

Dear Parents and Carers,

Even though there is a financial squeeze for many people at this time, there has been a most generous offering for our annual harvest collection. Each college was asked to bring different items. Many pupils brought a single item, but the combined effect is very commendable, indicating that each giving a little can bring a lot. The end result will make a valuable contribution to the local food bank.



Says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
Jeremiah 31: 33b

Year 5 have visited The Bridge Church of the Harvest Service. We sung our school anthem along with another hymn, with the service itself being lead by the Head Girl and Head Boy.

We have had some parents of Year 4 pupils visit the school this week to see it in action. Like many of our guests, the tours of the school were done by our pupils, who were able to explain how Walkwood works and answer the parents' questions. Well done to the pupils, who were highly complimented by the adults who came to see our school, adding to the many positive comments that were shared at or after Open Evening.



College matches have combined with PE lessons to bring some close finishes, and all the points are shared within these pages. Winning is not everything, although the honour stands for those who come to the finishing line early on, as in cross country. Taking part is most welcome, even if the winners seem a long way off in a race! The matches between colleges were warmly played and many took part, even if their talent is not within the game. The outcomes are also within these pages.

This week's theme was:

Harvest

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.
Deuteronomy 8:7-10

Father God,

We thank you for all you've given us. We thank you for the food that grows on the trees and in the ground. We are blessed to live in a place where we can choose between so many different foods to eat. We thank you for the hard work people have to do in order for us to have such foods. May you bless us as we remember your creation and bless the hands that look after it.
Amen.

Whole school Attendance

96.0%

Whole School Target

95.6%

17.10.2022 to 21.10.2022

Year 5 — 96.01%
Year 6 — 95.00%
Year 7 — 96.07%
Year 8 — 95.68%



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Achievement	At last I have seen what is good and beautiful: it is to eat and drink and to enjoy the good in all our hard work under the sun during the brief lives God gives us. That is our lot in life. <i>Ecclesiastes 5:18</i>
The assembly theme will be:	Wisdom	To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. <i>Ecclesiastes 3</i>

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

The weekend	stability of our national government	Monday	safety and fun for our pupils during half term
Tuesday	His Majesty, King Charles III	Wednesday	health workers who are carrying our vaccinations
Thursday	food banks	Friday	local Police in Walkwood, Headless Cross and Crabbs Cross

Picture of the Week

Monday 24th
October:
Diwali

Celebrations at Shivaji Park, in Mumbai, mark Diwali. A time for feasts, prayers and fireworks, Diwali is one of the most important festivals in the Hindu calendar.





	Netball/ Benchball	Football
Year 5	1 st Bredon 2 nd Malvern 3 rd Cleeve 3 rd Abberley	1 st Bredon 2 nd Cleeve 3 rd Malvern 4 th Abberley
Year 6	1 st Abberley 2 nd Bredon 3 rd Cleeve 4 th Malvern	1 st Malvern 2 nd Cleeve 3 rd Abberley 4 th Bredon
Year 7	1 st Bredon 2 nd Cleeve 3 rd Abberley 4 th Malvern	1 st Cleeve 2 nd Abberley 3 rd Malvern 4 th Bredon
Year 8	1 st Abberley 2 nd Malvern 3 rd Bredon 4 th Cleeve	1 st Malvern 2 nd Abberley 3 rd Bredon 4 th Cleeve

MAB Denim Collection



A big THANK YOU to Carol Salter, The Denim Up-cycler, who has kindly donated a denim stool to our School's Mainstream Autism Base.

In return, the MAB pupil are doing a denim collection to boost Carol's denim supply.



After half term, please bring any unwanted jeans or denim clothing items to the MAB.

5 ePraise points given for each item. Thank you.



Sport round-up

Year 6 football

Congratulations to the Year 6 boys' football team who played in the County Football tournament against Westacre Middle School. It was an extremely close game, with nothing separating the teams at full time. The game finished 4-4, but Walkwood went on to win 3-2 on penalties and progressed to the next round. Well done all.

Friday afternoon

Congratulations to the Year 5 tag rugby team who recently took part in the KS2 District tournament. The team won 3 games and lost 1, finishing 2nd and picking up the silver medals. Fantastic performance.



PE Department



Cross Country Amendments

Due to 5C1,2,3 (x) being at the church on Thursday afternoon, their cross country has now been rearranged to Thursday 3rd November.

As we can't predict what the weather will be, we ask that your child brings in the following to their next timetabled PE lesson:

- A towel.
- A carrier bag to put dirty shoes in.
- Football boots to run in (optional but recommended).

Pupils can also wear alternative PE clothing if the weather is not great and the field is muddy, however, they can wear their PE kit if they choose to.

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.

PE Department



Linguascope language learning website

Each year, we subscribe to www.linguascope.com to assist or pupils with their language learning.



This year's log in details are:

Username: walkwood

Password: maison2000

Pupils have unrestricted access to this site and are actively encouraged to visit the webpage or download the app to access the games frequently. (They will be able to locate vocabulary linked to topics being studied in class.) Little and often is a great way to learn languages. French is the language taught at Walkwood but we always encourage students to widen their horizons. Should pupils with inquisitive minds wish to explore another language, they are welcome to use this website for personal development.

Year 5 are recommended to access the Elementary section.

Year 6's learning content will be a mix of topics available on the Elementary and Beginner sections.

KS3 will predominantly utilise the Beginner and Intermediate sections, but may wish to recap the basics by accessing the Elementary section.

Here is how the initial page will appear. Select the Flag for the language you wish to learn.



Top tip: If you are uncertain about how to use a section / game within the website, play it once in English to understand the process and then revert to the French section.

Enjoy learning and exploring,

Mme Hughes

French breakfast success!

Thanks to a marvellous donation from Tesco's Community Champion, Mary Gill, each Year 8 student has been able to take part in 'un petit-déjeuner français' as part of the French curriculum. Pupils were delighted and revolted in equal measure as they were encouraged to tear off their section of baguette and fill it with chunks of chocolate, which is a popular 'goûter' in France. The pupils successfully used their French learning to order a selection of juices and pastries and to discuss their opinions of the produce. With traditional French music playing and food and drink aplenty, this was the perfect way to consolidate the learning undertaken by Year 8 in Autumn 1.

Mme Hughes and Mme Dumitru



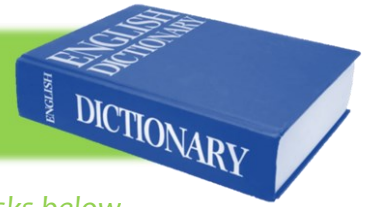
Community Links

Tesco in the Community: "Hi, my name is Mary and I am the Tesco Community Champion. I regularly donate goods and gift cards to local charities and projects. I work with Fareshare and the Trussell Trust to help donate our surplus food. Please contact me if you know of anyone in our local community that is in need of my help: marygill.community@gmail.com"





Word of the Week



Each week, there is a word displayed here. If the pupils have a go at the tasks below linked to the weekly word, they will earn a point from their tutor. Once per fortnight the tutor will go through the previous two weeks' words and pupils will work collaboratively exploring their meanings, features and usage.

persuasive

1. What word class is this word? Could it belong to more than one word class?
2. How many syllables does it have?
3. Write the dictionary definition(s) of this word, using your own words.
4. What are the synonyms for the word?
5. What are the antonyms for the word?
6. Write four sentences, each containing the word.

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 *exhilarated*:

Statement: Sam is feeling exhilarated this morning.



Trips and Visits



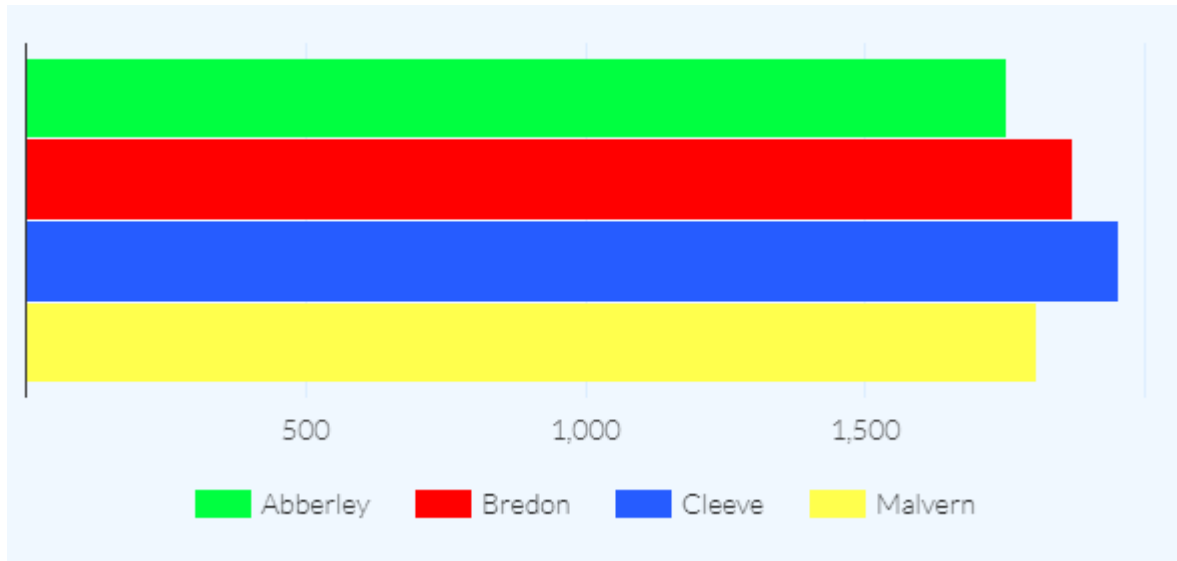
Date	Year group	Destination	Day trip?	Residential?	Cost
07/07 - 10/07/2023	5 •	Brecon Beacons		✓	£250
12/05/2023	6	Blackwell	✓		£38 *
30/06 - 03/07/2023	7	Osmington Bay Activity Park		✓	£285
19/07/2023	8	Drayton Manor	✓		£40 *
04/02 - 11/02/2023	6,7,8 •	Obertauern, Austria		✓	£1360

• Fully booked

* Current estimated cost



epraise this week



Top Readers for 19.09.2022 — 19.10.2022



Congratulations to:

Top Girl

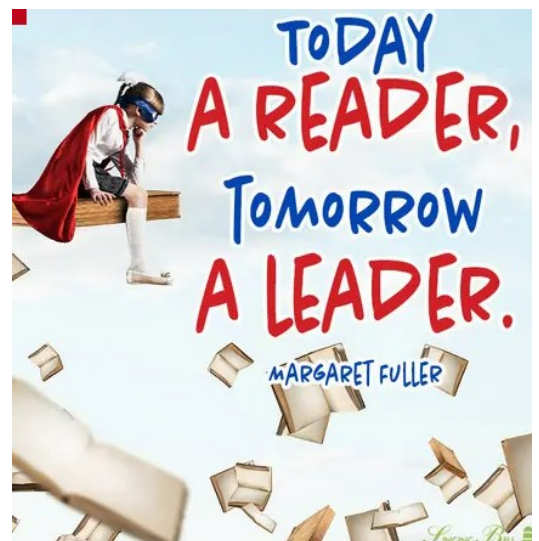
Emelia Fletcher (Year 8 ARCO) - who has read 642,436 words.

Top Boy

Harley Moorhead (Year 7 BMMG) - who has read 356,053 words.

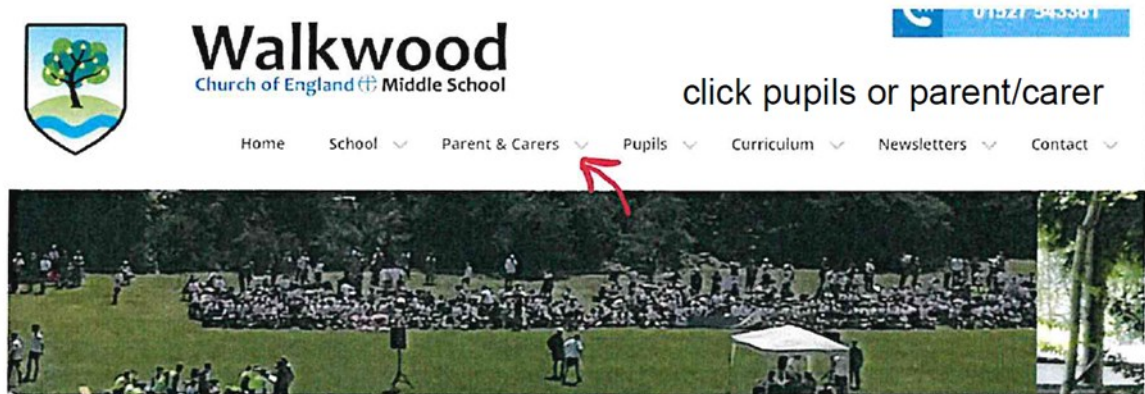
Well done - merits will be awarded to you both.

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU ...

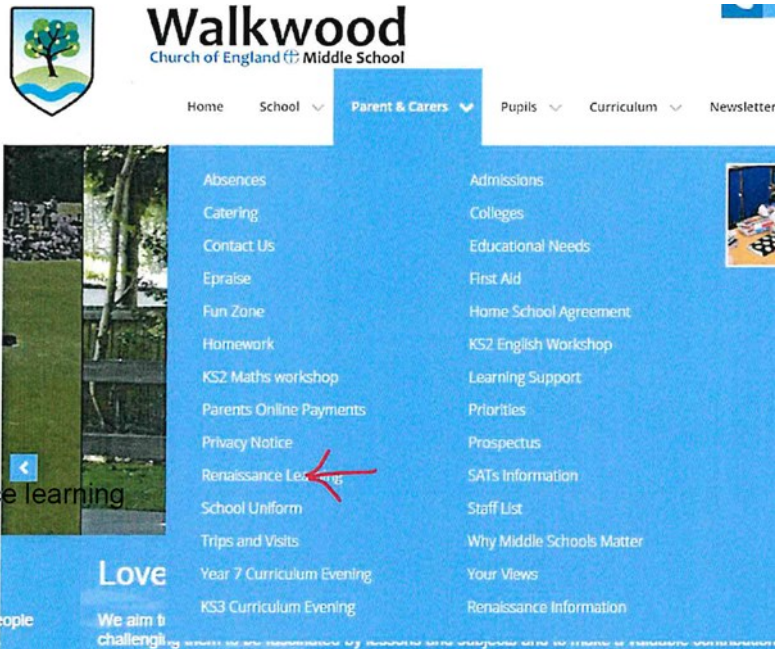


HOW TO QUIZ AT HOME

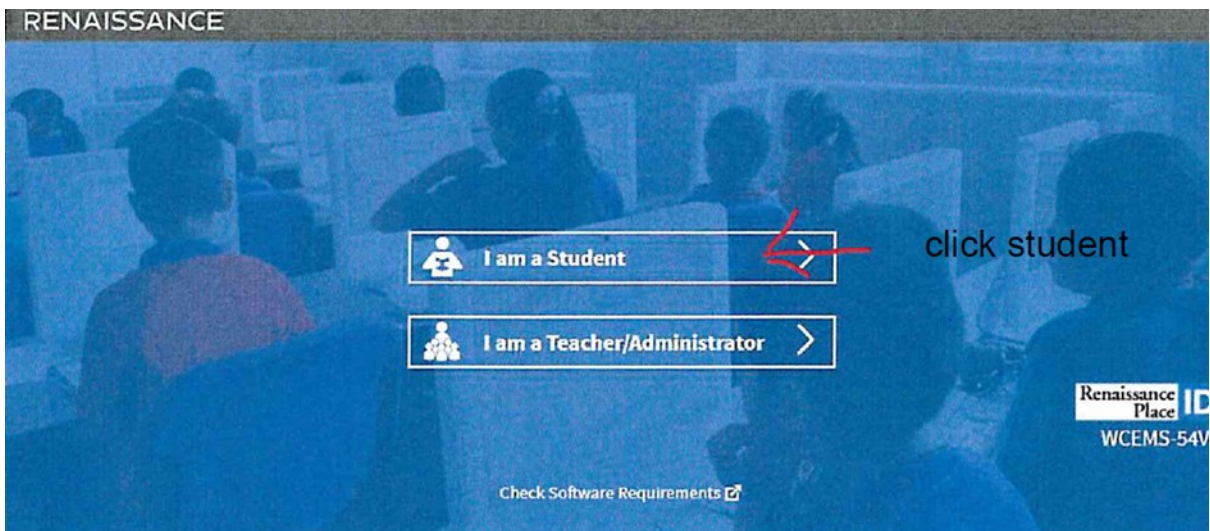
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click renaissance learning



click student

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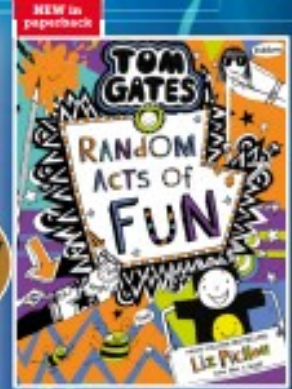
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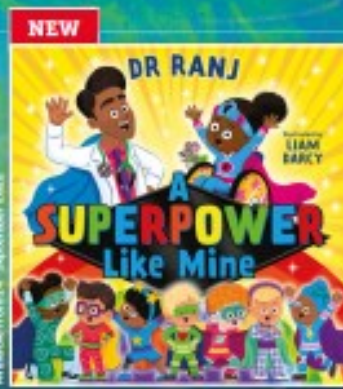
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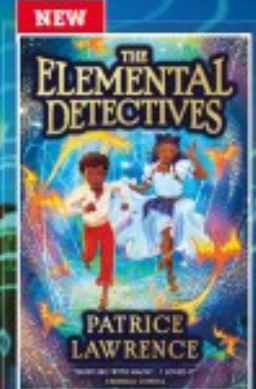
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The Book Fair is coming

Monday 7th November - Friday 11th November 2022

In the Library

All children should have received details of payment options

Commission provides new resources for the Library

Scan the QR code
to pay online!



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](#)

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For the overall rationale for the way we have put the curriculum together, or for how the pastoral system operates, please select:

[Curriculum Rationale](#)

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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>

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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 2



	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
Tuesday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/ CMI Choir, Music Room, GLA, 12.35pm-1pm. All welcome. First sitting lunch pass required. See Mrs Laish- ley to sign up.	Year 8 netball club KRE Meet in changing rooms Sign up only (Last session Tuesday 8 th November) Keyboard Club, Music Room, GLA. Sign up only. 10 spaces available.
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 (Last session Wednesday 9 th November) Year 8 boys football team training Meet in changing rooms RMA Year 5-8 STEM Club. (Lab 1) current group to continue until 7 th Dec FCI Year 7 boys football team training Meet in changing rooms LWO
Thursday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/ CMI	Year 5 boys football team training Meet in the changing rooms CHU Year 6 boys football team training Meet in the changing rooms PMI All girls Football club Meet in changing rooms RMA/ PMC/ RDJ (Last session Thursday 10 th November) Year 5-8 Art Club. Puppetry and Xmas Gongs. First come first serve basis. 12 spaces availa- ble. Parental permission and sign up needed. Starts 29 th September - 8th December MGR Yr5-8 Drama club. 30 spaces available. Paren- tal permission and sign up needed. Starts 10 th November. PAL & DDE
Friday		Lunch Club, Room 20, duration of lunch, KCR/ PWE	

No clubs Thursday 3rd November due to staff meetings



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 3	Monday 24 - Friday 28 October	Half Term
	Monday 14 November	Parents Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30-7.30pm
	Friday 16 December	End of Term
	Tuesday 3 January	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 4 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 9 January	Parents English KS2 Workshop 6.30-7.30pm
	Thursday 19 January	Y6, Y8 Parents Evening 4.00 -7.00pm
	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