

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we launched the residential trips for this school year, as we would have done in a 'normal' situation. (We hope Covid does not sully our plans.) These events depend on the generosity of our staff for the time they give beyond their working days, and receive no extra payment. In some cases, costs have risen for the companies we work with. You will have noticed this if you went on holiday this year. That applies just as much to the activities in England and Wales as to the ski trip. Do read the [terms and conditions](#) before making a booking.



Most smartphones allow parents and carers to choose which apps and features appear on their child's device and which ones don't – also preventing young people from buying and downloading anything that's unsuitable for their age. Our #WakeUpWednesday guides to parental controls for managing apps on Androids will help you to reduce the chance of your child using a game or app that might not be appropriate for their age. In the guides, you'll find tips on a number of issues such as how to block app downloads, how to stop auto-updates and how to restrict apps.



A reminder that links to specific policies are contained each week within The Insider (see *Keeping children safe*). You may also be interested to read the [home/school communication](#) protocol, our [pastoral strategy](#) as well as the [Living and Learning Together](#) policy (this covers what a school publishes as its behaviour policy, but more also). These outline the way we endeavour to work, as well as noting that there are times that matters are not always smooth and we look to address these too, because not all children are angels all of the time! No surprise that our Fruits of Faith are referred to.



Let those who favour my cause rejoice and be glad; let them say always, 'Great is the Lord, who delights in his servant's well-being.'

Psalm 35:26-27

Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

A prayer for Friends of Jesus
Lord, thank You for friends and friendships and for the wonderful way that we have been designed by You to interact and compliment each other, and to be there to quietly support and encourage in times of sadness as well as joy.

Amen

This week's theme was: Friends of Jesus

A friend loves at all times, and kinsfolk are born to share adversity.

Proverbs 17: 17

Whole School Target

96.95%

Whole School Attendance

95.63%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 20th September 2021:

CPJE, CCGR, CLTH, CEDU



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Friendliness	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Romans 12:15-17</i></p>
The assembly theme:	Helping others	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Galatians 6:9</i></p>

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

The weekend	NHS doctors, nurses and support staff.	Monday	Businesses at Redditch's Kingfisher Centre.
Tuesday	Children in other countries who do not have access to school.	Wednesday	Teaching assistants at our school.
Thursday	Y8 pupils and parents who are attending high school open evenings.	Friday	charity workers and non-governmental organisations working overseas.

Picture of the Week





Clubs and Activities

Autumn Term part 1 2021

	Before School 8.00 – 8.45 am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20 pm	After School 3.30 – 4.45 pm
Monday			Homework club All year's girls football club (Sign up only) – meet in girls' changing rooms <i>Mr McHague</i>
Tuesday	Orchestra 8.45 – 9.30 am <i>Mrs Griffiths</i>		Homework club Y 5 and 6 football team training (if selected) - meet in boys' changing rooms Y5 maths club (Sign up only) <i>Mrs Cull</i> Outdoor Activities Club (Sign up only, Y7 & Y8) – meet in changing rooms
Wednesday			Homework club Y7 girls' netball club (Sign up only) – meet in girls' changing rooms <i>Miss Reeves</i>
Thursday		Choir 12.55 – 1.20 pm <i>Mrs Griffiths</i>	Homework club Y6 Art Club (Sign up only) - DT2 <i>Mrs Grimes</i> Y8 girls netball club (Sign up only) – meet in girls' changing rooms <i>Miss Reeves</i> Y7 and 8 football team training (if selected) – meet in boys changing rooms <i>Mr Hunt / Mr Macdonald</i> Y7 Science Club (starts 7 October) (Sign up only) <i>Mrs Haldane</i>
Friday			Boys all year's Rec football club for all those who didn't make the team (Sign up only) – meet in boys' changing rooms <i>Mr Hunt / Mr Macdonald / Mr Wootton / Mr West / Miss Reeves / Mr McHague</i>

Please name it

Lost Property

We are accumulating a large number of items of **lost property** in our Reception area. We do endeavour to get the items back to the children, which is much easier when there is a name on the item. We put a note in the tutor group's post bag so the pupil can come and collect the piece of uniform or equipment from Reception.

Unfortunately, if articles are not named we do not know who they belong to!

Please therefore ensure that you name all your child's belongings i.e. uniform, lunch box, water bottle etc so that we can return the items to your child.

We shall put our collection of lunch boxes and water bottles out for display each Friday, where pupils can collect these unnamed items.



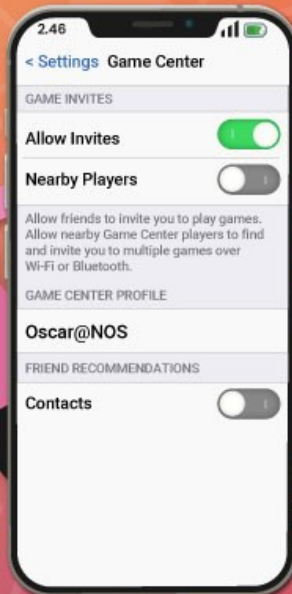
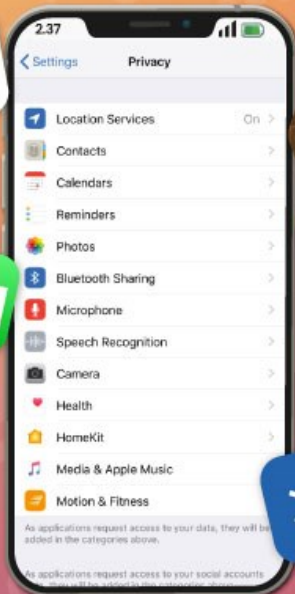
Trips and Visits 2021 - 23



Date	Activity	Location	Open To	Cost	Leader
May 2022					
Fri 13 – Mon 16	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 455	Rev Leach
June 2022					
Wed 22 – Fri 24	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 24 – Mon 27	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y7	£ 455	Rev Leach
Fri 24 - Mon 27	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 220	Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull
February 2023					
Sat 4 – Sat 11	Ski Trip	Obertauern, Austria	Y5-Y7	£ 1360	Mrs Cull

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

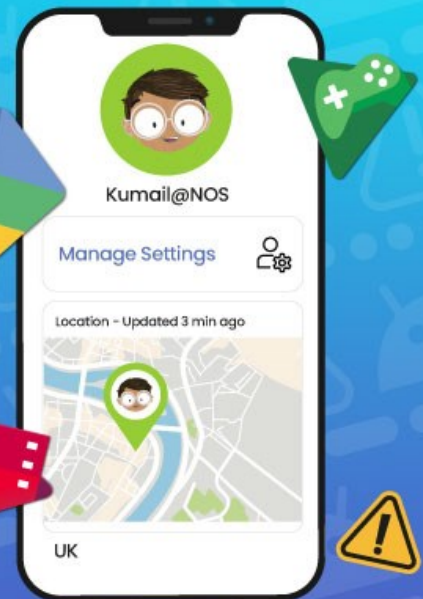
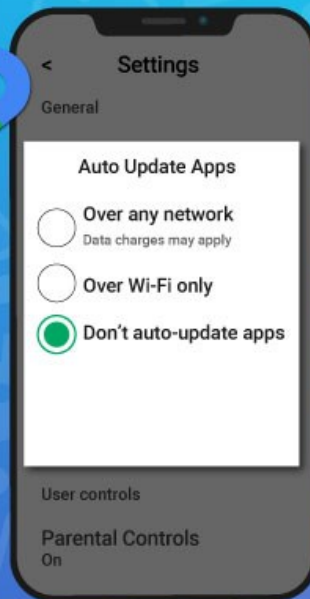
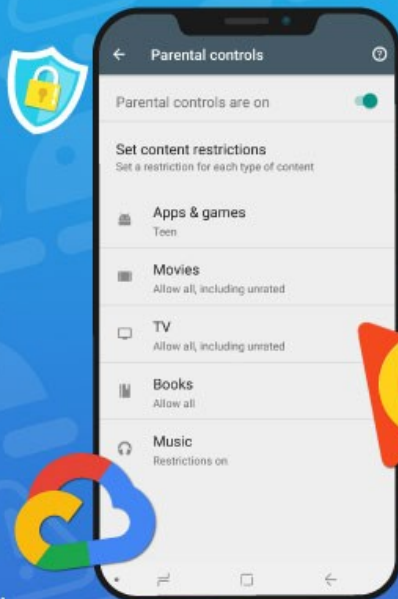
How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)



How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.



How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set



Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

summarise

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 6th September 2021 — 22nd September 2021

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Olivia Masson (ARCO) - who has read 257,154 words

Top Boy

Jack Mould (BDDE) - who has read 471,863 words

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



Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."

- Roald Dahl



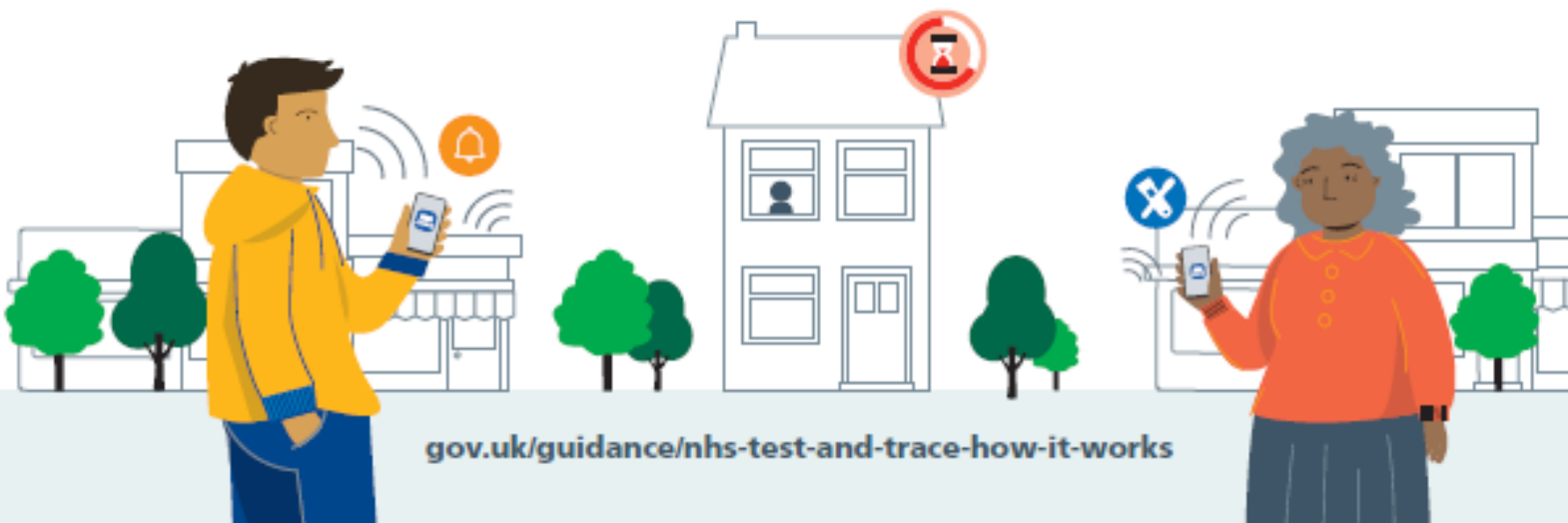
When do I need to self-isolate?

To keep life moving and stop Covid-19 from spreading further, it's still important to self-isolate when you're asked to.

There are new rules from 16 August:

Should I self-isolate if...

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| Q I've tested positive for Covid-19? | A YES: You need to self-isolate, even if you've been vaccinated |
| Q I'm double-jabbed or I'm under 18 - and I've been in contact with someone who's tested positive? | A NO: You do not need to self-isolate
BUT: We advise you to take a PCR test, and you need to self-isolate if it's positive |
| Q I've had either one or no jabs and I'm 18 or over - and I've been in contact with someone who's tested positive? | A YES: You need to self-isolate |
| Q I have symptoms of Covid-19 (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss or change to sense of smell or taste)? | A YES: You should self-isolate and take a PCR test, even if you've been vaccinated |



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>



New household account feature for parents reporting test results

NHS Test and Trace are continuing to develop and improve the process for self-test reporting. Currently, if a parent is submitting results through their account on behalf of a child, they have to enter the child's details every time they report a result.

As a result of feedback from parents, NHS Test and Trace have introduced household accounts. This allows parents to save their children's details to their own user accounts so parents can report results for multiple members in the household more quickly and easily.

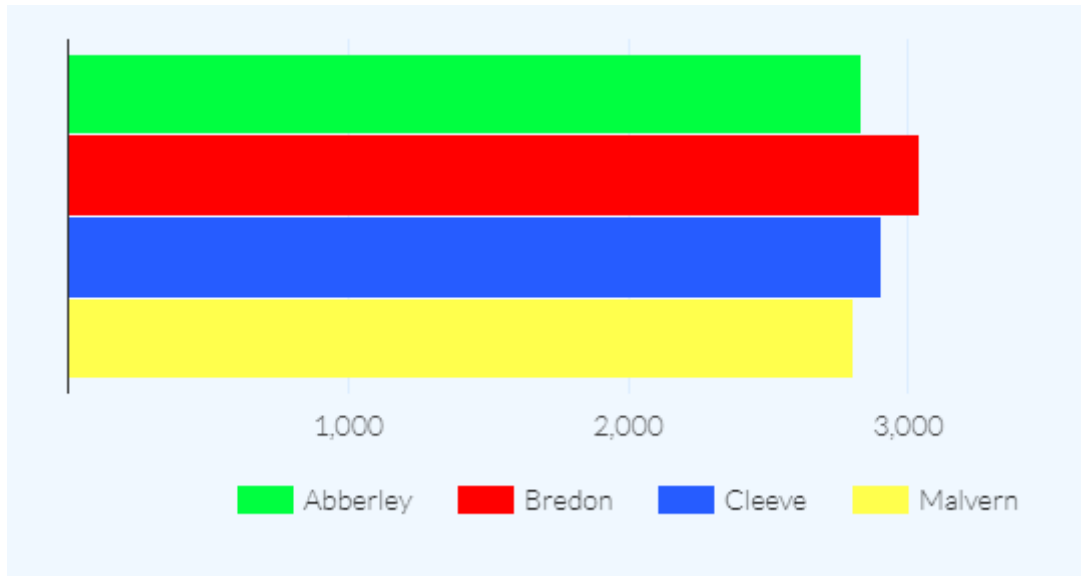
When reporting self-test results parents will now be offered the opportunity to create a household account, which should take no more than 2 minutes. Parents can then add all household members to their account, enabling them to save time when reporting all future self-test results.



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Points This Week: By College





Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 1 2 0 2 2	Thursday 21 October	Y5 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 22 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 October	Half Term
	Monday 22 November	Parents' KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Friday 17 December	End of Term
	Tuesday 4 January	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 10 January	Parent English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 27 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 2 February	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Monday 21 to Friday 25 February	Half Term
	Wednesday 30 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 8 April	End of Term
	Monday 25 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 26 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 18 May	Y5 residential information evening 6.30 pm
	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June	Half Term
	Thursday 9 June	Y5 Y7 Parent's evening 4.00 —7.00 pm
	Wednesday 15 June	Y5 Y7 Parent's evening 4.00 —7.00 pm
	Thursday 21 July	End of Term