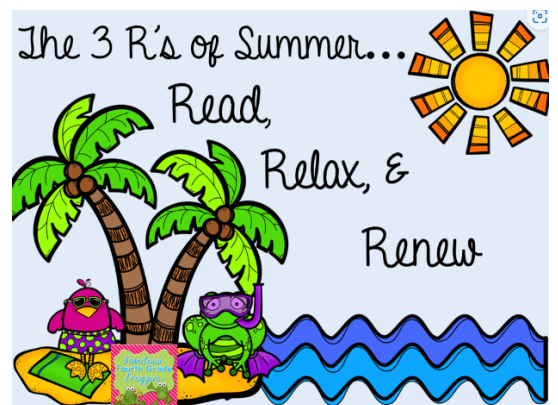
Sarah McKay (Year 6 AJMA) - who has read 458,092 words .

Top Boy

Sherwin Mani (Year 8 BKKH) - who has read 417,891 words...

Well done 3 merits will be awarded to you both.

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



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](#)

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[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>



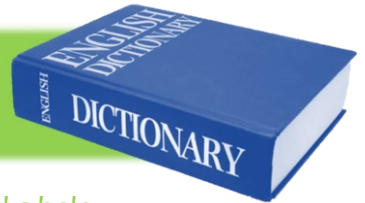
Reading matters



This week, parents and carers have been emailed about access to digital books , through the platform of myON. For this summer holiday only, pupils can login to www.myon.co.uk, using the login details emailed earlier this week. myON will give pupils access to their digital library of 9,263 books over the summer holiday! Access is free, temporary and not compulsory, although we hope that our learners will enjoy reading online books over the summer and to continue reading for empowerment!



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.

investigate

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.



Clubs and Activities



Summer Term 2

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	
Tuesday	Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	
Wednesday	Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	
Thursday	Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	
Friday	Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/PWE	



Trips and Visits



Date	Year group	Destination	Day trip?	Residential?	Cost
20/07/2023	8	Drayton Manor	✓		£40



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2023	Friday 21 July	End of Term
	Monday 4 September	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 5 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November	Half Term
	Thursday 21 December	End of Term
	Monday 8 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 9 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 12 – Friday 16 February	Half Term
	Friday 22 March	End of Term
	Monday 8 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 9 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 27 – Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Friday 19 July	End of Term