

Dear Parents and Carers,

When autumn's falling leaves cover the ground, there are a large number of them around the site as we are fortunate to have so many trees. However, add a wind that is slightly greater than a breeze, combined with doors that are open as people go in and out of buildings, and a fair number of those discarded leaves end up along ground floor corridors. Our cleaners are doing a great job at returning the carpets to a suitable state at the end of each day. Also, we try to keep external doors closed, which also keeps in the heat that our boilers provide.



You may have noticed that our school has had the Arts Mark at the bottom of this first page for a number of months. As we proceed to resubscribe to that, there have been two significant developments this week. Firstly, the choir have recorded a contribution that will open a national conference for school business leaders. Coached and accompanied by our Head of Music, Mrs Laishley, they sound wonderful in the renditions that have a significant Walkwood flavour. The organiser said: *Thank you so much for creating such a beautiful video for our conference. It's amazing what you have accomplished in such a short amount of time. This video is an essential piece of our conference, and you have delivered above and beyond our expectations.*

Also, the casting for the school production of Shrek has been confirmed. There are just over 100 pupils involved in some way, both as main characters and as part of the different groups that are part of the story. This is the biggest cast we have had in memory and is a testament to the confidence that pupils feel in wanting to take part. The production team of Mrs Hayward-Bailey, Mrs Deakin, Mrs Laishley and Mr Allen had a challenging time in the casting, and they will continue their work in the weeks ahead as the rehearsals start.



Children make themselves known by their acts, by whether what they do is pure and right. The hearing ear and the seeing eye - the Lord has made them both.

Proverbs 20:11-12

Rev. C. Leach Principal

This week's theme was: The Lord's Prayer

Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread....

Matthew 6: 9-13, NRSV

Our Father in heaven,

Holy is your name.
May your kingdom be among us and may your works be done in this world.
Give us your blessing today, and forgive us for all the bad things we have done.
Help us as we try to forgive those who do bad things against us and guide us away from evil.
Everything in heaven and earth is yours.
Let your glory reign, now and forever.

Amen.

Whole school Attendance

94.7%

Whole School Target
95.6%

06.11.2023 to 10.11.2023

Year 5 94.64 %
Year 6 93.07 %
Year 7 94.09 %
Year 8 92.97 %



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Aspiration	Oh listen, dear child - become wise; point your life in the right direction. <i>Proverbs 23: 19</i>
The assembly theme will be:	What brings happiness?	If you obey and do right, a light will show you the way and fill you with happiness. You are the Lord's people! So celebrate and praise the only God . <i>Psalm 97: 11-12</i>

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

The weekend	The work of Children in Need.	Monday	The staff at the School Admissions office for Worcestershire.
Tuesday	Our Pastoral Managers and College Leaders.	Wednesday	Prefects and the pupil leadership team.
Thursday	Those who volunteer giving time, love and care.	Friday	The emergency services.

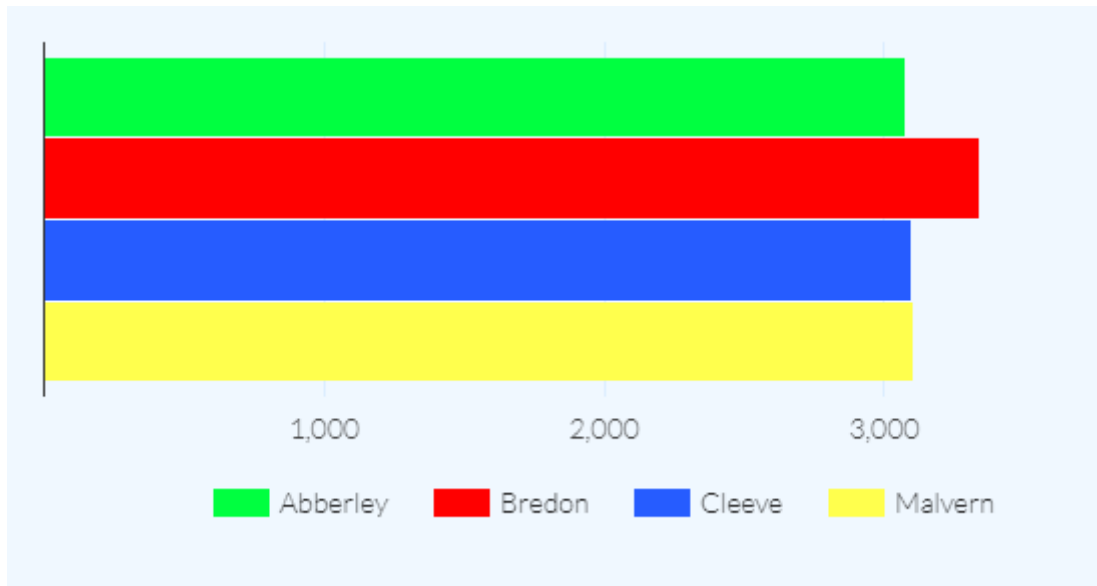
Picture of the Week



Philip Madeley



epraise this week



Top Readers for 15.10.2023 — 15.11.2023



Congratulations to:

Top Girl

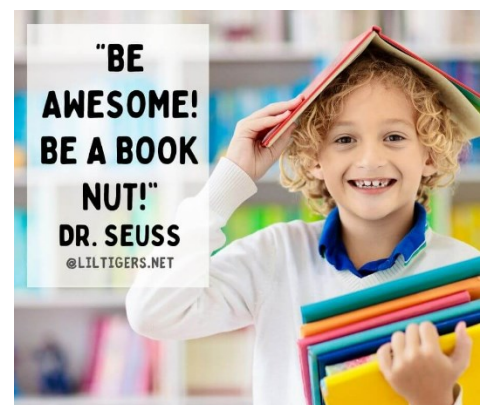
Eden Sherwood (Year 6 CPJe) - who has read 278,440 words.

Top Boy

Dylan Arkell (Year 8 ASII) - who has read 381,943 words.

Well done - 5 merits will be awarded to you both.

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





Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

For information about our school:

www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk

A summary of how our school works can be found in:

[handbook for parents and carers](#)

Keeping children safe

The following information concerns how we continue to ensure that pupils are cared for within our school:

[Early help](#)

[E-safety](#)

[Prevent](#)

[Anti-bullying](#)

[Attendance](#)

[Safeguarding summary](#)

[Safeguarding policy](#)

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](#)



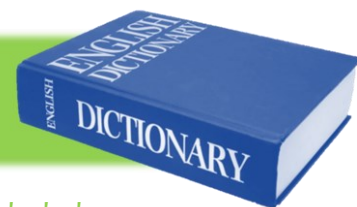
Reading matters



At Walkwood, we prioritise reading for empowerment. We teach pupils about how important reading is to them not only now, but also to their future selves, as the ability to read is such a strong indicator of success in later life. We remind pupils to strive to read for 20-30 minutes each day. During the previous academic year, our pupils read over 110 million words, with over 7,500 books being quizzed on! Keep up the super reading, Walkwood!



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.

imperative

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



Autumn Term 2

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	KS2 fitness club (PMC/RDJ) Start Monday 13 th November – Monday 11 th December. Sign up only limited numbers.
Tuesday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	School Production Rehearsals for whole cast (GLA/DDE/PAL/LHA) Tuesday 21 st November – Tuesday 12 th December (3.45pm-4.45pm) Homework club (3.30 – 4.45) DT hub Sign up only.
Wednesday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	KS3 Boogie bounce (KRE) start Wednesday 15 th November – Wednesday 13 th December. Sign up only limited numbers. Homework club (3.30 – 4.45) DT hub Sign up only.
Thursday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI Choir will take place during 2nd sitting. 12.35 - 1pm All members will need to collect a lunch pass from Mrs Laishley.	KS3 fitness (CHU/RMA/LWO/PMI/RDJ/PMC) start Thursday 16 th November – Thursday 14 th December. Sign up. <u>Not on Thursday 30th November due to meetings.</u> KS2 Boogie bounce (KRE) start Thursday 16 th November – Thursday 14 th December. Sign up only. <u>Not on Thursday 30th November due to meetings.</u> School Production Rehearsals for whole cast (GLA/DDE/PAL/LHA) Thursday 23 rd November – Thursday 14 th December (3.30pm-4.45pm) Homework club (3.30 – 4.45) DT hub Sign up only.
Friday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/LTI	



Trips and Visits



Date	Activity	Location	Open To	Cost	Leader
June 2024					
Fri 28 – Mon 1	Outward Bound	Osmington Bay, Weymouth	Y7	£ 330	Mr West
July 2024					
Wed 3 – Fri 5	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 320	Mr Wootton
February 2025					
Sat 1 – Sat 8	Ski Trip	Obertauern, Aus- tria	Y5-Y7	£ 1659	Mrs Cull



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2023	Monday 20 November	Parents' Maths Workshop 6.00 - 7.00 pm
	Monday 4 December	Parents' English KS2 Workshop 6.30 - 7.30pm
	Thursday 7 December	Year 5 theatre trip to Birmingham Rep
	Thursday 21 December	End of Term
	Monday 8 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 9 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Thursday 25 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Wednesday 31 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	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
	Thursday 11 April	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Wednesday 17 April	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Monday 27 – Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Friday 19 July	End of Term