



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has continued our settling in to the new school year. Pupils have been purposefully walking around the school and recognising that the bells indicate when the register will be done for each lesson. Expectations have been shared and reinforced in classrooms, and academic work has been started in earnest. The school is calm and focused. Break and lunch times are when energy can be dissipated in the playground! The canteen has been very busy at both times too.

The hustings have taken place this week for roles on the Pupil Leadership Team. This is when pupils who have applied for particular positions give a speech to their college or, for the prospective Head Girl and Head Boy, to the whole school. The Year 8 pupils who have spoken did so bravely as addressing a large gathering of fellow pupils is not the easiest task. Pupils and staff then vote, just as would happen at an election, by placing a cross in a square box. Today sees a special assembly where the successful candidates have been presented with their badges, as have the Prefects for this year.

We are finalising the extra-curricular events for this term, and determining the trips that can take place. Our school calendar is shared later within this edition, and shall be updated if needed. However, please be aware that our **school is closed on Monday 19th September** for the funeral of Her Majesty The Queen. I know this will be a surprise for no-one.



The Church of England has shared some prayers for the period of national mourning which are printed inside on page 3, and at the foot of the page is a link to a short reflective service that can be used on the day of the funeral itself. We now move from the Elizabethan to the Carolean Age (the word comes from 'Carolus' which is the Latin name for Charles).

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He shall refresh my soul.

From Psalm 23

Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

This week's theme was:
New Beginnings

God makes everything happen at the right time. Yet none of us can ever fully understand all he has done, and he puts questions in our minds about the past and the future.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Dear Lord,

You bring new and exciting things into our lives. You gives us adventures and take us on journeys that we can not imagine. We pray that this year is a new journey for us, that can be full of exciting times. A time where we can come to fully rely on you and your Spirit to take us where you want us to go. Let your Spirit guide us as we start this new year. Amen.

Whole school Attendance

96.6%

Whole School Target

96.0%

05.09.22 to 09.09.22

Year 5 — 98.51 %

Year 6 — 95.46 %

Year 7 — 97.02 %

Year 8 — 95.08%



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Forgiveness	Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends. Proverbs 17:9
The assembly theme will be:	The Love of God	I am the Lord God. I am merciful and very patient with my people. I show great love, and I can be trusted. Exodus 34:16

We ask your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead:



Almighty God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the world,
and disposest of them according to thy good pleasure,
and who hast now called thy Servant our Sovereign Lord the King to the Throne of this Realm:
let thy wisdom be his guide, and let thine arm strengthen him;
let justice, truth, and holiness, let peace and love,
and all those virtues that adorn the Christian Profession, flourish in his days.
Direct all his counsels and endeavours to thy glory, and the welfare of his people; and give us grace to obey
him cheerfully and willingly for conscience sake; that neither our sinful passions, nor our private interests,
may disappoint his cares for the public good;
let him always possess the hearts of his people, that they may never be wanting in honour to his
person, and dutiful submission to his Authority;
let his Reign be long and prosperous, and crown him with immortality in the life to come.
Amen.

Picture of the Week



The funeral cortege of HM Elizabeth II travels over the Queensferry Crossing on its way to Edinburgh. The Late Queen opened this same bridge in 2017.



In loving memory
Elizabeth II

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



From Psalm 23

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.'

John 14: 1-4

O God, the maker and redeemer of all humankind, grant us, with thy servant QUEEN ELIZABETH and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when all things are gathered up in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.
Amen.



The life of QUEEN ELIZABETH II



1926

Princess Elizabeth is born in London.



1945

Towards the end of World War II, 18-year-old Elizabeth joins the Auxiliary Territorial Service and trains as a driver and a mechanic.



1947

Princess Elizabeth marries Prince Philip, an officer in the Royal Navy.



1948

The princess gives birth to her first child, a boy named Charles who will grow up to be King.



1966

Her Majesty is at Wembley to see England beat West Germany (as it was called before the Berlin Wall came down) 4-2 in the World Cup final, presenting the trophy to victorious captain Bobby Moore.



1957

Her Majesty gives the first televised Christmas broadcast to the nation. 'The Queen's Speech' goes on to become a permanent and powerful tradition of the festive season.



1953

The new Queen is crowned at Westminster Abbey – the first coronation to be televised. Sales of TVs soar as many families buy one for the first time to watch the ceremony. The eventual worldwide audience is around 277 million.



1977

Britain and the Commonwealth celebrate the Queen's silver jubilee (marking 25 years on the throne). A chain of beacons is lit around the country, and thousands of street parties are held.



2015

Having ruled for 63 years, Queen Elizabeth becomes the longest-reigning monarch in British history – overtaking her great great grandmother, Queen Victoria.



2022

The nation celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with more events and street parties. Sadly, however, Her Majesty's health declines and she passes away months later, aged 96. After 70 years of rule, Queen Elizabeth II leaves a legacy of lasting affection and respect from people not only in the UK, but around the whole world.

Did you know?...

Rest well, Your Majesty – and thank you.

The Queen received her first Corgi, Susan, as an 18th birthday present. She loved that breed of dog throughout her life, going on to own another 30 of them.



In 1982, a mentally ill man broke into the palace and reached the Queen's bedroom! Reports suggest Her Majesty calmly kept him talking for 10 minutes until the security team arrived.



As Britain was still recovering from the effects of the war, the young Princess Elizabeth had to save ration coupons to buy the material for her wedding dress!

The Queen took the unusual step of inviting a TV documentary crew into Buckingham Palace in 1969. This let people see the Royal Family in a way they'd never been able to before.



It was Queen Elizabeth who, in 1993, decided to open up Buckingham Palace to visitors from the public for the first time.

To help launch the 2012 Olympics in London, Her Majesty featured in a short film where she meets super-spy James Bond, as played by Daniel Craig.



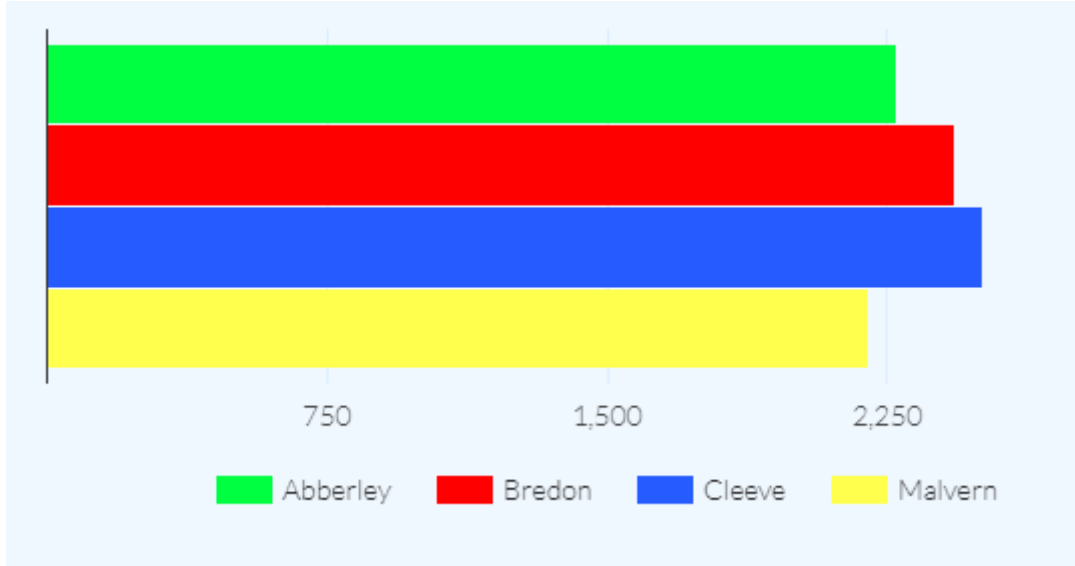
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NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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epraise this week



Knowing our curriculum

For information about the curriculum for each year group, please select:



[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

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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>



Clubs and Activities

Autumn Term 1



	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/ PMI Meet in changing rooms Sign up only Starts 26 th September
Tuesday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/ CMI	Year 8 netball club KRE Meet in changing rooms Sign up only Tuesday 20 th September
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 netball club KRE Meet in changing rooms Sign up only Wednesday 21 st September Year 8 boys football team training Meet in changing rooms Sign up with rec football link which will be sent out in an email RMA Wednesday 21 st September Year 5-8 STEM Club. (Lab 1) 16 spaces available. Parental permission and sign up needed. 28 th Sept start FCI Year 7 boys football team training and trials Meet in changing rooms Sign up with rec football link which will be sent out in an email LWO Wednesday 21 st September
Thursday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/ CMI	Year 5 boys team training and trials Meet in the changing rooms Sign up with rec football link which will be sent out in an email CHU Thursday 22 nd September Year 6 boys team training and trials Meet in the changing rooms Sign up with rec football link which will be sent out in an email PMI Thursday 22 nd September All girls Football club Meet in changing rooms RMA/ PMC/ RDJ Thursday 22 nd September Year 5-8 Art Club. Puppetry and Xmas Gongs. First come first serve basis. 12 spaces available. Parental permission and sign up needed. Starts 29 th September - 8th December MGR
Friday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/ PWE	Boys Rec Football Meet in changing rooms Starts Friday 30 th September



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
	Monday 19 September	Bank Holiday
2	Monday 26 September	SATs information evening 6.30-7.30pm
0	Thursday 13 October	Open Evening 6.45-8.15pm
2	Thursday 20 October	Year 5 Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm
2	Monday 24 - Friday 28 October	Half Term
	Monday 14 November	Parents Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30-7.30pm
	Friday 16 December	End of Term
2	Tuesday 3 January	Staff Development Day
0	Wednesday 4 January	First day of the Spring Term
0	Monday 9 January	Parents English KS2 Workshop 6.30-7.30pm
2	Thursday 19 January	Y6, Y8 Parents Evening 4.00 -7.00pm
3	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