

Dear Parents and Carers,

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
*Psalm 90: 12, 14*

As the debate continues nationally about the most appropriate course of action to reduce the infections from the coronavirus, we have continued our preparations in case they are needed. Where individual families may be isolating, we are able to provide work that is matched to our in-school curriculum. We provide the range of subjects that are being covered in school. Unless you told us otherwise in the recent survey, any home learning will be uploaded on to ePraise.

That same facility will also be used for Parents' Evenings. The first will be a brief virtual 'touch base' with the tutor, and we have that scheduled for Thursday 12th November. You will receive more details about how arrangements will work, but you will need access to ePraise (see inside for how to do that).



We continue to be vigilant with our cleaning, and require pupils to wear masks when they are in places where social distancing is not possible (unless, of course, you have let us know about a pupil being exempt). A report this week did point to the increase in positive cases in the 10-18 year old age bracket (which may have been skewed by older teenagers). However, we have younger pupils on site and they need protecting too.

This week is when we would have held our Open Evening, an event that many of you would have attended in the past and which affected the decision of some of you to send pupils to Walkwood. It will be of no surprise that it cannot happen in 2020, nor that the alternative is virtual. Inside you will find an advertisement, and the links to the virtual Open Evening and the updated prospectus are embedded—just select or click!



*Rev. C. Leach, Principal*

**A prayer for Wisdom**

Lord God, You've always cared for me as a loving Father. ... Help me find You in Your Holy Word so I may gain more **wisdom** in life, in the decisions I make, and in the path I take.

Amen

This week's theme was:  
**Wisdom**

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die: a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes 3

**Whole School Attendance**  
97.21%

**Whole School Target**  
95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 05/10/20

5C2, 5E1  
6C3, 6E1, 6E3  
7C3, 7E2



# For the week ahead



<b>The Fruit of Faith is:</b>	<b>Forgiveness</b>	Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends. Proverbs 17:9
<b>The assembly theme:</b>	<b>Harvest</b>	As long as the earth continues, planting and harvest, cold and hot, summer and winter, day and night will not stop. Genesis 8:22

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

<b>The weekend</b>	pupils and parents who are deciding on their school preferences.	<b>Monday</b>	those who have lost touch with their origins and roots
<b>Tuesday</b>	the local food bank and the people it serves.	<b>Wednesday</b>	Police officers and the PCLOs
<b>Thursday</b>	people whose lives lack aim, purpose and direction.	<b>Friday</b>	our pupils as they begin half term.

## Picture of the Week



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On a journey to Norway, "the lady in green" unexpectedly appeared for Nicholas Roemmelt from Germany, making the whole sky burn with colours.



# Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

Love to Learn;

Learn to Live;

Live to Love.



## Admissions

In the current circumstances,  
we have a virtual tour and full  
information is available . . . .

# September 2021



Take a look at our website:

[www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk)

for the [Virtual Open Evening](#) and [Prospectus](#)



## Our Church of England inspection said: **Outstanding**

- ✓ 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.



- ✓ An impressive ethos pervades the school. Its motto 'Love to learn, learn to live, live to love' reflects the Christian principles that underpin the school's work. The school is fully inclusive of all faiths and beliefs. It values each individual. It has nourished a very positive climate for learning in the school which helps all pupils to thrive.
- ✓ During their time at the school, pupils develop into confident, articulate pupils. They acquire good social skills, develop tolerance of others and are resilient.

A reminder to check you all have access to ePraise. Not only is this how you can monitor your child's homework, points, awards and demerits but it is also where you will book parent's evenings.

There is an ePraise app available for Android and Apple phones or you can visit [www.epraise.co.uk](http://www.epraise.co.uk), ensuring you select Walkwood Church of England Middle School from the list of schools.

If you have forgotten your password, or have never logged into ePraise before, then click on the parent tab and enter your email address, leave the password field blank, press submit and a password will be sent to your email.

If you do not have an email address registered with us then you will be unable to login so you will need to contact the school reception to add an email address to your contact details.

# Reminder



Half term begins at the end of school on  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**

All being well and there are no change in local or national circumstances,  
pupils return to school on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

## Autumnal colours around our site





# Parent E-Safety Session

Practical advice to keep your children safe online

- Practicable help - instantly actionable
- Easy to follow guidance aimed at beginners to experts
- Covering a wide range of platforms and devices
- Protect all ages of children (and parents!)

From identifying the risks, to practicable steps parents can take straight away to reduce them. This session is all about ensuring pupils and parents use the internet and technology safely, especially with more pupils than ever using technology at home.

**No software required - simply click the button and join our virtual event**

<https://www.lourdesit.org.uk/esafety/>

**Wednesday 21st October, 6.30pm**



The public consultation on the proposed admission arrangements for the 2022/23 academic year for Worcestershire schools is now open:

[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20632/school\\_admissions\\_policies\\_and\\_appeals/2292/admissions\\_policies\\_2022\\_to\\_2023\\_consultation](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20632/school_admissions_policies_and_appeals/2292/admissions_policies_2022_to_2023_consultation)

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is proposing that we name specific schools within our admissions policy, which is available from [here](#). If you would like to provide feedback on the proposal, please use the form provided on the Worcestershire Children First [website](#).





# Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

## gruelling

What word class is this word? Could it belong to more than one word class?

How many syllables does it have?

Write the dictionary definition(s) of this word, using your own words.

Are there any synonyms for the word?

Are there any antonyms for the word?

Write four sentences, each containing the word.

Challenge: 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 joyous:

*Statement: Xavier is feeling joyous this morning.*

*Question: Does that music sound joyous to you?*

*Command: Make yourself look a little more joyous.*

*Exclamation: What a joyous evening!*

Show your tutor your notes on Word of the Week and receive a merit for answering the questions above!



## Top Readers for 15th September 2020 - 15th October 2020

Congratulations to:

### Top Girl

Evie Morgan (5E1 Malvern) - who has read 1,083,572 words

### Top Boy

Joseph Bellizi (6C2 Malvern) - who has read 1,005,741 words

Well done - 3 merits will be awarded to you both.

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



"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."

- Roald Dahl



# 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>



[Check if you or your child has coronavirus symptoms](#)

[Track and trace](#)

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.



Public Health  
England

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)

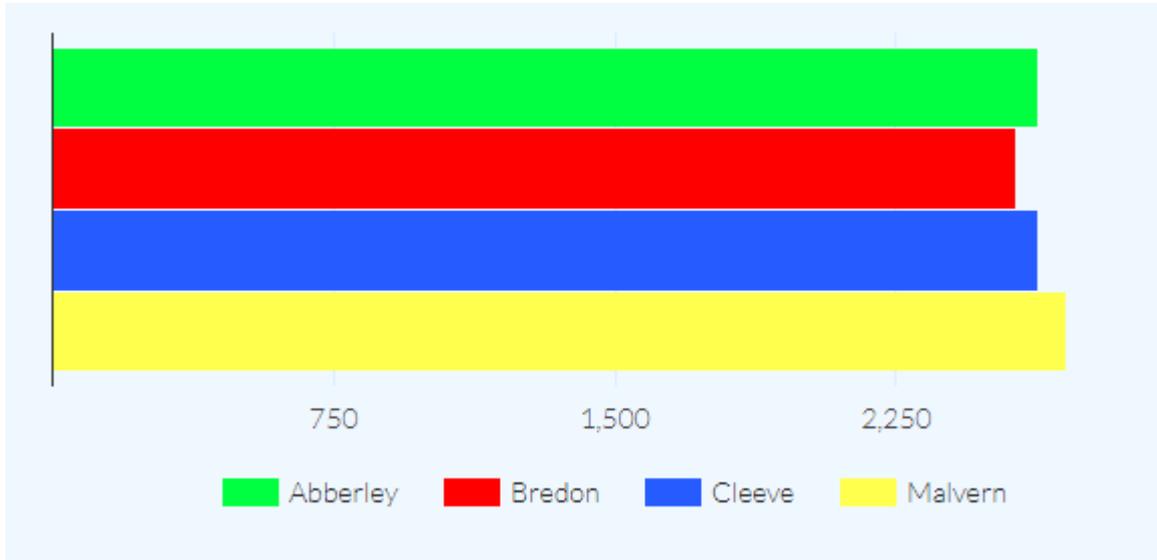
[Guidance for households with grandparents, parents and children living together where someone is at increased risk or has possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)



# Epraise Update



## Points This Week: By College





# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2	Friday 23 October	Staff Development Day
0	Monday 26 to Friday 30 October	<b>Half term</b>
2	Friday 18 December	<b>End of Term</b>
0	Monday 4 January	Staff Development Day
2	Tuesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
2	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February	<b>Half Term</b>
1	Thursday 1 April	<b>End of Term</b>
	Monday 19 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	<b>Half Term</b>
	Wednesday 21 July	<b>End of Term</b>