

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Martin Woodford Orchestra visited us this week, with Years 5 and 6 enjoying three quarters of an hour of quality teaching and music. Pupils were invited to try and play some wind instruments, and Martin explained how those instruments worked. The musical pieces that the orchestra shared were varied and engaging, finishing with 'Dynamite', which I am glad to say the pupils were very able to join in with, including some hand waving which I tried to co-ordinate!

We have launched the trips for Years 5, 6 and 8 this week. As usual, Year 5 are offered the opportunity to be part of the outward-bound activities in Wales. Year 6 are able to enjoy coastal and woodland activities in Yorkshire, when we shall be going to East Barnby, a centre that can accommodate 100 pupils. Year 8 have the opportunity to engage in adventurous and strenuous activity in Snowdonia, or travel to London for two nights of theatre and sightseeing. At this stage, we are not able to staff a trip for Year 7, but shall keep that under review. I appreciate the time that staff are giving in organising these trips, where enjoyment and safety take equal status, and also the other staff who give of their time freely.

Teachers and teaching assistants have begun our sporting fixtures apace this week, with netball, hockey, rugby and football. The clubs that prepare for these fixtures are but part of the extra-curricular activities that are available to pupils. If you have not already consulted the list of clubs and activities, please see the later pages of this Insider. And don't forgot about homework club, both before and after school.

If you missed the article in the Redditch Standard last week, here is the link:
<https://redditchstandard.co.uk/news/high-praise-for-redditchs-walkwood-middle-in-national-review/>

Sorry about the bald fellow in the centre!



Don't forget Open Evening is Wednesday 11th October—thank you to all of you who have allowed pupils to be guides or to demonstrate activities during the event.

Rev. C. Leach
Principal

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

Isaiah 55:6

Dear Lord,

We lift up your name and praise it, for you bring so much joy into our lives. Thank you for the blessings we have, for they are countless. Let your Spirit fill us with overwhelming happiness that we can spread your joy to those around us. Help us to see the good in every day and be thankful for your creation.
Amen

This week's theme was:
Word smile day

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6: 24-26

Letters this week:

Whole school Attendance—95.52%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

25.09.17—29.09.17

Year 5 — 96.76%
Year 6 — 96.67%
Year 7 — 93.82%
Year 8 — 94.48%



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Friendliness	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. <i>Romans 12:15-17</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Happiness	Trust the Lord and live right! The land will be yours, and you will be safe. Do what the Lord wants, and he will give you your heart's desire. Let the Lord lead you and trust him to help. Then it will be as clear as the noonday sun that you were right. <i>Psalm 37:3-6</i>
The assembly theme:	What brings happiness?	I pray that God, who gives hope, will bless you with complete happiness and peace because of your faith. And may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope. <i>Romans 15: 13</i>

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

The weekend	the places in the world where water is too scarce.	Monday	our local priest and Chair of Governors, Fr Glenn Reading.
Tuesday	pupils and staff at St. Luke's Church of England First School.	Wednesday	all those who are visiting our Open Evening.
Thursday	a successful harvest of the world's resources, but without exploitation.	Friday	our local volunteers in the Food Bank.





Benchball, Netball and Football College matches

The PE department run college matches twice a year, where pupils participate in a sporting activity against the other colleges in the school. Points are awarded to teams and these then go towards the college sports total at the end of the year.

College matches take place during lesson time where a whole year group will come down to PE at once. This may mean your child has two PE lessons that week and so will need to bring their kit in on two days.

Monday 9 th October	Lesson 2 and 3	Year 7	Girls - Netball	Boys - Football
Monday 9 th October	Lesson 4 and 5	Year 6	Girls - Benchball	Boys - Football
Tuesday 10 th October	Lesson 2 and 3	Year 8	Girls - Netball	Boys - Football
Wednesday 11 th October	Lesson 2 and 3	Year 5	Girls - Benchball	Boys - Football

Please can you make sure pupils have correct PE kit for the following days (boots and shin pads recommended for football).

Thank you.

PE Department



Love to Learn;
Learn to Live;
Live to Love.



Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School



Open Evening

for prospective Y5 pupils and parents.
Wednesday 11th October,
from 6.30 to 8.30pm

The current pupils, staff and Governors invite prospective Y5 pupils with their parents to our **Open Evening**. Tours of the school with current pupils will demonstrate the breadth of learning that a middle school can provide!

Outstanding

Our Church of England inspection in March 2017 said:

- ✓ The inclusive vision of the school ensures that all children are supported in their personal well-being and academic achievement.
- ✓ Key to the school's vision is that every individual is created in the image of God, and from this belief springs the school's outstanding attention to individual needs, both academic and pastoral.

Parents' Days

Tuesday 17th &
Wednesday 18th October

Our Open Days will show the school in action. There will be a tour, with the opportunity to ask questions of pupils and staff. Places on the tour can be booked by contacting the school Reception on 543361, or emailing us at office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk.

Ofsted
Good
Provider

- ✓ Students' behaviour and safety are outstanding. They are very keen to learn and are excited by their lessons and the extra activities provided for them. They are polite, kind and thoughtful and are very proud of their academy.
- ✓ Students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding as a result of the curriculum that students follow and the caring atmosphere that the academy provides.





Monday 25th September 2017

On Monday 25th September Walkwood Girl's Football Team played Shipston-on-Stour. It was a very good and competitive game. The result was a 10-1 win to Walkwood with Alyshia West and Kaitlyn Hicks as top scorers. Our keeper, Megan McHugh, saved a couple of goals and let one in the net but held her head up and played a fantastic game. The defence made some great challenges and played down the wings to give us another few goals. The midfielders got some nice crosses, long shots and assists. Overall it was a great game and well played to both teams.

Megan McHugh

Charlotte Rees

Jess Causer

Freya Harley

Frankie Griffiths

Alyshia West

Alannis Barnes

Maisie West

Imogen Kesterton

Niamh Campbell

Kaitlyn Hicks-Kenward

Beau Lester



In a hectic week of football fixtures Walkwood's Year 7 football team found themselves playing two games back to back. One in the County Cup and one in the National Cup.

Wednesday 27th September

The County Cup game started well with Walkwood controlling the game and Alvechurch finding it hard to get going. As the game went on it became more even with Alvechurch going close from a corner and then piling on the pressure resulting in a free kick on the edge of the Walkwood area. The resulting free kick ended up in the back of the net with the team trailing 1-0. The team reacted well, and after having a plethora of chances managed to level the game up 1-1. Walkwood conceded just before half time which seemed to take the sting out of the team. In the second half, the team did not really start and found themselves 5-1 down. They battled well after this but the damage was already done and they eventually lost the game 7-3. Congratulations to Alvechurch and we wish them luck in the next round of the competition.

Thursday 28th September

The National Cup game was a different story. The team travelled to Leamington to play the Champion School. This time Walkwood got off to a flyer, they applied all the pressure in the first half and went on to lead 5-0 at half time! Every student in the team played well, they managed to put the loss at the back of their minds and show what they were capable of. The boys ended up winning 15-0 with Owen Rae and James Lev both scoring hat tricks. The game was played in great spirits and both teams conducted themselves impeccably on the pitch. Well done Walkwood we look forward to the next round!

1. Matty Hitchens

1. Jamie Kelmen

2. Adam Beech

3. James Lev

4. Henry Gibson

5. Jaycobe Appleton

6. Rhys Thomas

8. Jackson Preece

9. Ollie Hands

10. Jack Bowditch

11. Mitchel Brooks

12. Owen Rae

13. Matthew Tipton

14. Jak Clarke





The Primrose Choir

"PRIMROSE PROMS"

with guests

ALCESTER VICTORIA SILVER BAND

&

WALKWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

on

Friday 13th October 2017 at 7.30pm

at

Walkwood Middle School, Redditch

tickets £10

(Children £5)

Available from: The Primrose Hospice - 01527 889796
Choir - 01527 67383/546158

IN AID OF THE *PRIMROSE HOSPICE*
registered charity number 700272



Year 8 Netball Team



On the 28th of September, the Walkwood year 8 Netball Team went to Woodrush to play them in the district competition. This is a team we previously lost to last year. In the first half, the girls played fantastically and brought the score up to 6-0 (to Walkwood). They worked together as a team and produced some great netball. In the second half, Woodrush gained two goals but the girls carried on doing their very best and took the score to 9-2. They should be very proud of themselves and hopefully hang on as Redditch District Champions. It was a fantastic first game and we look forward to the rest of the year.

Catherine
Charlotte



Dear Parent/Carer,

It's that time of year again!!

As part of both the PE Curriculum and intra-school competition, your child will be taking part in a 'College Cross-Country Run' during their normal timetabled PE lessons during the days of Friday 13th October to Thursday 19th October.

Not only do the children gain points for their college in taking part but it helps us to identify pupils that will be invited to compete in the Redditch Schools District cross country after half term.

Date	Lesson	Classes
Friday 13 th October	2 & 3	6E
	4 & 5	8E
Monday 16 th October	2 & 3	7C
	4 & 5	6C
Tuesday 17 th October	2 & 3	8C
	4 & 5	5E
Wednesday 18 th October	2 & 3	5C
Thursday 19 th October	4 & 5	7E

We can't predict what the weather will be like next so we ask that your child could bring the following to their next timetabled PE lesson:

Walkwood PE kit.

A towel.

A carrier bag to put dirty shoes in.

Football boots to run in. (Optional but recommended)

An old T-shirt/top to run in, to avoid white PE tops getting stained.

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.

Miss K Reeves
Curriculum Leader of PE



A plea!!!

As the winter weather approaches, are you renewing, any wellington boots or waterproof coats?

If yes, please send in your old/too small, useable wellingtons or waterproof coats, to Mrs T Griffiths, for use during outside school projects with our pupils.



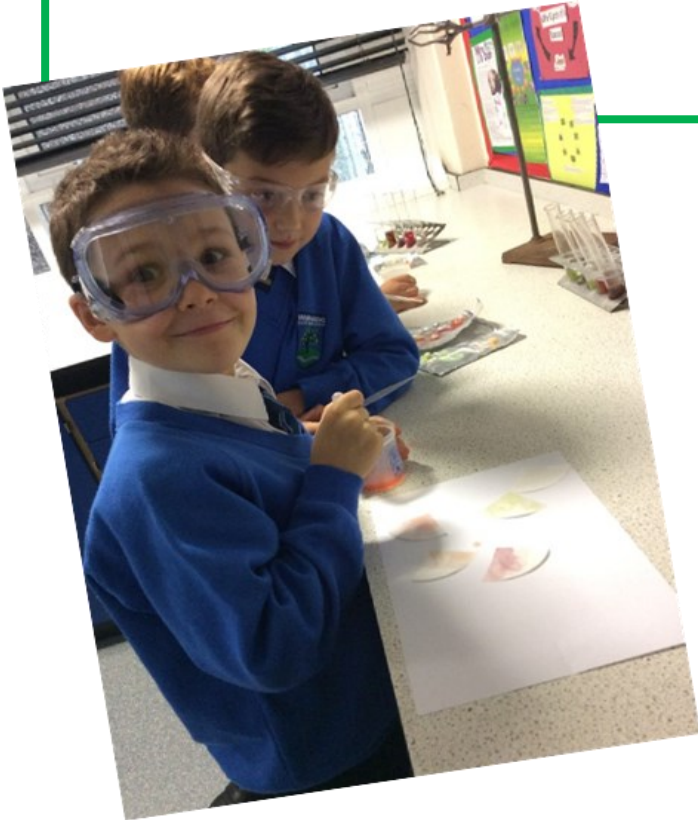
Very much appreciated

Mrs T Griffiths



THIS WEEK IN Science Club we did Gummy Bears and Chromatography

Mixtures that are suitable for separation by **chromatography** include inks, dyes and colouring agents in food. Simple **chromatography** is carried out on paper. A spot of the mixture is placed near the bottom of a piece of **chromatography** paper and the paper is then placed upright in a suitable solvent, e.g. water.



Science Club is Tuesday
3.30 – 4.30pm

For Years 5 & 6

Open Evening is
Wednesday 11th October if
you have offered to help
don't forget parents/
carers to sign your con-
sent form.



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 if you do 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.

Let us show them they are not welcome here!



Music News



Primrose Proms Concert

There's a week to go and we're nearly ready! Voices are sounding good and there was an extra buzz of excitement when we went and sang in the hall on Tuesday afternoon. All choir members should be memorising their words and will need to be in our final rehearsals at every lunch time next week. There will not be a rehearsal after school on Tuesday because the children are required for Wednesday's Open Evening performances. Concert tickets are still available from me - £10 for adults and £5 for children, with all proceeds going to support the valuable work of the Primrose Hospice.

German Orchestra Visit

On Tuesday morning KS2 pupils enjoyed a lively and informative performance from the Martin Woodford Orchestra who are on tour from Germany. Martin Woodford, who grew up in the locality but now lives in Germany, brings his orchestra to Worcestershire every couple of years and this is now the second time we have been fortunate to have a visit from them. If any children have been particularly inspired to start playing an instrument as a result of this visit, we still have a few tuition spaces for certain instruments, particularly trumpet, clarinet and keyboard and application forms are available from me in the Music Room.



Mrs C Griffiths



Homework Club

Walkwood Homework Club is for pupils who find it easier to complete homework in school, or who require extra support from a staff member at Homework Club.

Homework Club is in the school library. Pupils are encouraged to ask for help; they have access to the school computers, the internet and printing facilities.

If pupils attend Homework Club and do not have any homework to complete, they are required to sit quietly and read/revise.

Pupils need to be respectful to their peers or members of staff who are working around them.

Morning Homework Club starts at 7.45am. Pupils can go out onto the playground at 8.30am. Pupils who remain inside, will be asked to pack away at 8.40am ready to leave the library on the bell.



After school Homework Club starts straight after school. Pupils will be asked to pack away at 4.25pm, ready for Homework Club to end at 4.30pm.

Parents must not enter the library to collect their child; this is a 'Safeguarding' issue.



If you are collecting a pupil and arrive before 4.15pm, please go to the reception and the receptionist will phone through to the library to inform the staff that you have arrived. Once informed, the pupil will be sent to you. After 4.15pm, the reception is closed and all remaining pupils will be escorted to the front gate at 4.30pm.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Pupils gain ePraise points for attending Homework Club.



Mathematician of the half-term awards



Congratulations to all our amazing mathematicians for last half term

Pupil	Nominated by	Reason
Danny Price and Ben Wilkes	Mrs Cull	I have been really impressed with the attitude of both boys in Maths so far this year. They work hard on independent tasks and work well together to solve problem solving tasks. They challenge themselves with the tasks that they select which is great to see. They have shown a sound grasp of the concepts covered so far this half term. A really positive start to Year 8.
Charlie Guthrie-Higgins	Mr West	A very positive beginning to the year in Maths. His determination has allowed him to grasp some really challenging concepts.
Olivia Marthews	Mrs Lomas	I have chosen her for all round effort both in lessons and with homework tasks.
Charlotte Meekins	Mr Peace	She is keen, always first to put her hand up to answer, always first to submit her homework (always of excellent quality) and scored highest in the first Arithmetic Test and first 2 SATs Busters.
Lottie Duke	Ms Tomes	Really positive attitude and start to Maths. Is keen to learn and asks really good questions to help her understanding.
Ruby Stanway	Mr Sanders	Always answering questions and her book is exemplary. Goes the extra mile with homework and has achieved good test scores so far.
Harley Greaves	Mr Walsh	Great attitude and focus.
Amber Laydon	Mr Jenkin	Great attitude, really hardworking and great focus in lessons.
Jonah Grogan	Dr Mijovic	Always challenges himself to achieve highly and gives clear explanations of his mathematical reasoning when explaining his answers to his peers.
Simeerah Powles	Mrs Venross	For her enthusiasm and effort.

Can you be one of next half-term's amazing mathematicians?

Keep up the great work!

Mrs Cull and Miss Baker



CHARITY NEWS



For the week Beginning 18th September the following group of pupils organised a charity stall for the **WWF**:

Skye Fletcher - STA
Ellie Wakeman - TPO
Abi Gibson - DSL
Lucy Hawkes - TPO
Evie West - DSL
Sophie Hands - DSL
Kirsty Sutton- DSL



They raised a **helpful £32.28**

For the week beginning 25th September the following two girls
stall with their friends for **MacMillan Cancer**:

Imogen Kesterton – LBA & Lucy Etheridge – AMI

THEY RAISED A **WONDERFUL £33.35**



arranged a

Currently pupils are raising more money this week for Cancer Research – a report to follow.



<https://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/editions/secondary-education/west-midlands>



Walkwood CofE Middle School

Enabling every child to be the best they can be
regardless of background, challenge or need



Brian Lamb OBE (Chair) & Professor Sonia Blandford (Founder and CEO)

July 2017



Maths Club – can you crack the code?

A	B	C	J	N	O	P	W	
D	E	F	K	Q	R	S	X	Y
G	H	I	L	T	U	V	Z	

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Y6 Yorkshire Trip

Reminder: The deposit deadline for this trip is Wednesday 11 October. Please pay this through Parentpay.

Thanks.



Trips and Visits

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DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 18—Mon 21	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 270	Mr Sanders
June					
Wed 20—Fri 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 280	Rev Leach
Fri 22—Mon 25	Outward Bound	Wales	Y8	£ 270	Mr Jenkin
Fri 22— Mon 25	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 155	Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull



Clubs and Activities Autumn Term 1



Day	Before School 7:45am—8:45 am	Lunchtime 12.35-1.20 p.m.	After School 3.30 pm—4.45 pm
Monday	<p>Homework Club (Library)</p> <p>Orchestra (Music Room) 8.45-9.30am (CGr)</p>	<p>KS3 Art Club Starting 18th September (ECO)</p> <p>Choir (all year groups) 12.50-1.20 pm Music Room (CGR)</p> <p>Monday lunchtime DT block Movie club (all years) (AMI)</p> <p>Gardening Club Textiles Room At the start of lunch (STA)</p> <p>Maths Club for KS2 and KS3 Room 6</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Kurling and Boccia Club (invite/sign up only) (NFO/DPA) 3.30-4.45pm</p>
Tuesday	<p>Homework Club (Library)</p>	<p>DT Club in DT block All years (AMI)</p> <p>KS2 Art Club Art Room (ECO)</p> <p>Card Making club (invite only) Art Room (STA)</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Year 5 & 6 Science Club 3.30-4.30 pm LAB1 (JHD) Starts 12th September (not on 17th October, 31st October, 12th December and 19th December)</p> <p>Year 5/6 Netball—(HTR/KRE)</p> <p>Years 5, 7 & 8 Football (RMA, CHU, SWA)</p>
Wednesday	<p>Homework Club (Library)</p>	<p>Signing Club (All year groups) (Textiles Room) (JHa)</p> <p>Silent Reading Club Room 19 (LBa)</p> <p>Colouring and Drawing Club for Mindfulness and Relaxation (12.50—1.20) Room 9 (MMG and PC) (limited places available)</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p>Cooking Club 3.30-4.45pm (DSL) (rota of when you are cooking will be confirmed)</p> <p>Girls Football 5/6—7/8 (RMA/HTR/NFO)</p> <p>KS2 Boys Hockey (DPA)</p> <p>Cross Country Club Field (NRO)</p>



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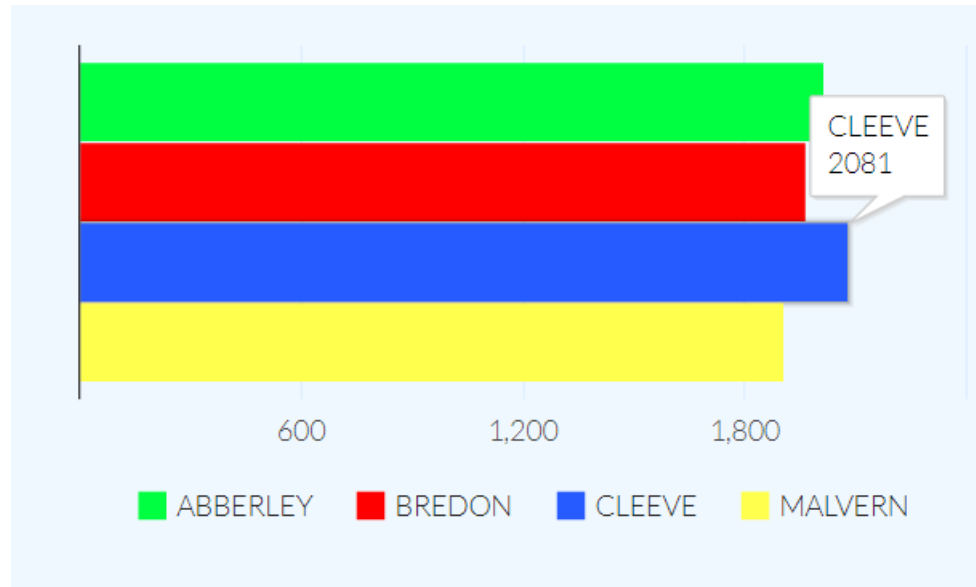
Thursday	Homework Club (Library)	Choir (All year groups) Music Room—12.50- 1.20pm (CGR) Languages Club 1.00 pm in Room 15 (NHU) To start after October half- term Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 pm—if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm Year 7/8 Rugby—(PJE/SWA) Year 7/8 Netball—(HTR/KRE) Year 6 Football—(NSA/DPA)
Friday	Homework Club (Library)		Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm Rec Football - (SWA, NFO, CHU, DPA, RMA)



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Laiba Rahouf (CCMI) (24)
2. Lauren Sole (AMLA) (24)
3. Charlie Williams (CCMI) (23)
4. Corey Ross (CCMI) (22)
5. Georgie Pace (CCHU) (22)
6. Mitchel Brookes (AMLA) (22)
7. Lauren Carrington (AAGA) (22)
8. Millie Tomlin (CCMI) (21)
9. Caryn Porter (AMLA) (21)
10. Skye Shovell (CCMI) (21)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2017	Wednesday 11 October	Open Evening for prospective Y5 intake 2018
	Friday 20 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 23 – Friday 27 October	Half-Term
	Wednesday 1 November	Y5 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Thursday 9 November	SATs Information Evening 7 pm
	Monday 4 December	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Tuesday 12 December	Christmas Concert 7.30 pm
	Tuesday 19 December	End of Term
2018	Wednesday 3 January	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 4 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 15 January	Parent English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 1 February	Y6 & Y8 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Wednesday 7 February	Y6 & Y8 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Thursday 15 February	Y5 & Y7 reports to Parents / Carers
	Monday 19 – Friday 23 February	Half-Term
	Friday 9 March	Parent Focus Group 2.00—3.00 pm
	Thursday 29 March	End of term
	Monday 16 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 16 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June	Half-Term
	Monday 4 June	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 7 June	Y5 & Y7 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Wednesday 13 June	Y5 & Y7 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Monday 9 July	Parent Focus group 6 pm
Tuesday 24 July	End of Term	