

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have launched 'Takeover Day', the first time we have been able to reintroduce this Walkwood tradition since the pandemic. Pupils have the opportunity to apply for jobs of people who work in school. The jobs may not be those that they would want to do after they have finished compulsory schooling, but pupils may be interested to know what a job involves. It is, in effect, an extension of the careers education we cover in school. Pupils need to apply for the posts available, just like they will need to apply for jobs in the future, and information to support with their letters of application has been posted on ePraise to all year groups.



Be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded. 2 Chronicles 15:7



The preparation for the residentials of this year are underway. The information evening for Year 5 took place on Wednesday, and thank you to all those who attended. The process of filling out the form is now open, so please do not delay. Many of Year 6 will be going to Blackwell Adventure for the day after half term, this being split into three visits with two classes each time because our original plan went astray after the announcement of the change in SATs dates.

We wish our standards of uniform to be maintained through this term. We know just how many jumpers get left in the playground and then 'lost', although we have a number of items still. If a piece of clothing has a name in, it helps us greatly. Also, as the weather gets warmer, we do urge pupils to bring their water bottles to school. That said, we amass around a dozen bottles each week that are left around the site, and these are placed by the in-school post box for pupils to collect.



Finally, you may be aware that all four education unions are balloting members in connection with strike action. The greatest concern is that pay rises are not funded by the government, and thus schools are placed into making difficult decisions. Walkwood is having to make such choices now, although the future of education for our children should not be something that is underfunded.



Rev. C. Leach, Principal

## This week's theme was: **Sacrifice**

Christ offered his life's blood as a sacrifice and brought you near God. Christ has made peace ... and he has united us by breaking down the wall of hatred that separated us.

Ephesians 2:13-14

Lord,  
We thank you for your sacrifice for us. We pray that other come to learn of the importance of it. We ask that we may fully understand what it means to sacrifice things for you, that you are our sole focus. That all we do is solely for you. Let us sacrifice time, relationships, and money for you and understand the value of you through that sacrifice. Amen.

## Whole school Attendance

94.6%

## Whole School Target

95.6%

08.05.2023 to 12.05.2023

Year 5 95.54%

Year 6 96.43%

Year 7 93.48%

Year 8 93.88%



## For the week ahead

|                             |               |   |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---|
| The Fruit of Faith is:      | Honour        | Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honouring one another.<br><br>Romans 12:10                               |
| The assembly theme will be: | The Ascension | Lifting up his hands Jesus blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven.<br><br>Luke 24:50-51 |

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

|             |  |           |   |
|-------------|--|-----------|---|
| The weekend | children for whom reading is a genuine challenge | Monday    | the homeless community in our town            |
| Tuesday     | the site team at Walkwood                        | Wednesday | pupils considering a Takeover Day application |
| Thursday    | more thoughtful funding of education services    | Friday    | the staff at the local hospitals              |

## Picture of the Week



Juni Kriswanto / AFP

A worker sorts used plastic bottles and bottle caps - collected in exchange for city bus tickets - before they are resold to plastic-recycling factories, in Surabaya, Indonesia.



# Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE

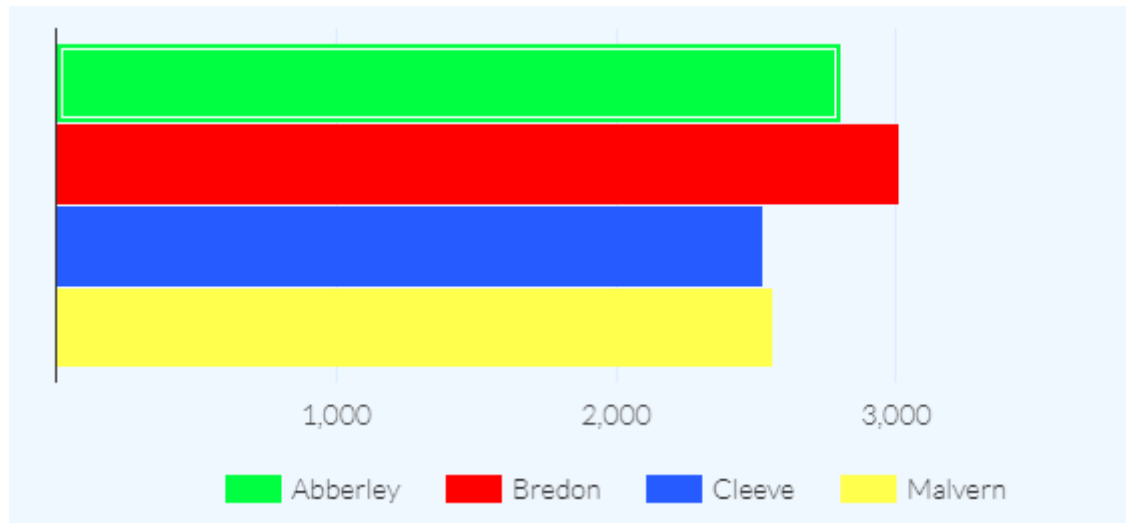
We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.







# epraise this week



## Top Readers for 17.04.2023 — 17.05.2023



Congratulations to:

### Top Girl

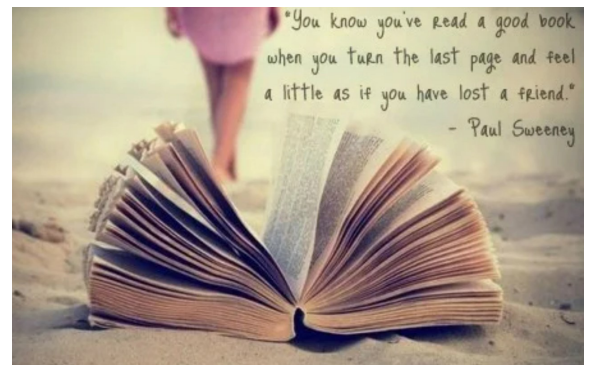
Hope Ivers (Year 6 BKKH) - who has read 943,985 words .

### Top Boy

Finn Jones (Year 8 MPMI) - who has read 195,332 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](#)

[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](http://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

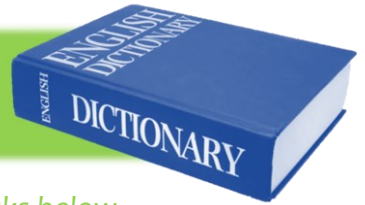


You may have read in the news this week that primary school children in England have ranked fourth in the international rankings for reading. The latest results in the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study - known as Pirls - saw England's rank jump from eighth to enter the top five.\* This is wonderful news and is a result no doubt of the hard work of children, parents and educators. Keep up the daily reading, Walkwood pupils—it really does matter!

\*[Children in England ranked fourth globally for reading - BBC News](#)



## 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.*

### personify

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 1

|                  | Lunchtime<br>12.15 – 1.00pm   | After School<br>3:30pm – 4:45pm   |
|------------------|---|---|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI<br><br>Recorder Club, Music Room, GLA, 12.45pm-1pm. All welcome. We have instruments for those that need them. See Mrs Laishley to sign up. | Year 6 and 7 boys and girls cricket club<br>3.30 - 4.45.<br>Meet at the KS3 playground entrance to changing room.<br>Sign up only. (PMC/RDJ) starts Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI<br><br>Choir, Music Room, GLA, 12.35pm-1pm.<br>All welcome.<br>First sitting lunch pass required. See Mrs Laishley to sign up.              | Keyboard Club: <u>3.30pm - 4.15pm</u> . Limited spaces. Sign up via Arbor required. Priority given to those who did not gain a place last term; participants will be informed if they have been successful in gaining a place. Starts 18 <sup>th</sup> April  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI<br><br>Reading club, room 18, duration of lunch, JWa<br><br>Core Reading Club, Room 15, duration of lunch, Mrs Shanley - Invite only        | Ukulele Club: <u>3.30pm - 4.15pm</u> . Limited spaces, sign up via Arbor required. Priority given to those who did not gain a place last term; participants will be informed if they have been successful in gaining a place. Starts 19 <sup>th</sup> April<br><br>Redditch United multi sports club.<br><br>3.30-4.45<br>Meet at the KS3 playground entrance to changing room.<br>Sign up only – spaces are full- please email the office to be put on waiting list.<br>Starts 26 <sup>th</sup> April. |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI<br><br>Science Homework Drop In – Computing (Year 7 and 8)  |   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/PWE   |   |



# Trips and Visits



| Date               | Year group | Destination                    | Day trip? | Residential? | Cost  |
|--------------------|------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| 07/07 - 10/07/2023 | 5 •        | Brecon Beacons Activity Centre |           | ✓            | £250  |
| June               | 6          | Blackwell Adventure            | ✓         |              | £42   |
| 30/06 - 03/07/2023 | 7          | Osmington Bay                  |           | ✓            | £285  |
| 20/07/2023         | 8          | Drayton Manor                  | ✓         |              | £40 * |

• 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                                 |
|------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 2023 | 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                           |
|      | 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          |
| 2024 | 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                           |