

Dear Parents and Carers,



There are some weeks when our weekly calendar is very full of activities, but this week is not one of those. There have been the ongoing fixtures for rugby and football, and the after school clubs are being well attended. The sport will continue even as the days draw shorter, and I am pleased for parents' or carers' understanding when the weather foils any plans.

That said, I am aware that some of you may have had PE kit that has come back with additional mud attached! In fact, after the Year 5 boys came in from the field earlier in the week, I wondered if there was any grass still attached to the football pitches. The new kit is easier to wash than the previous set, and we have had positive feedback from pupils who have the thicker additional sweatshirt for use outside. As a reminder, it is not necessary to have a new set of clothing for PE, and there are pupils in 'classic' kit (including the rugby shirt) as well as a combination of both. To clarify, the only additional outer layer is the zip sweatshirt jacket.



The prefects have been settling into their roles, and those who help in the dining hall have been assisting me and the other duty staff to good effect. Thursday is an 'interesting' day as it is when we serve curry and rice: you would be surprised how much of the latter falls onto the table instead of managing to be placed into the pupil's mouth . . . or perhaps not! We have more people coming through our canteen at lunch, which is why the team have been making more food. The cakes are always popular—thank you Mrs Williams!

Don't forget Open Evening is Thursday 10th October—thank you to all of you who have allowed pupils to be guides or to demonstrate activities during the event.



Rev. C. Leach
Principal

A prayer for Helping others

Father, Help us to help others. We pray that your hand will be our guide to know when to step up and assist others in their lives. Thank you for those people in my life who help and support me. I pray that you pour out your blessing upon them. Give me the courage to step out in faith and support those I don't know. Let me be an example of your kindness among my friends. Amen.

This week's theme was: Helping others

You obey the law of Christ when you offer each other a helping hand. If you think you are better than others, when you really aren't, you are wrong.

Galatians 6:9

Whole School Attendance

97.45%

Whole School Target

95.6%

23.09.19—27.09.19

Year 5 — 98.35%

Year 6 — 97.37%

Year 7 — 95.68%

Year 8 — 98.39%



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Friendliness	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. <i>Romans 12: 15-17</i>
The assembly theme:	Blessings	The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. <i>Numbers 6:24-26</i>

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

The weekend	members of the emergency services	Monday	Walkwood's Pupil Leadership Team
Tuesday	the admin staff here at school	Wednesday	our town of Redditch, and those who work at the borough offices.
Thursday	our Open Evening , especially our pupil helpers	Friday	understanding and mutual respect between leaders of faiths.



Love to Learn;
Learn to Live;
Live to Love.



Walkwood

Church of England Middle School



Outstanding

Our Church of England inspection said:

- ✓ 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.

Open Evening

for prospective Y5 pupils and parents.
Thursday 10th October,
from 6.45 to 8.15pm

The current pupils, staff and Governors invite prospective Y5 pupils with their parents to our **Open Evening**. Tours of the school with current pupils will demonstrate the breadth of learning that a middle school can provide.

Parents' Days

Tuesday 15th and
Wednesday 16th October

Our **Parents' Days** will show the school in action. There will be a tour, with the opportunity to ask questions of pupils and staff. Places on the tour can be booked by contacting the school Reception on 543361, or emailing us at office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk.



- ✓ 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.





Year 5 'Settling in' Evening

Thursday 24th October 2019 4.00 - 7.00pm



We would like to offer you the opportunity to come into school with your child on the above date to meet primarily with their tutor teacher. This will provide you with the chance to see how they have generally settled into Walkwood during the first half term.

On the same evening, if you have a **pressing concern** you would like to discuss with English, Maths or Science teachers, these subject teachers will be available if required. Please, however, bear in mind that some staff members have more than one Year 5 group and a tutor group, and so they will not be able to meet with all parents of the pupils they teach. Therefore, **please book in with your child's tutor teacher as a priority** and then the **core subject teachers only if you have any immediate concerns**. This is not our formal parents' evening, this will come later on during the academic year; you will also receive a full school report in February.

As explained in your welcome packs, we use Epraise for parents' evening bookings. There is an app available for Android and Apple phones or you can visit 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.

The booking system for this parents' evening went live on Epraise on the 30th September. Once in Epraise select Community then parents' evenings. Click on Year 5 settling in evening then book in with the required staff. If booking more than one appointment I would suggest leaving at least five minutes between appointments to allow you time to travel around the school. Do not forget to bring your appointment schedule with you to parents' evening. Rooming lists so you know where to locate staff will be available on the evening.

As I hope, you are all well aware, teachers are always available to discuss any concerns or questions that you might have on a daily basis, whether this is related to educational progress or pastoral issues. Please use the planner as a means of communication, or phone the school and leave a message for the relevant member of staff to contact you when convenient. There is also the option to send an email, which may be done via the 'contact us' tab on our website, or to office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk

We hope to see you and your child on the evening of Thursday 24th October.

PS: Tea and coffee will be available along the bottom corridor of the main block, particularly for those who come straight from work!

Applying for middle school

For children who are currently in Year 4 and intend to be in a middle school for Year 5, it is time to apply for a place. This needs to be completed using the online system:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you do not have internet access, call the county admissions team on 01905 822700 for assistance.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is part of the Worcestershire County Council's coordinated scheme, which is administered by Babcock Prime.

The closing date for both first and middle school places is 15th January 2020



Access to School

A reminder to parents/carers & visitors to the school - could you access the main reception via the main Feckenham Road entrance only.

The Vaynor & Scott Road entrances are to be used by staff and pupils only. Thank you for your understanding.



Get involved

REPLACE

REJECT

RECOVER

RETHINK

REPAIR

REFUSE

RECYCLE

RE-USE

REDUCE

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Topic: Sustainability, renewables, waste, recycling.

Own photographs only
Printed and mounted

Categories

Redditch Rethinks Rubbish

Expo 2019

(RE) CHALLENGE

Recycle, Re-use
Recreate or Redesign

3d piece of work made
from rubbish into
something useable or
aesthetic

Categories :
Community Group

Keynote speaker:

Dr Alan Dixon. Institute of
Science and the Environ-
ment, University of Worces-
ter.

- Redditch reclaimed run-
way fashion show
- Direct links with Mtwara
- Pupil speeches
- Concert performances
- Market Stalls
- Exhibitors



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Saturday 19th October 2019

10:00am — 4:00pm

Redditch Town Hall



Redditch Rethinks Rubbish Expo

2019

Photographic Competition

Terms and Conditions



<p><u>Age Categories</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over 18yrs• 14-17yrs• 9-12yrs• Under 9 years	<p><u>Prizes</u></p> <p>£35 prize for each first place, in each category.</p>
<p><u>The photograph</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•The subject for the competition is Redditch Rethinks Rubbish. The theme is open to individual interpretation but entries must have a relationship to recycling, reuse and the environment at heart.•Entrants can submit up to four photos either as prints, in colour or black and white.•The photo should be 5x7 size•Electronic images will not be accepted without prior agreement.•Images may be digitally enhanced to remove spots or scratches, but not manipulated. Entrants can enhance the picture to make it brighter, clearer etc, but not manipulate the content.•All entries must be of original content and be taken by the person entering.•The judges' decision will be final and will be announced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Entrants must not be professional photographers and, for the purposes of this competition, a professional photographer will be considered to be someone who makes more than half their annual income from the sale of their photographs.•Each entry should be backed onto a piece of card with the school name, school year group and the name of entrant <u>on the back only</u>•Entries should be sent to delivered to and addressed to M Vaughan at Birchensale Middle School by the close of school on Wednesday 16th October or contact M Vaughan @ redditchrethinksrubbish@gmail.com to arrange collection of a group of them.•No entries can be returned and proof of posting is not proof of receipt. The organisers accept no responsibility for entries



Clubs and Activities

Autumn Term Part 1, 2019



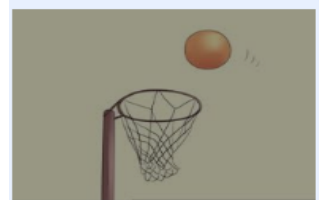
	Before School 8:00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am Orchestra Music Room 8.45 - 9.30am (CGR)	KS3 Art Club starting 18th September (ECO) Choir (all year groups) 12.50 - 1.20 pm Music Room (CGR) Eco School Club Lab 2 12.50 - 1.20pm (JHd)	Multi Skills KS2 Club (PMC) 3.30 - 4.45 pm
Tuesday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20 pm (CGR)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm All years Football Team training (if selected) 3.30 - 4.45 pm Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Netball training (team only) 3.30 - 4.45 pm
Wednesday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Colouring Club Room 15 (RSH) Silent Reading Club Rm 19 (LBA) KS3 Science Ambassadors Lab 2 12.50 - 1.20 pm (JHd)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm KS2 Science Club (Lab 2) 3.30 - 4.30 pm (JHd) Cooking Club (Groups TBC) 3.30 – 4.45pm (DSL) Cheerleading squad 3.30 - 4.45 pm LMO/KRE
Thursday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm Year 7 and 8 Rugby (PJE) 3.30 - 4.45 pm All years Girls Football 3.30 - 4.45 pm RMA/PCO/LWO
Friday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am		All years Rec football and rec netball for all those who didn't make the team. 3.30—4.45 pm

Netball, Benchball and Football College matches

The PE department runs college matches twice a year, where pupils participate in a sporting activity against the other colleges in the school. Points are awarded to teams and these then go towards the college sports total at the end of the year.

College matches take place during lesson time where a whole year group will come down to PE at once. This may mean your child has two PE lessons that week and so will need to bring their kit in on two days.

Monday 14 th October	Lesson 2 and 3	Year 8
Monday 14 th October	Lesson 4 and 5	Year 6
Wednesday 16 th October	Lesson 4 and 5	Year 5
Thursday 17 th October	Lesson 4 and 5	Year 7



Please can you make sure pupils have correct PE kit for the following days. It is also recommended that boys have boots and shin pads.

PE Department

College Cross Country Runs



Dear Parent/Carer,

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 Friday 18th October to Thursday 24th 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
Friday 18 th October	2 and 3	7e 1,2,3
Monday 21 st October	2 and 3	8e 1,2,3
	4 and 5	6c 1,2,3
Tuesday 22 nd October	2 and 3	8c 1,2,3
	4 and 5	5c 1,2,3
Wednesday 23 rd October	2 and 3	6e 1,2,3
	4 and 5	5e 1,2,3
Thursday 24 th October	4 and 5	7c 1,2,3

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 to avoid white PE tops getting stained.

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

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

resolute

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 4th September 2019 — 3rd October 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Ashleigh Morris (Year 8 CABE) - who has read an incredible 643,152 words

Top Boy

Joseph Bellizzi (Year 5 MHBA) - who has read a fantastic 649,130 words



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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



My day as the Aston Villa mascot at Arsenal on Sunday 22nd September 2019

By Amber Martin - Year 7

As a season ticket holder at Aston Villa I recently won the Villa away mascot ballot draw, and was selected to be the Villa mascot for the recent game against Arsenal @ the Emirates Stadium.

I had a fantastic day including having my own dressing room to get changed in, appearing in the Arsenal match day programme, greeting the Aston Villa players off the team coach, and then being invited into the Aston Villa dressing room to meet the players and manager to have photos, and get my shirt and programme signed.

I was also interviewed in the Arsenal home dugout - which was shown live on the big screens in the ground, but the highlight of the day was leading the Villa team out of the tunnel - holding Jack Grealish's hand!!

I had a day I will never forget-and I haven't washed my hand since!!!!



Trips and Visits

2019 - 2020



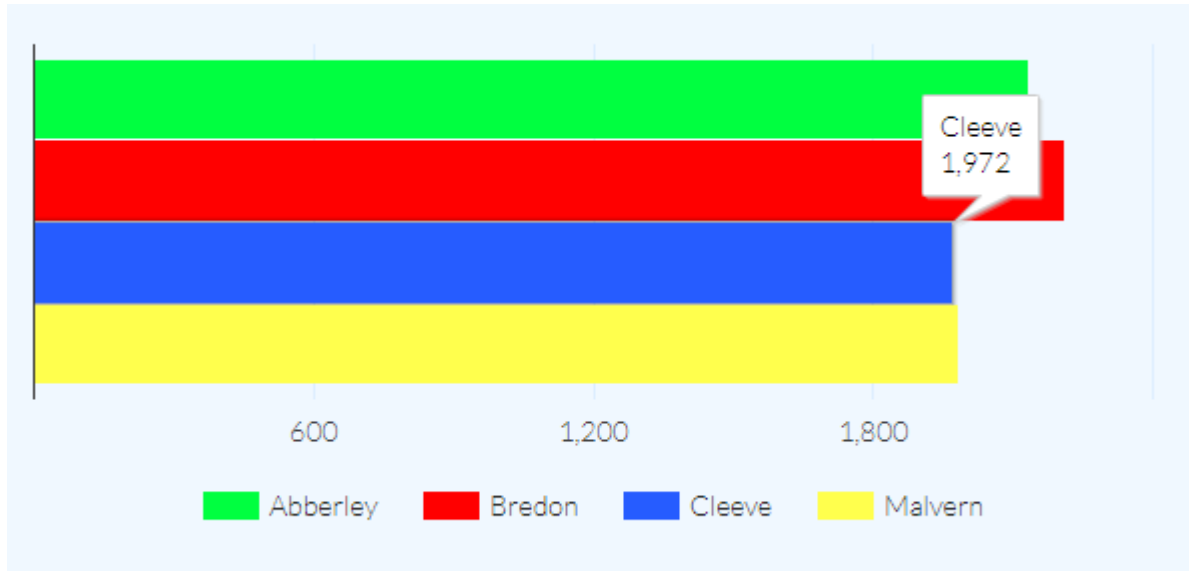
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 15—Mon 18	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Wed 17—Fri 19	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 19—Mon 22	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7	£ 320	Mr West
Fri 19— Mon 22	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 173	Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Joseph Leaver (ACWO) (29)
2. Connie Evans (MNSA) (27)
3. Tiegan May (CTPO) (26)
3. Leah Paice (ALBA) (26)
5. Norbert Cygan (BLWO) (25)
5. Olivia Rea (BRCO) (25)
5. Georgia Avery-Sherwood (ACWO) (25)
5. Allisia Coles (BRCO) (25)
9. Emilia Tyler (BRCO) (23)
10. Harry Dean (MNSA) (22)

I don't like reading aloud.

Spelling is tricky and my letters get muddled

Sound familiar?

I often lose my place when reading or skip lines.

Following instructions can be difficult.



Come along to **Redditch Library's** new reading and support group for anyone aged 7-17 with dyslexia, and their parents or carers.

Every 4th Tuesday: starting **12th November**.

- Unlock a love of stories and share ideas
- Learn what the library has to offer.
- Make new friends and connect with others.

For more information or to book a place please talk to a member of staff, message us on Facebook

Or email HSmith-Edwards@worcestershire.gov.uk

Find out more online:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/librariesandlearning



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 1 9	Friday 18th October	Primrose Proms Concert 7.30 pm
	Thursday 24 October	Y5 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 25 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November	Half Term
	Wednesday 6 November	Y6 SATs information evening and KS3 Curriculum parents information evening 6.30—7.30 pm
	Wednesday 13 November	Ski trip parent information evening 6.30—7.30 pm
	Monday 25 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Friday 20 December	End of Term
	Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 13 January	Parents' English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 30 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 5 February	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February	Half Term
2 0 2 0	Wednesday 18 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 3 April	End of Term
	Monday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 6 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 8 May	May Day bank holiday
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	Half Term
	Thursday 4 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 10 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 17 July	End of Term