

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to mention this week an area of our school that is a real strength but which we underplay, perhaps. The issue is the care we offer to pupils.

Our system of tutors, pastoral managers and college leaders works with the pupil as the central part of our thinking. The communication to you as parents and carers is more swift than it may otherwise have been because of how the pastoral system operates at its best (which is most of the time). Naturally, not everything goes according to plan, and we recognise that there are times when what we can accomplish is not what some parents or carers would want. However, I assure you that the care which pupils experience here is the most honest and prompt that I have known in the schools I have worked over the last 30 years. We most certainly do what we can, when we can, the best we can for our pupils. That may not always meet every person's expectation but, much more often than not, it meets pupil need.



Children are not always angelic, and we shall always communicate what we know, doing so honestly. We continue to question ourselves to ensure we are 'on top of the game'.

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those who are crushed in spirit.

Many are the troubles of the righteous; from them all will the Lord deliver them.

Psalm 34: 17-19



We are aware that for parents and carers of children in Year 5, there has been no scope for you to see the school. This would have been an intrinsic part of our welcome, but the Covid-circumstances prevented some of our plans. Therefore, please see the blue section on page 4. If those with pupils in Year 6 would also like the same opportunity, we can consider how this could occur next term.

Tickets for Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat are now on sale, the details of the dates, time and price are available on the brightly coloured poster inside.



Rev. C. Leach, Principal

A prayer for Free Speech

Lord, thank you that we have been given free speech. That we can be heard by you and by others. Thank you that we have the privilege of speaking out for things we believe are right, we pray that we can hear you when you tell us when it is right to speak out. We pray that your guidance in our lives will help us to bless others through our words.

Amen.

This week's theme was: Free Speech

Do not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you. Your heart knows that many times you yourself have cursed others.

Ecclesiastes 7:21-22

Whole School Target

95.6%

Whole School Attendance

93.58%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 14.3.22

7E1



For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Thankfulness	You are my God, and I will give thanks to you. Psalm 118:28
The assembly theme:	Desmond Tutu	God's dream is that you and I and all of us will realise that we are family, that we are made for togetherness, for goodness , and for compassion. Desmond Tutu

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

The weekend	Those affected by long-Covid	Monday	Continued prayers for those who suffer as a result of the war in Ukraine.
Tuesday	Local charities that support the community of Redditch	Wednesday	The teachers and support staff of Crabbs Cross Academy
Thursday	Those in unemployment, looking for work	Friday	UK Parliament and the choices they make for the country

Picture of the Week



A resident of Fuvemeh, Ghana, whose house has been affected by coastal erosion.



A

Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

production by arrangement with

The Really Useful Group Ltd.



Lyrics by Tim Rice,

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Tue 5th, Wed 6th, & Thu 7th April

Show begins at 7.30pm

All tickets £5

Now on sale
at break and
lunchtime

Year 5 Parents and Carers

We are aware that for many of you there has not been an opportunity to see us at an Open Evening. Nor was there the chance to be taken around the school by your child after the transition days (because these did not happen due to Covid).

However, if you would like to visit us on one of our Deep Days, then we would very much like to see you!

The two days are **Thursday 7th** and **Friday 8th April**. The sessions we are able to open up are **11am** until about 12.15pm Thursday and Friday, and **2pm** to approximately 3.15pm on Thursday only.

If you would like to take up the offer, please email support@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk and let us know:

- ✓ **Thursday 7th at 11am**
- or ✓ **Thursday 7th at 2pm**
- or ✓ **Friday 8th at 11 am**



Clubs

Homework Club

Please note that Homework Club is not on for the final week of term and for the first week back after the Easter holidays . It will re-commence Tuesday 3rd May 2022.

Sport Clubs

All clubs will be cancelled in the last week of term except year 6 netball club .



Year 6 form to complete

Go to www.office.com and enter the school login (just like for all computers and programs used in school). Press 'enter'.

Then input the password used in school (careful with use of capitals and small case). Press 'enter'

Finally, select the  on the side, inside which the email from the Principal can be found.





The Year 8's have been working on Gothic literature and the following story is an example of their excellent work.

A gentle humming sound was all that could be heard, apart from an occasional rattle, slightly irritating. It was like any other ordinary Thursday, except I was travelling down a long dirt road to see my sister. The journey felt never-ending. The sky rumbled and saddening grey clouds swarmed the pale blue sky above, like bees and their hive. An expression of sorrow crept onto my face as I stared out the window longingly. Though I was soon pulled back into my right mind as the bus driver's cough startled me.

After a long, winding journey of no more than three hours, I had grasped the handle on my mud-coated bag and slung it over my shoulder. As I passed the slouching driver, it was clear how tired he was, but I continued to sluggishly walk off the small bus. Lost in thought, trying to find my sister's home, my eye caught something flying attached to a wooden pole. I held it still with a finger and thumb. "Missing person report." I mumbled out to myself. An unexpected 'bang' caused me to flinch and scour my surroundings to discover what the source was. It was a crow. Mustn't've seen the glass, what a shame. I gathered myself and started to my sister's house.

Invading sunshine poured into my room as my eyes flickered open. Even though I did the bare minimum yesterday, I still felt ^{exhausted} drowsy, so as soon as I greeted my heart-worning sibling I was exhausted enough to collapse onto the spare bed. My head felt dazed and scattered but I reluctantly swung my legs out of the morning bed and put together an unusual but cozy outfit, not bothering to shower. I caught myself in the mirror, a bit weird but this portrays who I am. Nearly stubbing my toe, I stumbled down the shiny, oak stairs and spot a note taped to the fridge. "Gone to my job at the nursery, I'll be back before 5, there's food in the" my gravelly voice trailed off. I snatched a pot of leftover chicken soup and decided to mosey off into the woods.

Carefully stepping over raised tree roots, I wandered aimlessly through the shimmering woodland. I snatched my hand into my pocket and yanked my phone out, it read 11:24 am, I had been walking for almost forty minutes. Aching legs caused me to collide with a firm tree, I was planning on settling there for a



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Each year, our MAB pupils raise money for
Autism Awareness Week.

This year as part of their money raising the pupils
are going to be running a stall
at break and lunch time next week,
in the school hall.

Our lovely panda bear needs a name.



Guess my name.
Then take me home.
50p a guess.

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

scrutinise

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 23/2/2022 — 23/3/2022

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

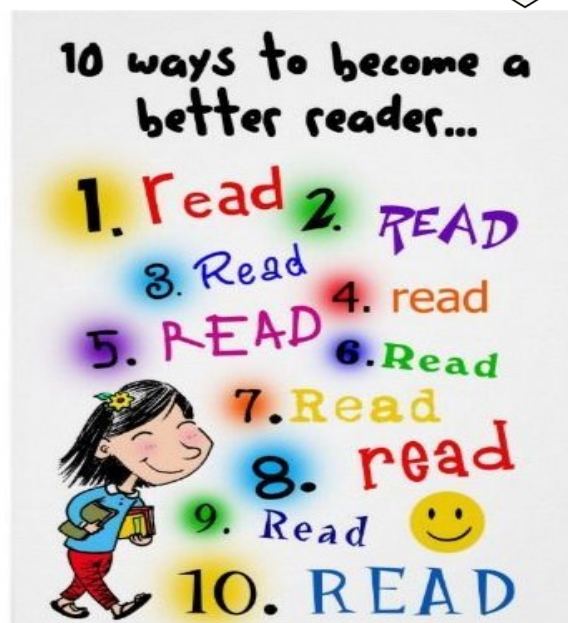
Seren Watkins - 5C1 - who has read 419,857 words

Top Boy

Joe Craig - 5C3 - who has read 454,355 words

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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



Knowing our curriculum

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



[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)



For information about specific curriculum subjects, you will find the calendars here:

[Art and Technology](#)

[Computing](#)

[Drama](#)

[English](#)

[French](#)

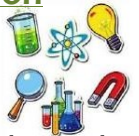
[Mathematics](#)

[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](#)



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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>



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





Clubs and Activities

Spring term 2 2022

	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20PM	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday		Lexia – invited pupils – in ITA	Homework Club Year 5/6 boys and girls multi-sports club 3.30-4.45pm (Sign up - starting 7 th March)
Tuesday	Orchestra CGR 8.45am – 9.25am Music Room	Lexia – invited pupils – in ITA	Homework Club Year 6 girls netball club 3.30-4.45pm (Sign up – 1 st March) Year 7 mindfulness club 3.30-4.45pm (Invite only – starting 8 th March) Year 5 and 6 football team practice. 3.30-4.45pm (Invite only- starts 8 th March)
Wednesday			Homework Club Cooking club (3.30-4.45) DSL Pupils should have signed up and on a rotation.
Thursday		Choir CGR 12.55 – 1.20 Music Room All Year Groups	Homework Club Year 7/8 netball team practice only (Invite only – 3 rd March) Year 7/8 boys' rugby (Sign up – start 10 th March) Year 5/6 boys and girls tag rugby (Sign up – start 10 th March)
Friday			



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2022	Wednesday 30 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm virtual
	Tuesday 5 to Thursday 7 April	School production
	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
	Monday 5 September	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 6 September	First Day of the Autumn Term
	Monday 24 - Friday 28 October	Half Term
	Friday 16 December	End of Term
	Tuesday 3 January	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 4 January	First day of the Spring Term
	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
	Friday 21 July	End of Term