

Dear Parents and Carers,



We have been conducting tours of the school for prospective parents this week. The visitors were met by a member of Walkwood's senior leadership team, but they were then taken around the school by representatives of the pupil leadership team. Our pupils are able to explain the way that the school works, and emphasise those things that are important for children. The visit ends with questions taken by a school leader. Our guests have been highly complimentary about the pupil guides, noting that they are great ambassadors for the school.

On the final day of this half term, Thursday 21st October, we shall be holding a charity fundraising event. Our intention is to supply the local food bank as well as an international charity. For the latter we hope to raise sufficient funds to send a dairy cow to a village in a less economically developed nation through the charity Send-a-Cow. Therefore, on this day, we offer pupils the opportunity to dress in black and white and bring in £1 and a tin of food of some kind, with soups, canned fruit, vegetables or meat preferred. There will also be a raffle for cow-related items, each ticket costing 20p, and these will be available for the first three days of next week, with the draw taking place during our assembly on Thursday morning.



Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Matthew 5: 7-8

Year 5 parents have the opportunity for a meeting with their pupil's form tutor on Thursday afternoon, with face-to-face meetings being from 4pm until 6pm, with Microsoft Teams being used for virtual conversations for the final hour. We sent out instructions of how to book using ePraise on 29th September by email, but let us know if you need assistance.

Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

Inset Day - No pupils in school
Friday 22nd October

Next half term begins
Monday 1st November

A prayer for The Beatitudes

Dear Lord

Give us a hunger and thirst for righteousness; fill our hearts with love, overflowing with mercy; make our hearts pure, and give us a vision of your glory.

Amen

This week's theme was:

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Matthew 5:3-9

Whole School Target

95.6%

Whole School Attendance

95.79%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 04.10.2021:

ACGO



For the week ahead



<p>The Fruit of Faith is:</p>	<p>Friendliness</p>	<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>
<p>The assembly theme:</p>	<p>Harvest</p>	<p>For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.</p> <p><i>Deuteronomy 8:7-10</i></p>

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

<p>The weekend</p>	<p>officials preparing for the climate conference in Glasgow</p>	<p>Monday</p>	<p>astronomers who seek to understand our universe</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Walkwood's pupil leadership team</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Her Majesty the Queen</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Form Tutors, College Leaders and Pastoral Managers</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>safety for pupils during the half term break</p>

Picture of the Week



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At 1am, the Milky Way arches above the town of Wroxall, behind the silhouette of a lone tree on the Isle of Wight.

Applications for children starting school in September 2022

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The facility to make an online application is open at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

The importance of making an application on time cannot be stressed enough. A late application can only be considered after all those received on time.

Guidance and support in relation to the application process can be provided by, the Worcestershire Hub on 01905 822700, The School Admissions Team on 01905 844111 .

Closing Date for Applications 15th January 2022

SATs information

We provided an online information meeting regarding the SATs for Year 6. These assessments are due to take place in May of next year.

Our Assistant Principals, Mrs Cull and Mrs Johnson, went through material and offered advice. The presentation was recorded and is available [here](#).



Reminder

There will be no PE Clubs next Thursday due to Parents' Evening taking place.



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>



Mooooo Day

Thursday 21st October

Dress in black and white



Bring in **£1** and a tin of food

soups, canned fruit, vegetables or
meat preferred



Raffle

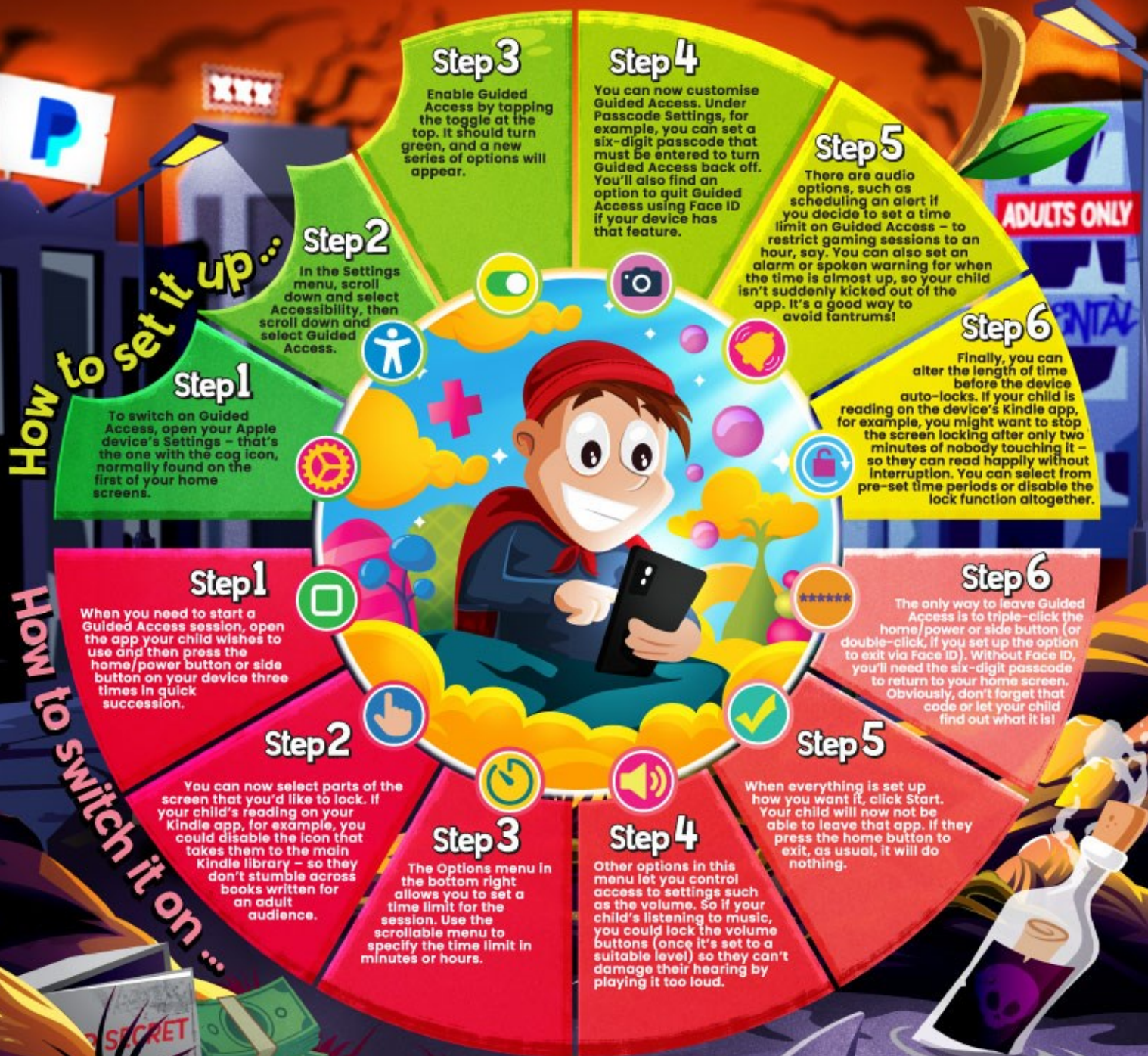
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What Parents and Carers Need to Know about APPLE GUIDED ACCESS

iPhones and iPads don't offer separate user accounts. So when you hand your Apple device to a child to play a game or watch a video, you're also handing them access to your email, the web, messaging and numerous other apps through which they could accidentally do something regrettable.

Apple Guided Access solves this potential problem by letting you restrict the iPhone or iPad to one particular app whenever your child uses the device. If they try and leave that app, they will be asked for a password or Face ID, meaning they can't access anything they shouldn't elsewhere on the device. Here, we show you how to find and set up the Guided Access feature, so you can confidently let your child borrow your iPhone or iPad.



Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and the *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and has writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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SOURCES: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT202812>

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Worcestershire
Inclusive Choir

Face to face sessions in Worcester on Saturdays, 11am–12noon.

Join
online
today!

Worcestershire

www.soundabout.org.uk/inclusive-choir-west-midlands

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soundabout
make music change lives

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Worcestershire Inclusive Choir

Sign up today - no auditions, and FREE to join!

The choir, to celebrate that everyone has their own way of sharing their voice, is open to young people of all abilities aged 25 years and under, and their families.

In person sessions every four weeks at Warndon Community Centre, Shap Drive, Warndon, Worcester WR4 9NX. West Midlands online sessions every fortnight.

All sessions (in person and online) are on Saturdays from 11am – 12noon.

Anyone wishing to sign up to Worcestershire Inclusive Choir can do so via the Severn Arts website <https://www.severnarts.org.uk/worcestershire-inclusive-choir>

Worcestershire Inclusive Choir has been set up by Severn Arts (lead for Worcestershire Music Education Hub) in partnership with Soundabout and MAC Makes Music celebrating that everyone has their own way of sharing their voice.



Caretaker

At Walkwood Church of England Middle School (Walkwood Academy Trust)

The Governors of Walkwood Church of England Middle School require a Caretaker for 20 hours per week.

The job holder will maintain a clean, attractive and welcoming site through a process of routine maintenance of buildings, grounds, fixtures and fittings and through a process of regular cleaning. The Caretaker will ensure that a safe and secure school environment is provided that is properly heated and lighted in order to support the effective teaching and learning of pupils and its full use by the staff, pupils and visitors who use the school. The Caretaker will have proven experience in completing typical handyperson / decorating tasks together with a good understanding of health and safety procedures.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

For full details of this position and how to apply, please visit our website at www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk. The application deadline is 9am on Monday 1 November 2021. CV's will not be accepted. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held shortly after the closing date.

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

reasoned

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 14th September 2021— 14th October 2021

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

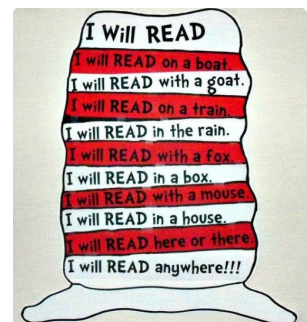
Shania Mander (Year 5 CLTH) - who has read 440,762 words

Top Boy

Jack Mould (Year 6 BDDE) - who has read 572,743 words

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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



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.



Trips and Visits 2021-23

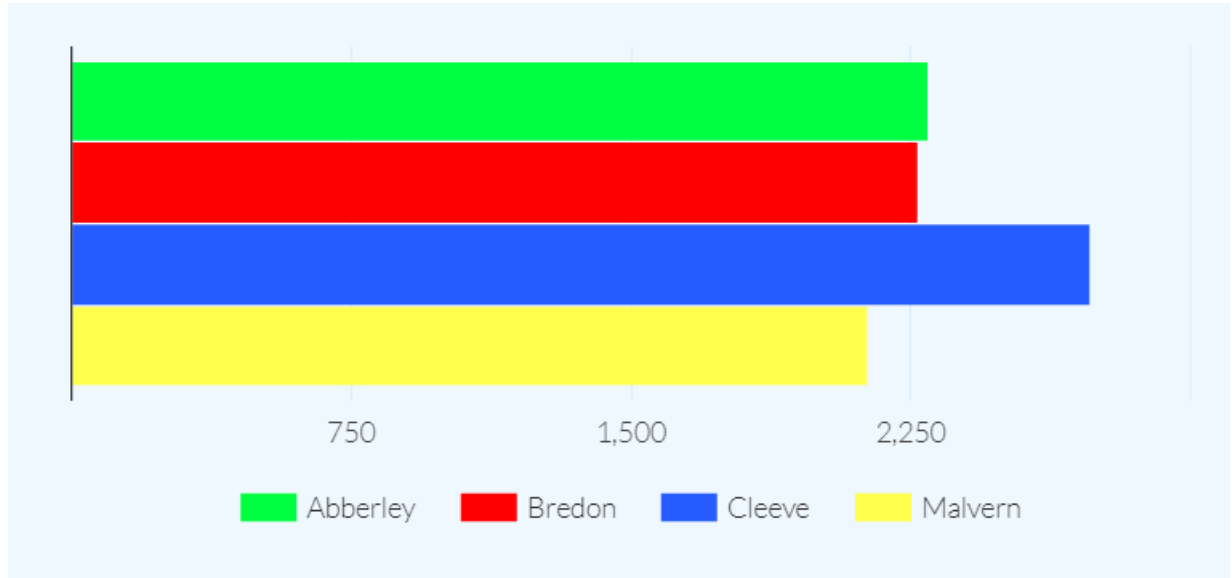


Date	Activity	Location	Open To	Cost	Leader
May 2022					
Fri 13 – Mon 16	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 324	Rev Leach
June 2022					
Wed 22 – Fri 24	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 24 – Mon 27	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y7	£ 324	Rev Leach
Fri 24 - Mon 27	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 220	Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull
February 2023					
Sat 4 – Sat 11	Ski Trip	Obertauern, Austria	Y5-Y7	£ 1360	Mrs Cull



Epraise Update

Points This Week: By College





Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0	Thursday 21 October	Y5 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 22 October	Staff Development Day
2 1	Monday 25 to Friday 29 October	Half Term
	Monday 22 November	Parents' KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
2 0	Friday 17 December	End of Term
	Tuesday 4 January	Staff Development Day
2 2	Wednesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 10 January	Parent English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
2 2	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