

Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday had the England game coinciding with school time. Mr West made a strong case for pupils having the opportunity to watch the national team, and so it was! We were initially uncertain if our usually strong broadband would hold up to the challenge of 24 classrooms also streaming the match, so two of the Colleges were stationed in the hall.



I lost count of the number of goals due to the cacophony that was coming from all those who were together in the hall. The variety of sounds was rather interesting, but the common engagement with the event was very clear.

Also on Monday saw the weather turn during the day, and the rain was continual by the end of the school day. Therefore, there would have been a fair few pupils who returned home very wet: the common factor being the lack of a coat. As the winter draws in, pupils need to arrive in school with a suitable coat which can stay safely in the locker during the day. Of course pupils should fetch this at break and/or lunchtimes when the weather is inclement.



Also as it gets colder, we have been thankful for the increased insulation in the roof that was installed here. It keeps the heat inside the building well, and we boost the radiators in the morning to have a comfortable warm school for when the pupils arrive. The contrast with the last couple of winters, when Covid required us to have plenty of ventilation, with doors and windows ajar in all temperatures, could not be more obvious.

Learn where there is wisdom, where there is strength, where there is understanding, so that you may at the same time discern where there is length of days, and life, where there is light for the eyes, and peace.

Baruch 3:14

Rev. C. Leach
Principal

This week's theme was:
Resilience

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:6-8

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

Whole school Attendance

95.51%

Whole School Target

96.0%

14.11.2022 to 18.11.2022

Year 5 — 96.72%

Year 6 — 95.30%

Year 7 — 95.07%

Year 8 — 94.87%



For the week ahead

<p>The Fruit of Faith is:</p>	<p>Achievement</p>	<p>At last I have seen what is good and beautiful: It is to eat and drink and to enjoy the good in all our hard work under the sun during the brief lives God gives us. That is our lot in life. Ecclesiastes 5:18</p>
<p>The assembly theme will be:</p>	<p>Calming the storm</p>	<p>One day Jesus and his disciples got in a boat. “Let’s cross the lake,” he said. And off they went. It was smooth sailing, and he fell asleep. A terrific storm came up suddenly on the lake. Water poured in, and they were about to capsize. They woke Jesus: “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!” Getting to his feet, he told the wind, “Silence!” and the waves, “Quiet down!”. They did it. The lake became smooth as glass. Luke 8:23-25 The Message</p>

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

<p>The weekend</p>	<p>Healthcare workers who are on shift over these two days</p>	<p>Monday</p>	<p>The elderly, that they are not lonely at this time</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>The workers who transport food to our shops</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Local charities that support the community of Redditch</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Those we know that are unwell</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>Religious leaders of all faiths who support the common good</p>

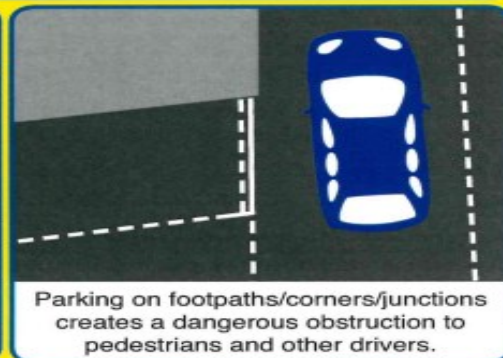
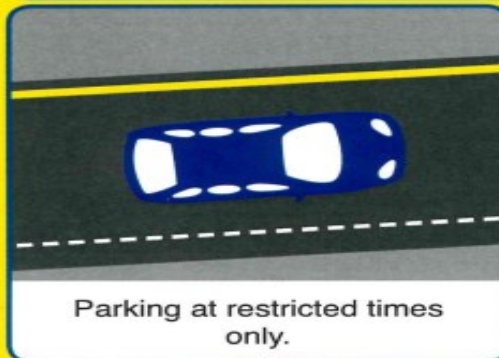
Picture of the Week





Think before you park!

Illegal and irresponsible parking can put lives in danger.
Remember the following:



If you choose to ignore this advice you may be prosecuted.
The safety of pedestrians is far more important than finding a close spot to leave your car. Always think before you park.

 West Mercia
POLICE

www.westmercia.police.uk

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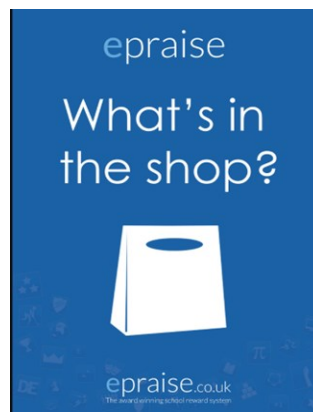
Collecting lots of Epraise points?

Need some new stationery?

Check out the Epraise shop on your account.

Lots of items to buy using your Epraise points.

Place your order on Epraise. Items will be delivered to you in your tutor room Friday week 2.



Any suggestions or questions please speak to Mrs Thurston



Points Boosters

'Points Boosters' are designed to reward all pupils who have 100% attendance and those pupils who consistently uphold and adhere to the Walkwood Values.

How does it work?

Attendance Points Boosters

- A 5-point booster will be awarded every time your child has 100% Attendance for the period of the 2week timetable - Week 1 & Week 2.
- These points are awarded at the end of every Week 2

Zero Demerit Points Boosters

A reward for all pupils who continue to demonstrate excellent focus and behaviour in and out of lessons.

- We are awarding a 5-point booster for every time your child has Zero Demerits during the period of the 2-week timetable- Week 1 & Week 2.
- Again, these points are awarded at the end of every Week 2

At the end of each term (Autumn, Spring, Summer)

The Walkwood Celebration Assembly Prize Draw



Fabulous prizes to be won

The Attendance Goldfish Bowl

Pupils will be entered into the draw if their attendance is 97% and above

The Zero Demerit Goldfish Bowl

Pupils will be entered into the draw for having ZERO Demerits for the term

As a school, we continue to evolve and adapt our systems as we search to motivate our pupils to want to attend school and give their best whilst they are here. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.



College Christmas Tree Contest

This year we are having a competition to see which college can produce the best College Christmas Tree. We would like to ask pupils and parents to donate decorations for the trees in the relevant college colours. These can be homemade or leftovers from what is in the attic at home. Pupils in the winning college will receive Epraise point boosts, as well as bragging rights for the seasonal period. Donated decorations can be delivered to pastoral offices up until 1st December.

Impartial staff will judge the Christmas trees so there can be no cheating!

Remember **red** for Bredon, **green** for Abberley, **yellow** for Malvern and **blue** for Cleeve.



Festive Jumpers

On the last day of this term, Friday 16th December, pupils and staff are invited to replace their usual jumpers with a Christmas version. The rest of the Walkwood uniform is to be worn, please, as it is not a non-uniform day.

This is not compulsory! There will be pupils and adults who will be in their usual attire. School will finish at the usual time: ho, ho, ho!

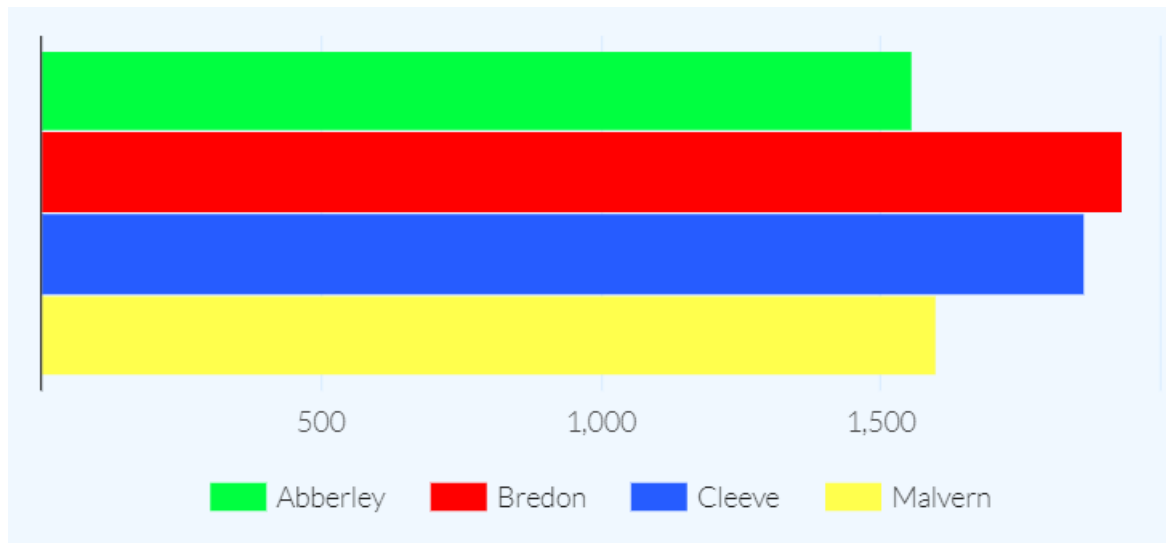
We ask for a donation of £ 1 which will go to

Children in Need.





epraise this week



Top Readers for 23.10.22 — 23.11.2022

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

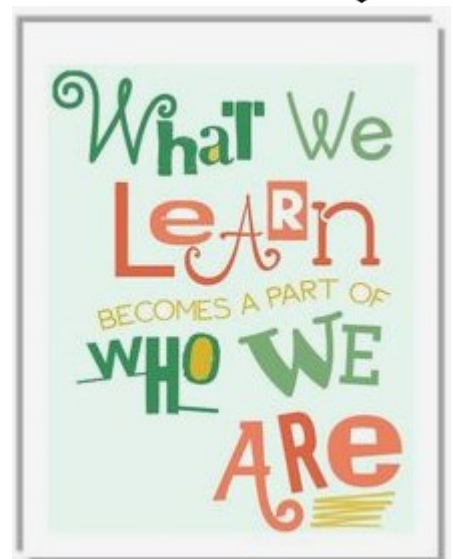
Alice Parker (Year 7 BDDE) - who has read 868,809 words .

Top Boy

Charles Gardner (Year 7 MDSL) - who has read 367,668 words. .

Well done - 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>

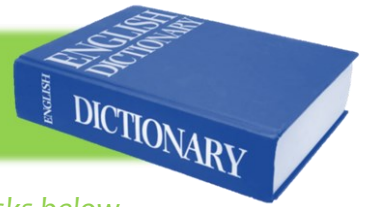
Safeguarding: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection>

<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>



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.

peruse

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

	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI Lexia Club ITA Miss Walker	KS2 Boys and Girls multi sports club RDJ/ PMC Meet in changing rooms Sign up only Last week 28th November.
Tuesday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI Choir, Music Room, GLA, 12.35pm-1pm. All welcome. First sitting lunch pass required. See Mrs Laishley to sign up.	Keyboard Club, Music Room, GLA. Sign up only. 10 spaces available.
Wednesday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI Reading club, room 18, duration of lunch, JWa Lexia Club ITA Mrs Shanley	Year 7 & 8 fitness club. Parental permission and sign up needed Meet in the changing rooms RMA & LWO Last session Wednesday 7 th December KS2 boogie bounce Sign up only Meet in changing rooms KRE Last session Wednesday 7 th December Year 5-8 STEM Club. (Lab 1) current group to continue until 7 th Dec FCI
Thursday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI Science Homework Drop In – Computing (Year 7 and 8)	Year 5 & 6 fitness club. Parental permission and sign up needed Meet in the changing rooms CHU & PMI Last session Thursday 8 th December Ks3 Boogie Bounce club Sign up only Meet in changing rooms KRE Last session Thursday 8 th December Year 5-8 Art Club. Puppetry and Xmas Gons. First come first serve basis. 12 spaces available. Parental permission and sign up needed. Starts 29 th September - 8 th December MGR Yr5-8 Drama club. 30 spaces available. Parental permission and sign up needed. Starts 10 th November. PAL & DDE
Friday		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		✓	£250
12/05/2023	6	Blackwell	✓		£38 *
30/06 - 03/07/2023	7	Osmington Bay Activity Park		✓	£285
19/07/2023	8	Drayton Manor	✓		£40 *
04/02 - 11/02/2023	6,7,8 [•]	Obertauern, Austria		✓	£1360

[•] Fully booked

* Current estimated cost



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 2 2 2 0 2 3	Friday 16 December	End of Term
	Tuesday 3 January	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 4 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 9 January	Parents English KS2 Workshop 6.30-7.30pm
	Thursday 19 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00 -7.00pm
	Wednesday 25 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00 -7.00pm
	Monday 20– Friday 24 February	Half Term
	Friday 31 March	End of Term
	Monday 17 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 18 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 29 May - 2 June	Half Term
	Thursday 8 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Wednesday 14 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Friday 21 July	End of Term