

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the week, the children have continued to work hard and have achieved some great success. On Tuesday our football team skilfully won their tournament at Arrowvale High School. Well done, to all of our players! The PE staff would also wish to thank Arrowvale High School for their support in hosting these events.

Today, a team of year 5 pupils participated in a Kurling Tournament at Arrowvale High School. We cannot wait to hear how well they have done! We will report back on the result, next week. Both teams represented Walkwood beautifully and were an absolute credit to the school. Well done to everyone involved in these events!

As we rapidly approach the final week of the term, I would like to remind you of the activities that will be taking place.

There will be a Christmas Carol service on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at The Bridge Church at 7pm, where the choir and orchestra will be performing. All are welcome to join us for this special event.

Christmas lunch will take place on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** (for **Abberley and Cleeve pupils**) and **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** (for **Bredon and Malvern pupils**). *On the days of the Christmas lunches, no other food will be available. Therefore on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, Bredon and Malvern pupils must bring in a packed lunch; similarly on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Abberley and Cleeve pupils must bring in a packed lunch. If your child does not wish to have a Christmas lunch on their designated day, then please also send in a packed lunch from home. For pupils in receipt of a free school meal, a packed lunch will be provided. More information on p4.*

Mrs C Lowe



## This week's theme was: **Hope for the world**

Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life.

**Titus 3: 7, CEV**

## Dear God,

your love is beyond our understanding. The sacrifice of Jesus is unbelievable and we can only imagine the pain He went through. The gift He gave to us, so that we may have a personal relationship with you, has given us a hope that our lives can be in line with what you want. His gift is priceless, we pray a prayer of thankfulness over Him.

Amen.

## Whole school Attendance

94.14%

## Whole School Target

95.6 %

**04.12.2023 to 08.12.2023**

Year 5 94.88%

Year 6 92.41%

Year 7 91.70%

Year 8 90.85%



## For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Aspiration	Oh listen, dear child - become wise; point your life in the right direction. <i>Proverbs 23:</i>
The assembly theme will be:	Global Christmas	In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <i>John 1: 1-5,</i>

### Picture of the Week



Hussein Faleh / AFP

Late at night at a landfill in Iraq's southern city of Basra, a man with a torch searches for recyclable material which he hopes to sell.



## Festive Jumpers

On the last day of this term, Thursday 21st December, pupils and staff are invited to replace their usual jumpers with a Christmas version. **The rest of the Walkwood uniform is to be worn, please, as it is not a non-uniform day.**

This is not compulsory! There will be pupils and adults who will be in their usual attire. School will finish at the usual time: ho, ho, ho!

We ask for a donation of £ 1 which will go to **Children in Need.**



## Lunch Money



We ask that all ParentPay accounts are settled regularly and sufficient credit added to avoid any debit balances. You can view what your child has purchased on ParentPay.

A reminder that free schools meals does not include toast or juice at breaktime.

If you have any queries , please contact the finance office.

Thank you.

## Unwelcome Visitors!!

It has come to our attention that there have been a couple of instances of head lice here at Walkwood and would like to inform you what the procedure is in case you find these unwelcome visitors in your child's hair - they will need to be treated straight away and for there to be no live lice left in their hair before they return to school.





## Christmas Lunch 2023

Christmas lunches this year will be held on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th December 2023. If your child wishes to have a Christmas lunch, the cost will be £4.00, to be paid via Parentpay.

**Abberley** and **Cleeve** Colleges will have their Christmas lunches on Tuesday 19th December, while **Bredon** and **Malvern** College lunches will be on the following day. **There will be no other catering available on these days**, so pupils who do not wish to have a Christmas lunch will need to bring in a packed meal from home; equally the children in the colleges not having Christmas lunch will need to bring in a packed lunch as no other meals will be available. Those who take free school lunches will be provided with their meal (a Christmas meal on their allocated College day and a packed lunch on the other day).

Please note that when paying by Parentpay, the Christmas lunch option will be listed as a separate item so that we can identify the number of meals required. Please select the Christmas lunch item (log in to Parentpay, then go into 'pay for other items') and ensure that you make your payment by 15th December 2023.

Please note, **no tuck** will be available on Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th December.



### Christmas Lunch 2023

#### Menu

Roast Turkey

Sage and Onion Stuffing

Pigs in Blankets

Roast Potatoes

Sprouts, Carrots and Peas

Gravy

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Roast Quorn (Vegetarian Option)

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Ice Cream

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Flavoured Drink





# 12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

## NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

## CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

## WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

## TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

## WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

## WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

## BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

## ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

## SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

## GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

## GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

## Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



The National College

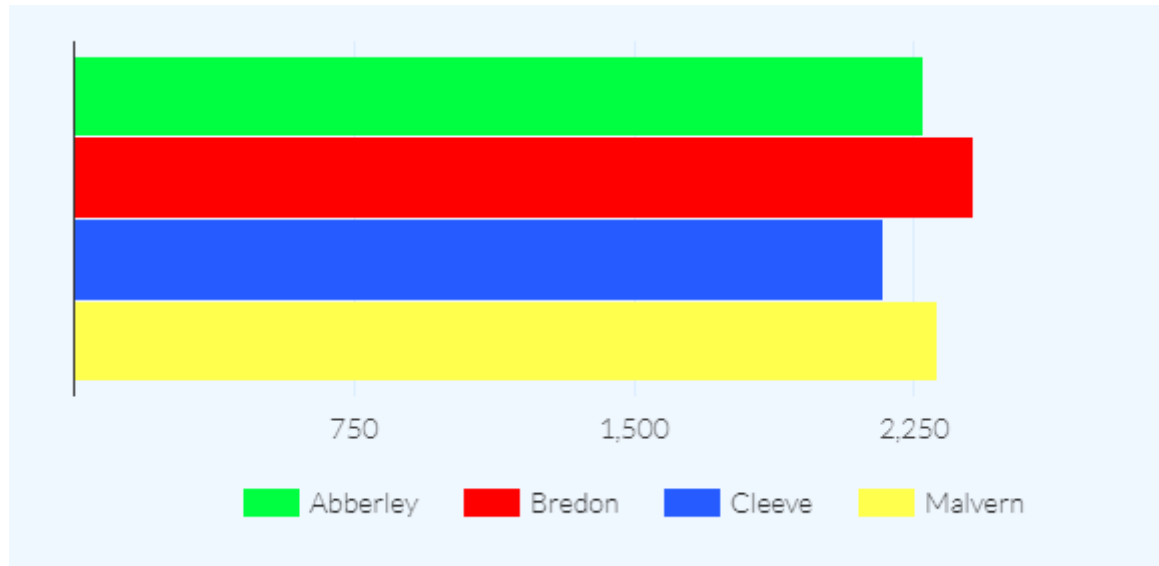


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#WakeUpWednesday



# epraise *this week*







# Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

For information about our school:

[www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk)

A summary of how our school works can be found in:

[handbook for parents and carers](#)

## Keeping children safe

The following information concerns how we continue to ensure that pupils are cared for within our school:

[Early help](#)

[E-safety](#)

[Prevent](#)

[Anti-bullying](#)

[Attendance](#)

[Safeguarding summary](#)

[Safeguarding policy](#)

## 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](#)

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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](#)

[Pastoral Strategy](#)



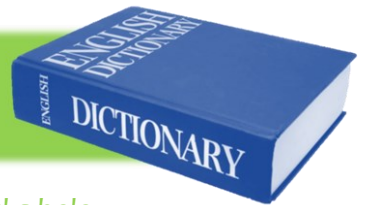
# Reading matters



Keep up the reading, Walkwood! Remember that we expect you to read for 20—30 minutes each day, and at least some of that reading needs to be done at home. Discussing new vocabulary and its meaning with an adult will help pupils enormously with their reading ability.



## 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.*

## vice versa

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.





# Clubs and Activities



## Autumn Term 2

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	School Production Rehearsals for whole cast for full run of Act 1 (GLA/DDE/PAL/LHA) (3.45pm-4.45pm)  <b><u>No Homework club</u></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	<b><u>No Homework club</u></b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	<b><u>No Homework club</u></b>
<b>Friday</b>		



# Trips and Visits



Date	Activity	Location	Open To	Cost	Leader
<b>June 2024</b>					
Fri 28 – Mon 1	Outward Bound	Osmington Bay, Weymouth	Y7	£ 330	Mr West
<b>July 2024</b>					
Wed 3 – Fri 5	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 320	Mr Wootton
Wed 3 and Thur 4	Outdoor activity centre	Blackwell Ad- venture	Y6	£ 45	Mrs Johnson
<b>February 2025</b>					
Sat 1 – Sat 8	Ski Trip	Obertauern, Austria	Y5-Y7	£ 1659	Mrs Cull



# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2023	Thursday 21 December	End of Term
	Monday 8 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 9 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Thursday 25 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Wednesday 31 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Monday 12 – Friday 16 February	Half Term
	Friday 22 March	End of Term
	Monday 8 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 9 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Thursday 11 April	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Wednesday 17 April	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
	Monday 27 – Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Friday 19 July	End of Term