

Dear Parents and Carers,

When I selected this symbol to put on the front of this term's parents' handbook, I did not imagine that there would be a to-and-fro between the two parts of the picture all on one day—Wednesday. That said, the week has produced some challenges due to the weather while maintaining our Covid measures, but we have managed. We do try and allow pupils to be outside for break and lunch whenever we can.



We are not yet aware of the consequences of any changes that may be suggested by the Department for Education as the Covid roadmap progresses. Indeed, this term there maybe two shifts in national restrictions, and we shall consider fully how we respond, or if any action is necessary this side of September.

What we are hoping to do is have a variation on our transition days, provisionally set for Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July. These dates have been agreed across our town and how they unfold will depend on the restrictions and any guidance schools receive. Therefore, we shall have a Plan A and B (with a possible C to boot!).

Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. And God's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

As you may have noticed last week, there is message within these pages from Orchard Clothing, which we repeat in this edition just in case.



Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

A prayer for Putting others first

Dear God,

Thank you so much for all you have done for me. Help me to show your love to other people by putting them first. In Jesus' name,

Amen.

This week's theme was:
Putting others first

Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves.

Philippians 2:3

Whole School Attendance

95.33%

Whole School Target

95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 26.4.21

5C2

7e2



For the week ahead



<p>The Fruit of Faith is:</p>	<p>Honour</p>	<p>Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honouring one another.</p> <p>Romans 12:10</p>
<p>The assembly theme:</p>	<p>Putting others first</p>	<p>Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves.</p> <p>Philippians 2:3</p>

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

<p>The weekend</p>	<p>The staff at the local hospitals</p>	<p>Monday</p>	<p>Those with disabilities</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>For those who have experienced bullying online and offline</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>The local churches and community centres</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>The elderly who are lonely</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>those fasting during Ramadan</p>

Picture of the Week



A day after a volcano erupted earlier last month in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. It's been 42 years since La Soufrière volcano -- French for sulfur outlet -- erupted.

As we progress into Summer term, there may be bouts of warm weather. We encourage pupils to make use of our water dispensers by filling up their water bottles (best to name them in case they get lost—and all too many do!) Avoiding guzzling water is something that pupils gradually learn, in time, and we ask that water bottles are placed under the pupils' tables in our classrooms to avoid 'over-watering' which then results in numerous requests for visits to the toilet.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about The Ofcom Children and Parents: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES Report 2020/21

Content Consumption



of children aged 5-15 watch content on video-sharing platforms (VSPs)

Most popular apps used by 12-15 year olds



Online Gaming: Who Plays Games Online?



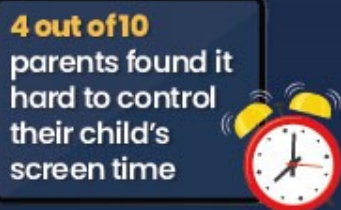
Posting/sharing content



Social Pressures



Screen Time



Parental Concerns



Online Safety



Vulnerable Children



NOS National Online Safety®
#WakeUpWednesday

Sources: <http://www.ofcom.gov.uk>

8-11s

40% watch other people's live streams
8% have shared live streams
Most popular platforms:



Live Streaming



12-15s

50% watch other people's live streams
17% have shared live streams
Most popular platforms:



We would like to take this opportunity to again update you on the current situation on how we intend to continue to proceed with our business.

Following a full risk assessment we have concluded that due to past high volumes of face to face visits to our store during the summer months we have taken the decision to continue with our internet ordering system. We are continuing to strive to keep both our customers and staff as safe as possible during these difficult times.

We are committed to serve our local community and continue to offer a first class service at all times. Our online 'click and collect' service will be available and 'in stock complete orders' will be available for collection within 48 hours - Monday to Friday. We will again be offering a fixed low cost delivery service for local schools for only £2.95 and **free delivery** for all new starter packs and all orders that exceed the starter pack value for your school.

We have invested in a new web ordering platform that will be 'mobile friendly' and help to make the ordering process more streamline. Additional information will be available for all products together with sizing information and enhanced imagery. Our new website is due to be launched in May 2021.

There will be occasions when incorrect sizes are ordered, following delivery of your parcel or collection, if you do require an exchange or refund, you can visit our exchanges/collection point at Unit 30 Dunlop Road Redditch B97 5XP. Please visit our website for current opening hours.

Please be aware that garments cannot be purchased from our collection point.

We will continue with our extended exchange policy whereby garments can be exchanged anytime up to the date that students return to school for 2021/22 academic year. Our refunds policy however remains unchanged at 14 days from the date received.

Garments must be returned with the correct labels, packaging and in unworn condition. Again, the earlier that incorrect sizes are exchanged the greater guarantee that the alternative sizes will be available for exchange.

We will be continue to review the situation on a six monthly basis and advise if any changes are to be made.

Thank you for your co operation

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.

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

caterwauled

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 5th April 2021 - 5th May 2021

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Lauren Carrington 8E1 (Malvern) - who has read 509,706 words

Top Boy

Aston Slater 7E3 (Bredon) - who has read 633,534 words

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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



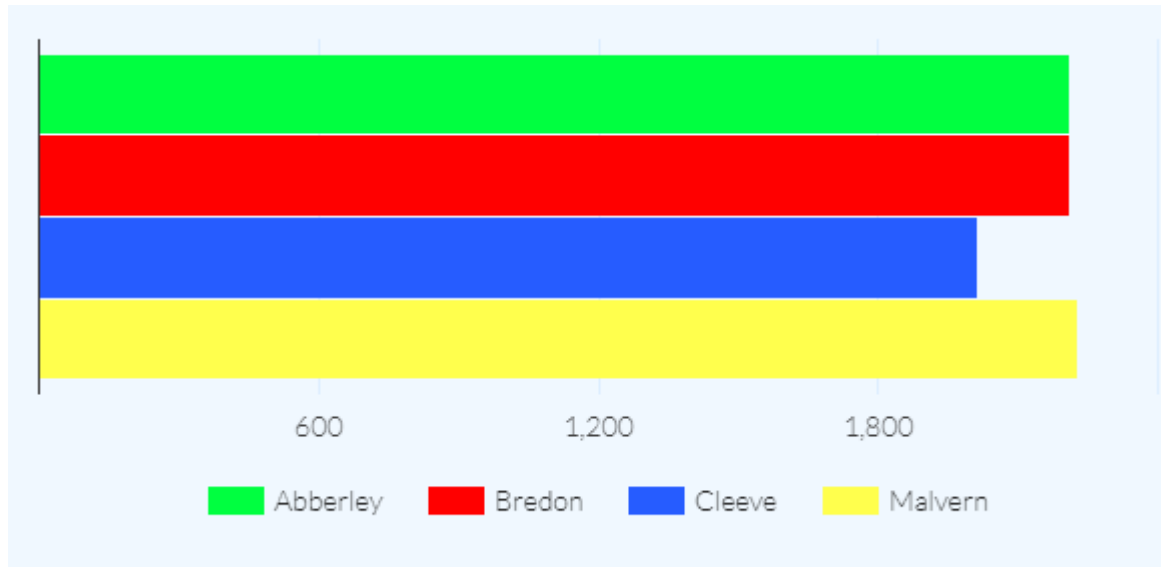
The **MORE** that you **READ**,
the more **THINGS** you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** you **LEARN**,
the more **PLACES** you'll **GO!**
~ Dr. Seuss



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College





Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2021	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	Half Term
	Wednesday 21 July	End of Term
	Thursday 2 September	Staff Development Day
	Friday 3 September	Staff Development Day
	Monday 6 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Friday 22 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 October	Half Term
	Friday 17 December	End of Term
2022	Tuesday 4 January	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 21 to Friday 25 February	Half Term
	Friday 8 April	End of Term
	Monday 25 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 26 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June	Half Term
	Friday 22 July	End of Term