

Dear Parents and Carers,

The details of the school production for next March have been announced this week. There has been much interest from many pupils. How they are able to 'sign-up' for auditions was explained (we are using ePraise), as was the commitment that is needed when the roles are decided. As it is a musical, singing is certainly a requirement! Although the auditions do tend to focus on the main characters, there are pupils who may well prefer to be part of the chorus, for this is still a lot of fun and demands fewer lines to learn. Any helpers for staff, such as scene painting or stagehands, will be allocated next term.



Many of you are regular users of ePraise. This app allows you to track how well your child is doing in school; a pupil is awarded points if they are making progress within individual lessons. There are also points awarded for a range of other activities, as well as 'points boosters' - these are for those pupils who have 100% attendance and zero demerits for the duration of our 2 week timetable. We are still using this app to book appointments for parents' and carers' evening, the next being a time for those who have a child in Year 5 to speak to the tutor.

There are a large number of pupils who are going to be involved in Open Evening. Some of these are supporting the teachers or other staff in departments, some are taking part in demonstrations, while the majority are acting as tour guides. If you have been to an open evening at Walkwood, you may recall just how busy it is. This event allows Year 4 pupils an opportunity to see if they would like us to be their next school. The final week of this half term has Open Days, but these are just for parents and carers who wish to see the school in action.



Let your light shine before others

Matthew 5: 16a

Rev. C. Leach, Principal

This week's theme was: The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God

Matthew 5: 3-9, KJV

Dear Father,

May you bless those who feel they have no hope, help them to understand your love and what you can do for their lives. We pray for those who are kind and humble, and for those who yearn to know more of you, we pray they feel your presence in their lives. Pour out your Spirit on those who follow your footsteps that they may know your peace.

Amen.

Whole school Attendance

95.24%

Whole School Target

95.6%

02.10.2023 to 06.10.2023

Year 5 96.63 %

Year 6 95.09%

Year 7 93.17%

Year 8 93.29%



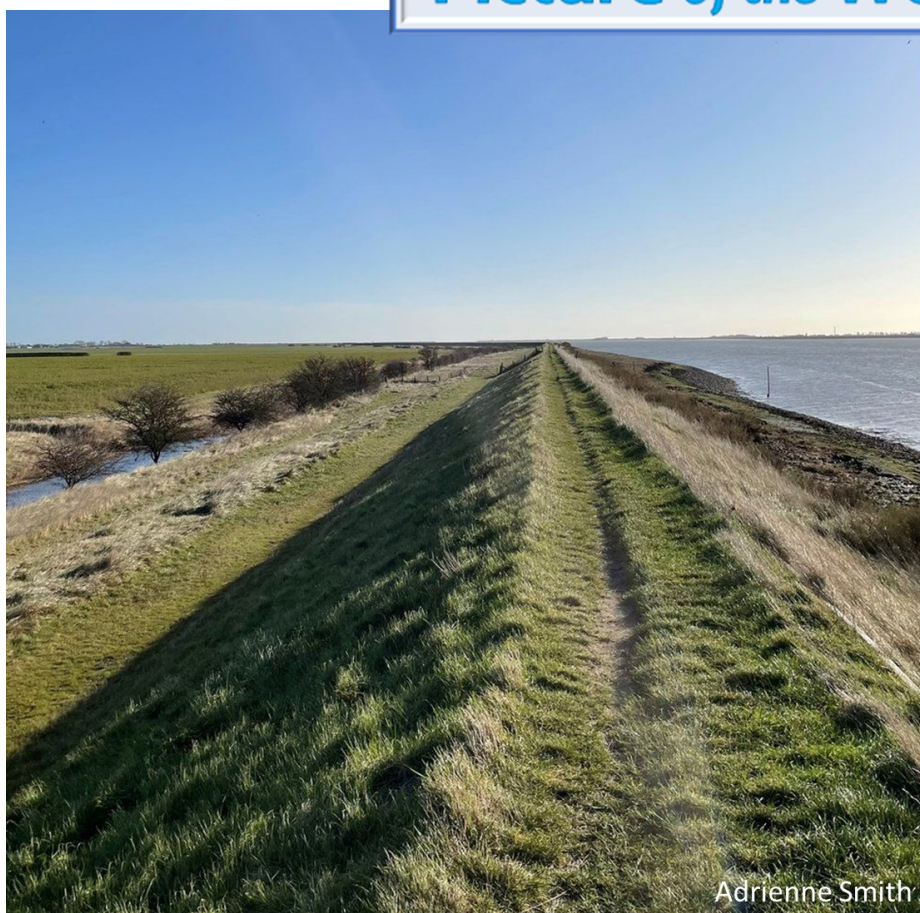
For the week ahead

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| The Fruit of Faith is: | Friendliness | When others are happy, be happy with them, and when they are sad, be sad. Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people. Don't mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others. <i>Romans 12: 15-17</i> |
| The assembly theme will be: | St. Therese of Lisieux | I pray that God, who gives hope, will bless you with complete happiness and peace because of your faith. And may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope. <i>Romans 15: 13, CEV</i> |

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

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| The weekend | farmers and those who work on the land | Monday | people involved with food distribution for supermarkets |
| Tuesday | volunteers at food banks | Wednesday | those who work is in the ports on the boats in UK fishery |
| Thursday | nutritionists within the NHS | Friday | the food we can eat each day |

Picture of the Week



The river defences near Burnham-on-Sea in Essex.

Adrienne Smith



Netball, Benchball and Football College matches

The PE department run college matches twice a year, where pupils participate in a sporting activity against the other colleges in the school. Points are awarded to teams and these then go towards the college sports total at the end of the year.

College matches take place during lesson time where a whole year group will come down to PE at once. This may mean your child has two PE lessons that week and so will need to bring their kit in on two days.

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| Monday 16 th October | Lesson 4 and 5 | Year 8 |
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| Tuesday 17 th October | Lesson 4 and 5 | year 5 |
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| Thursday 19 th October | Lesson 4 and 5 | year 6 |
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| Friday 20 th October | Lesson 2 and 3 | year 7 |
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Please can you make sure pupils have correct PE kit for the following days. It is also recommended that boys have boots and shin pads.



College Cross Country Runs

It's that time of year again!!

As part of both the PE Curriculum and intra-school competition, your child will be taking part in a 'College Cross-Country Run' during their normal timetabled PE lessons during the days of Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October.

Not only do the children gain points for their college in taking part but it helps us to identify pupils that will be invited to compete in the Redditch Schools District cross country after half term.

| Date | Lesson | Classes |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Monday 23 rd October | 2 & 3 | 8C |
| | 4 & 5 | 8E |
| Tuesday 24 th October | 2 & 3 | 7E |
| | 4 & 5 | 5C |
| Wednesday 25 th October | 2 & 3 | 5E |
| | 4 & 5 | 6C |
| Thursday 26 th October | 4 & 5 | 6E |
| Friday 27 th October | 2 & 3 | 7C |

We can't predict what the weather will be like next so we ask that your child could bring the following to their next timetabled PE lesson:

Walkwood PE kit.

A towel.

A carrier bag to put dirty shoes in.

Football boots to run in. (Optional but recommended)

An old T-shirt/Top to run in over their PE top.

If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure they have their inhaler with them clearly labelled.

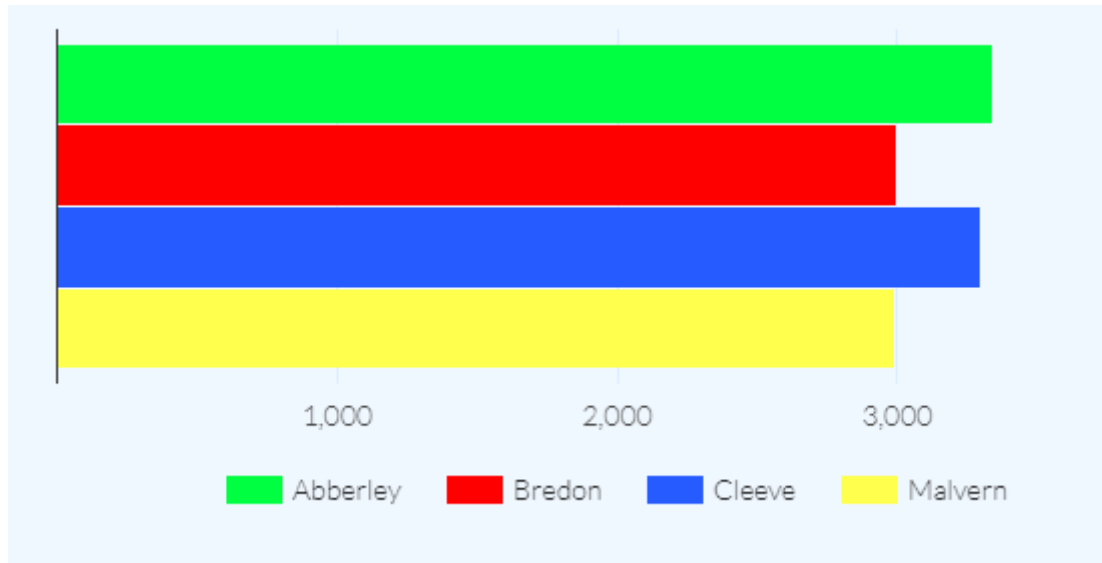
Every pupil is expected to take part but if your child is unwell and unable to take part, please provide us with a letter excusing them. However, they must still come with PE kit as they will take part in an officiating role down on the field.

Miss K Reeves

Curriculum Leader of PE



epraise this week



Top Readers for 03.09.2023 — 11.10.2023

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

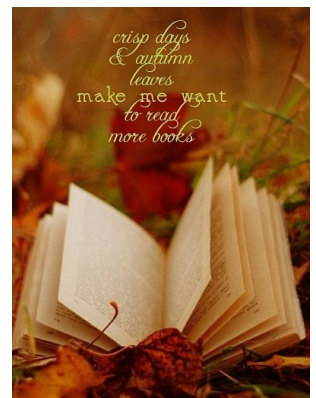
Eden Sherwood (Year 6 CPJe) - who has read 630,962 words.

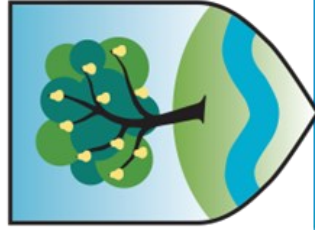
Top Boy

Charlie Gardner (Year 8 MDSI) - who has read 667,594 words.

FANTASTIC— Amazing reading. Well done - 5 merits will be awarded to you both.

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





Love to Learn;

Learn to Live;

Live to Love.



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The school's ethos and values are central to every aspect of school life.  Ofsted

Open Evening

for prospective Y5 pupils and parents.

Thursday 19th October,
from 6.45 to 8.15pm

The current pupils, staff and Governors invite prospective Y5 pupils with their parents to our **Open Evening**. Tours of the school with current pupils will demonstrate the breadth of learning that a middle school can provide.



Outstanding

Our Church of England

inspection said:

- ✓ The inclusive vision of the school ensures that all children are supported in their personal well-being and academic achievement.
- ✓ Key to the school's vision is that every individual is created in the image of God, and from this belief springs the school's outstanding attention to individual needs, both academic and pastoral.



Parents' Days

Tuesday 24th and
Wednesday 25th October

Our **Parents' Days** will show the school in action. There will be a tour, with the opportunity to ask questions of pupils and staff. Places on the tour can be booked by contacting the school Reception on 543361, or emailing us at office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk.



- ✓ Pupils feel safe at school. They are taught how to keep themselves safe online and in the community. They are confident that if they have a problem there will be someone to talk to and they will always receive help.
- ✓ Relationships between pupils and teachers are strong. Pupils enjoy their learning. They say that their teachers care about them and help them to do their best.
- ✓ The organisation of tutor groups helps pupils to make friendships with pupils across the school. Because of this, pupils build strong relationships with their peers.



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](#)



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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



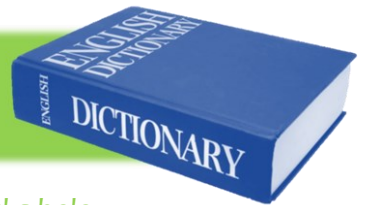
A reminder that pupils in all year groups should be quizzing on the library books they read, as soon as they have finished reading. They do this by logging into Renaissance: [Welcome \(renaissance-go.com\)](https://www.renaissance-go.com)

Once the quiz is complete, they need to visit the library to choose their new book as a priority. Keep up the reading at home; twenty minutes per evening is our expectation and will help our learners to make optimum progress in English and the full curriculum.

If a pupil has recently read a book from home which happens to be on Renaissance, they are welcome to quiz on this also. Use this handy renaissance tool to check if books from home are listed on the Renaissance program: [Accelerated Reader Bookfinder UK & Ireland - Welcome \(arbookfind.co.uk\)](https://www.arbookfind.co.uk)



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.

facilitate

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 1

| | Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm | After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm |
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| Monday | Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI | <u>KS2 Dodgeball club (Pmc/Rdj)</u> Sign up via Arbor. |
| Tuesday | Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI | <u>Year 7 and 8 netball club</u> Sign up only. <u>Homework club</u> (3.30 – 4.45) DT hub Sign up only. |
| Wednesday | Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI | <u>Year 8 boys football club (LWO)</u> Pupils selected have been notified. <u>Girls Cricket Club</u> Limited spaces available for Cricket coaching with Worcestershire Dynamos. Please sign up for the club via the Arbor link. Starts Wednesday 13 th September for 7 weeks (3.30 – 4.45) <u>All year's girl's football club.</u> Sign up only. <u>Homework club</u> (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. | <u>Year 6 boys football club (CHU)</u> Pupils selected have been notified. <u>Year 7 boys football club (PMI)</u> Pupils selected have been notified. <u>Year 5 and 6 netball club.</u> Sign up only. Meet at the bottom of the changing room stairs on KS3 playground. <u>Homework club</u> (3.30 – 4.45) DT hub Sign up only. |
| Friday | Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/LTI | <u>Boys all years recreation football –</u> sign up only. |



Trips and Visits



| Date | Activity | Location | Open To | Cost | Leader |
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| 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 |
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| 2023 | Thursday 19 October | Open Evening 6.45 - 8.15pm |
| | Thursday 26 October | Year 5 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm |
| | Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November | Half Term |
| | 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 |