

Dear Parents and Carers,

Open evening this last Thursday was a very successful event. Nearly one quarter of our pupils were involved in some form or other, and so I thank parents and carers who dropped off and collected their children so the pupils were able to be part of the event. The pupils were superb ambassadors for our school, being very willing and fully able to explain how Walkwood works, and the benefits of the schooling that they receive here. Not only were pupils helping in the subject rooms, but a great many were guides for visiting parents and children, who were able to comment on the commitment and enthusiasm of their hosts.



Additionally, I express my appreciation to the many visitors who came to see what our school is about. It was a treat to be able to speak with so many, including those to whom I usually only have the opportunity to bid "Good morning" as we pass at Walkwood's front gate.



"I will bless you with a future filled with hope ..."

Jeremiah 29:11

Next week has some Open Day tours which take place for parents and carers only, and can be arranged through the school office on 01527 543361 or office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk



Last week I mentioned ePraise and how it can be used. However, there has been a multi-school misfunction with the booking feature which the company has been working to fix. We are not the only school experiencing this challenge. For Walkwood, it affects only the Year 5 tutor evening on Thursday 26th October, and I appreciate the understanding of those who have booked a slot with the tutor while the matter is worked around.

Half term begins at the end of **Friday 27th October**, with the return to school being **Monday 6th November**.



Rev. C. Leach, Principal

This week's theme was: 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.

Romans 15: 13, CEV

O my God!

I ask thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfil perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in Heaven for all Eternity.

Amen.

Whole school Attendance

95.19%

Whole School Target

95.6%

09/10/2023 to 13/10/2023

Year 5 96.63%

Year 6 95.45%

Year 7 94.63%

Year 8 93.21%



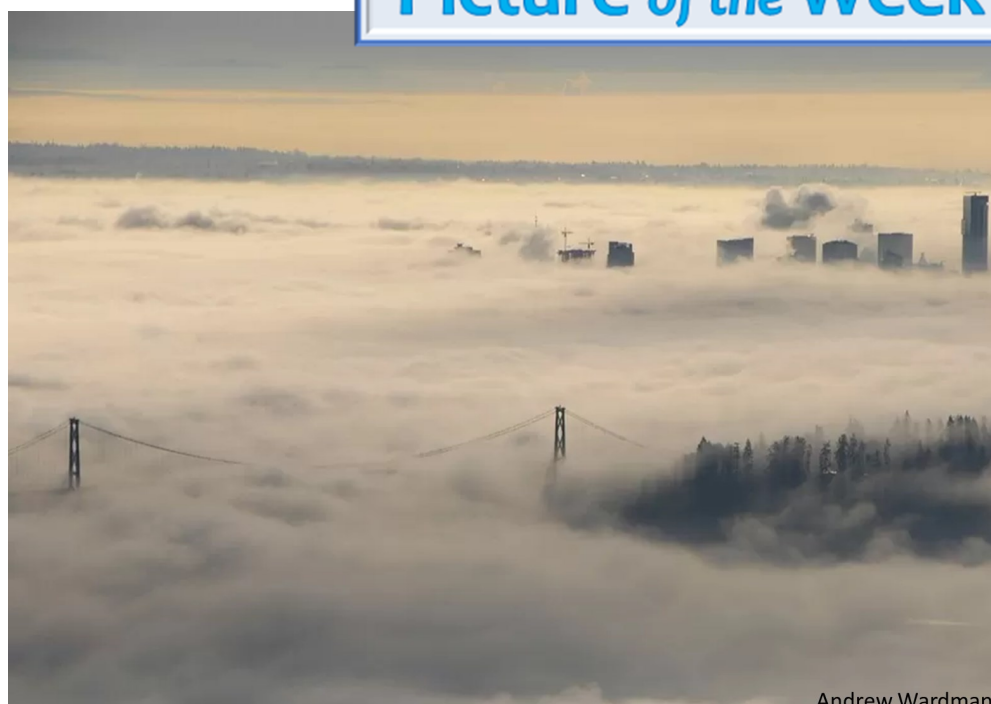
For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Friendliness	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Romans 12: 15-17</i></p>
The assembly theme will be:	Harvest	<p>For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.</p> <p><i>Deuteronomy 8: 7-10, NRSV</i></p>

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

The weekend	the places in the world where war rages	Monday	parents, carers and children making decisions about future education
Tuesday	Walkwood's Governors	Wednesday	funding public services
Thursday	the homeless community in Red-ditch	Friday	those suffering with mental health issues

Picture of the Week



Lions Gate Bridge, Vancouver, under highly unusual weather.

Andrew Wardman



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.

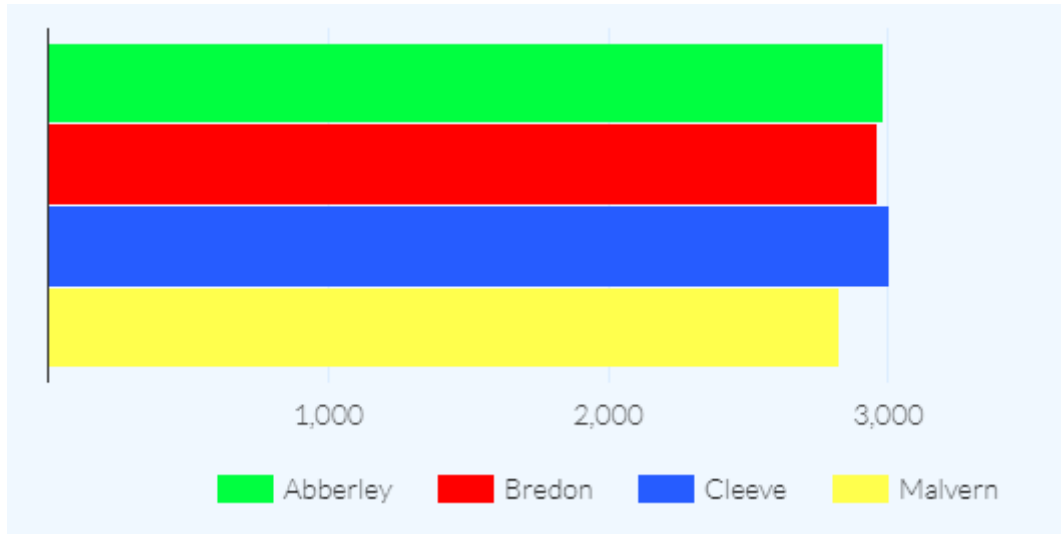
Every pupil is expected to take part but if your child is unwell and unable to take part, please provide us with a letter excusing them. However, they must still come with PE kit as they will take part in an officiating role down on the field.

Miss K Reeves

Curriculum Leader of PE



epraise this week



Top Readers for 03.10.2023 — 18.10.2023

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

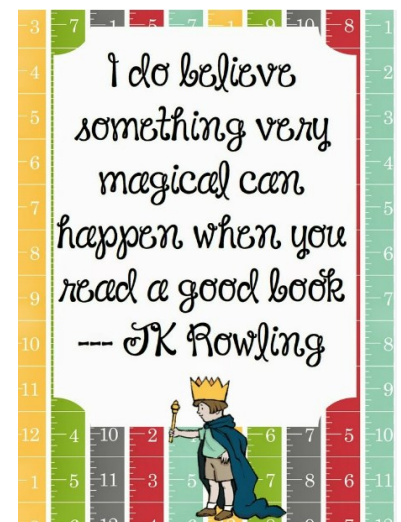
Eden Sherwood (Year 6 C-PJe) - who has read 759,523 words .

Top Boy

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

Well done 5 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

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



Reading remains a huge priority at our school and as part of that, we would like to share with you recommended reading lists for each year group – all of them considered to be high quality reading books. You may wish to explore these books with your children, perhaps by visiting a local library to explore these titles. Many of the books on the list are stocked in our school library also:

Year 5 recommended reading list: [Books for Year 5 children aged 9-10 | School Reading List](#)

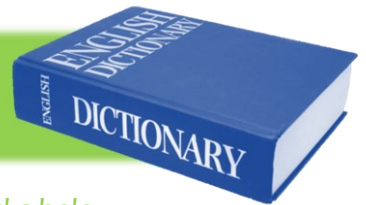
Year 6 recommended reading list: [Books for Year 6 children aged 10-11 | School Reading List](#)

Year 7 recommended reading list: [Year 7 books for pupils aged 11-12 in KS3 - our suggested reads \(schoolreadinglist.co.uk\)](#)

Year 8 recommended reading list: [Suggested reading book list for Year 8 pupils | KS3 | Age 12-13 \(schoolreadinglist.co.uk\)](#)



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.

feasible

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
Monday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	
Tuesday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	Homework club (3.30 – 4.45) DT hub Sign up only.
Wednesday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	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.	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	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