

Dear Parents and Carers,

Education has been in the news recently due to conferences that have been meeting. Also, yesterday there was a news item about headteachers who do things in school that might not be expected: thankfully I know some of you have spotted this as you collect children! I have also continued supporting pupils at the pedestrian crossing, with some of the Community Police Liaison Officers assisting by ensuring the parking of cars is safe. (Other staff are also at key positions at the day's end.) Nationally, education funding remains a key issue, especially for pupils who have special needs. At Walkwood we do all we can for all our pupils given the financial resources we are given.

Next week brings changes to our timetable in the mornings. Year 6 will have their SATs. We do not want the children to be stressed, but we do wish them to be focused so they can do their best. Having a decent breakfast on the SATs days is a real help - research has shown this to be very true. Besides, if someone's tummy is rumbling, it distracts them from the task at hand, and may distract others sitting close by.



By the time you read the next issue, half of Year 6 will be at East Barnby in Yorkshire for the post-SATs residential, with an altered day for those who remain at school. The weather looks ok so far.

Year 8 will also have assessments this week ahead, the results of which may be useful to their high schools. There will be opportunity for Year 5 and Year 7 to have assessment time later this term - we would hate for them to feel left out!

It will be Sports Day the week after next. We welcome parents and families to join us for lunch, or to come to see the races which take place. We shall keep an eye on the long range forecast. Bring your picnic, a blanket and a hat!



You were saved by faith in God, who treats us much better than we deserve. This is God's gift to you, and not anything you have done on your own.  
*Ephesians 2: 8*

Rev. Clive Leach - Principal

#### A Prayer for Putting others first

Dear God,

You taught us to be a good Samaritan. Looking out for others no matter who they are and what they have done. We pray that you keep this within us as a core value. That we may also put others first and be an example to others around us. Let us be known to love others conditionally.

Amen.

This week's theme was: Putting others first

Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves.

Philippians 2:3

#### Whole School Attendance

95.64%

#### Whole School Target

95.6%

29.04.19—03.05.19

Year 5 — 96.67%

Year 6 — 95.25%

Year 7 — 95.21%

Year 8 — 95.44%



# For the week ahead



<b>The Fruit of Faith is:</b>	<b>Honour</b>	Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honouring one another. <i>Romans 12:10</i>
<b>The tutor group virtue:</b>	<b>Service</b>	Because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. <i>Romans 12:1</i>
<b>The assembly theme:</b>	<b>Sacrifice</b>	Christ offered his life's blood as a sacrifice and brought you near God. Christ has made peace .... and he has united us by breaking down the wall of hatred that separated us. <i>Ephesians 2:13-14</i>

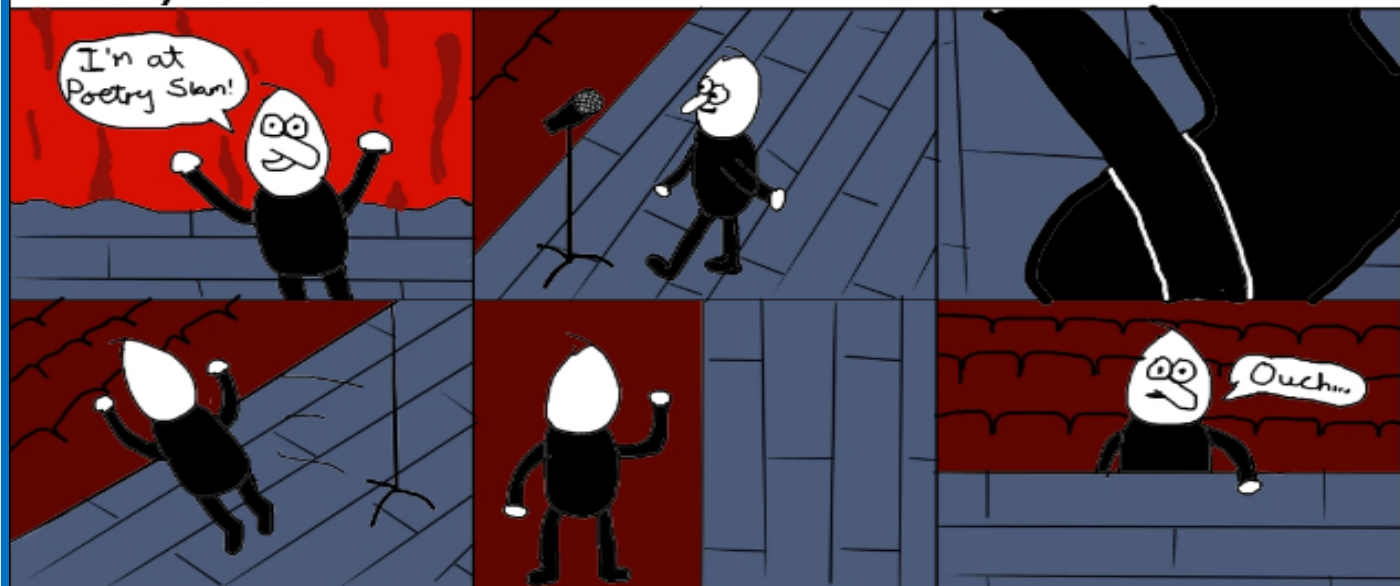
## We ask for your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

<b>The weekend</b>	The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, welcoming their baby boy	<b>Monday</b>	A successful SATs week
<b>Tuesday</b>	The local churches and community centres	<b>Wednesday</b>	The elderly who are lonely
<b>Thursday</b>	Local charities that support the community of Redditch	<b>Friday</b>	An enjoyable and safe trip to Yorkshire for Year 6's.

### S4 Ep29

## Silly Norman

### Poetry Slam





# Sports Day

Wednesday  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

With Sports Day 2019 looming, I am writing with a few details of the day. Our Sports day's emphasis really is on College allegiance as well as whole school participation. The whole school will be down on the field for the majority of the day. Cold snacks and drinks will be available to purchase on the field during morning break time and ice creams/lollies at lunch so pupils will need to bring in money if they wish to buy anything. Please ensure your child/children have **a large bottle of water (1L)** and a snack.

Lunchtime will take place on the field, therefore, please provide your child/children with a packed lunch. (For children who receive Free School Meals, a packed lunch will be provided.)

Parents are invited to join us, where there will be a spectators' area in which you must remain during the events; there will be an opportunity for you to eat lunch with your child during the specified time. Parents and families are more than welcome to bring their own seating or blankets.



**Access to the field will be via the entrance on Swinburne Road only after 9.30am.  
There will be no access through Walkwood Reception or The Vaynor First School.**

As every child is expected to take part in an event, may I take this opportunity to ask you to make sure that your child/children are in the correct kit: black shorts, white polo shirt, blue or white socks and trainers. Rugby tops and black tracksuit bottoms may be worn whilst waiting for their event. Pupils are to come to school in their school PE kit only – there will be no negotiation on kit, if it is not correct, they will not participate and have alternative work to do. If you have any problems/queries please contact school before the day.

**Please also ensure that your child is equipped for our varying weather i.e. waterproof jacket, hat and sun cream and bring any medication with them. Please note, we are not allowed to give out or apply sun cream.**

As said previously, every child is expected to take part in at least one event. They will be representing and gaining points for their college in doing so. Parental and family support in previous years has been brilliant and I hope you will join us this year to acknowledge and celebrate the talented and committed children we have here at Walkwood. Do note that the order of events is an estimation and we may run slightly ahead of, or behind schedule. So please take this into consideration to avoid disappointment in potentially missing your child's event.

Pupils will not be able to leave after their event has finished; they will return back to tutor groups to be dismissed at 3.30pm.

We are aware that some parents will wish to take pictures of their children. Can we ask that pictures are only of your child and that they are not put on social media; this helps us to ensure safeguarding of our students.

We will look forward to seeing you and let's pray for sunshine!

Miss Reeves *Head of PE*



## Track Events:

### 9.15: Welcome

- 9.20: Y5 Girls 80 metres heats  
9.30: Y5 Boys 80 metres heats  
9.40: Y6 Girls 80 metres heats  
9.50: Y6 Boys 80 metres heats  
10.00: Y7 Girls 100 metres heats  
10.05: Y7 Boys 100 metres heats  
10.10: Y8 Girls 100 metres heats  
10.15: Y8 Boys 100 metres heats  
10.25: Y5 Girls 150 metres heats  
10.35: Y5 Boys 150 metres heats  
10.45: Y6 Girls 150 metres heats  
10.55: Y6 Boys 150 metres heats  
11.05: Y7 Girls 200 metres heats  
11.10: Y7 Boys 200 metres heats  
11.15: Y8 Girls 200 metres heats  
11.20: Y8 Boys 200 metres heats  
11.30: Y7 Boys 300 metres heats  
11.35: Y8 Boys 300 metres heats  
11.40: Y5 Girls 600 metres  
11.45: Y5 Boys 600 metres  
11.50: Y6 Girls 600 metres  
11.55: Y6 Boys 600 metres  
**12.00 – 12.30: Lunch**  
12.40: Y5 Girls 80 metres final  
12.42: Y5 Boys 80 metres final  
12.45: Y6 Girls 80 metres final  
12.47: Y6 Boys 80 metres final  
12.50: Y7 Girls 100 metres final  
12.52: Y7 Boys 100 metres final  
12.55: Y8 Girls 100 metres final  
12.57: Y8 Boys 100 metres final  
13.00: Y5 Girls 150 metres final  
13.02: Y5 Boys 150 metres final  
13.05: Y6 Girls 150 metres final  
13.07: Y6 Boys 150 metres final  
13.10: Y7 Girls 200 metres final  
13.12: Y7 Boys 200 metres final  
13.15: Y8 Girls 200 metres final  
13.17: Y8 Boys 200 metres final  
13.20: Y7 Boys 300 metres final  
13.22: Y8 Boys 300 metres final  
13.25: Y7 Girls 800 metres  
13.33: Y7 Boys 800 metres  
13.40: Y8 Girls 800 metres  
13.48: Y8 Boys 800 metres  
13.55: Y7 & 8 Girls 1500 metres  
14.05: Y7 & 8 Boys 1500 metres  
14.15: Y5 Girls Relay  
14.20: Y5 Boys Relay  
14.25: Y6 Girls Relay  
14.30: Y6 Boys Relay  
14.35: Y7 Girls Relay  
14.40: Y7 Boys Relay  
14.45: Y8 Girls Relay  
14.50: Y8 Boys Relay



# Sports Day

Wednesday  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019



## Field Events:

- 9.20: Y7 Girls Javelin  
Y8 Girls Shot  
Y7 Boys Long Jump  
Y7 Boys High Jump  
Y8 Girls High Jump  
  
9.50: Y7 Boys Javelin  
Y8 Boys Shot  
Y7 Girls Long Jump  
  
10.15: Y8 Boys High Jump  
Y7 Girls High Jump  
  
10.20: Y8 Girls Javelin  
Y7 Girls Shot  
Y8 Boys Long Jump  
  
10.50: Y8 Boys Javelin  
Y7 Boys Shot  
Y8 Girls Long Jump  
  
11.10: Y6 Boys High Jump  
Y5 Girls High Jump  
  
11.20: Y8 Girls Discus  
Y5 Boys Cricket Ball  
Y6 Girls Long Jump  
  
12.40: Y8 Boys Discus  
Y5 Girls Rounders Ball  
Y6 Boys Long Jump  
Y5 Boys High Jump  
Y6 Girls High Jump  
  
13.10: Y7 Girls Discus  
Y6 Boys Cricket Ball  
Y5 Girls Long Jump  
  
13.40: Y7 Boys Discus  
Y6 Girls Rounders Ball  
Y5 Boys Long Jump  
  
14.10: Y8 Boys Triple Jump



## New PE kit



**T-shirt** azure blue, with royal side panels and white piping and school badge \*



**Shorts** royal blue, with azure side panels and white piping and school badge

**Zip jacket** royal blue, with azure side panels and white piping (optional), school badge \*



**Socks** royal blue with near-top white band



**Available soon !**

**Compulsory from  
September 2020**

*\* If these items are purchased from Orchard Clothing, then there is the option of having the pupil name stitched onto the front in white lettering.*

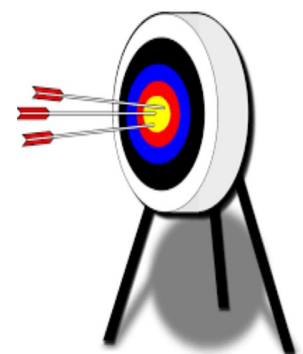
It is also permissible to wear navy track bottoms instead of the shorts, these being bought from any supplier or supermarket.

This kit will be available shortly. The current versions are permissible for the new academic year. However, the more distinctive kit will apply for year groups from September 2020.

### Y8 Drayton Manor Trip 2019 Reminder

Just a brief reminder that if you would like your child to go to Drayton Manor that the consent forms and payment through Parentpay need to be done by 17 May 2019. Any returns after this date will not be accepted.

## Archery News



On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019, 7 Year 5's competed in a District Archery Tournament at Arrow Vale playing some challenging games such as Major Oak, Unlock the Drawbridge and Shoot the Target, involving pupils having good concentration and hand-eye coordination. All pupils played exceptionally well and managed to secure 3<sup>rd</sup> place - taking home the bronze medal, we are very proud of what they have achieved.

Written By Sophie Evans



THE  
**ALEXANDRA**  
EST. SINCE 1901



I'm Neve King, Year 5 MNSA and I will be performing with BMOS in "Half A Sixpence" at The Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham from 11th June - 15th June 2019. This is my first time performing in such a big theatre so I am very excited! I will be performing on the Tuesday and Thursday evenings and the Saturday matinee as part of Team Banjoliers.

I have been performing in the theatre since I was six and have been part of over 20 shows. I love singing and dancing. If anyone wants to come and see the show, please come along.



# Clubs and Activities

## Summer Term 1 2019



	Before School 8:00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am  Orchestra Music Room 8.45 - 9.30am CGR	KS3 Art Club ECO	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm  Tennis Club 3.30 - 4.45pm PMC Starts 6th May
<b>Tuesday</b>	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room JHA	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm  All Girls Rounders 3.30 - 4.45pm LMO/KRE Starts 6th May  KS2 Science Club - <b>NO LONGER ON</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	All years Silent Reading Club Room 19 LBA	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm  Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm DSL <span style="color: red;">(when you are cooking will be confirmed)</span>  Athletics Club all years 3.30 - 4.45pm Starts 6th May
<b>Thursday</b>	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm CGR  Science Club Invite only session Lab 2 JHD  Eco Schools Club Week 1 Room 21 (Lab 3) MBI	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm  All years Boys and Girls Cricket Club 3.30 - 4.45pm RMA/CHU/PJE/PMC/SWE Starts 6th May
<b>Friday</b>	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am		Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm  Badminton Club 3.30 - 4.45 pm PMC Starts 6th May

# Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

ominous

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 9th April 2019 — 9th May 2019

Congratulations to:

### Top Girl

Caitlin Banks (Year 5 BJHD) - who has read an incredible 557,499 words

### Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (Year 6 CMBI) - who has read a fantastic 442,768 words

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

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







# Trips and Visits

## 2018 - 2019



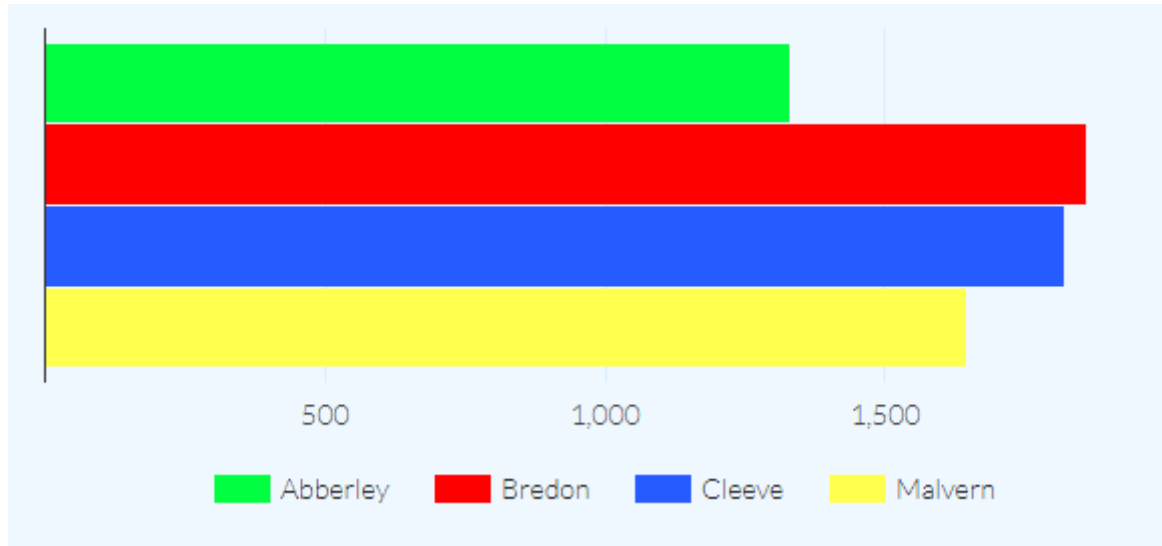
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
<b>May</b>					
Fri 17—Mon 20	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
<b>June</b>					
Thurs 20—Sat 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7 & 8	£ 315	Mr West
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 170	Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull
<b>July</b>					
Wed 17 July	Rewards Trip	Drayton Manor	Y8	£ 25	Mr West



# Epraise Update



## Points This Week: By College



## Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🟡 Leah Paice (ALBA) (31)
2. 🟡 Abi Goldingay (BRCO) (29)
3. 🟡 Alfie Bonehill (BRCO) (27)
4. 🟠 Miller Glen (BRCO) (24)
5. 🟠 Max Dorgan (BRCO) (23)
6. 🟠 Queenie Butler (CLBK) (22)
6. 🟡 Lily Vaughan (BRCO) (22)
8. 🟠 Caiden McEntee (CMBI) (21)
8. 🟠 Grace Hyde (MPJE) (21)
8. 🟠 Niamh Campbell (CLBK) (21)



# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 1 9        2 0 2 0	Wednesday 15 May	Y7 & 8 Isle of Wight Information Evening 6.30 pm
	Monday 27 to Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Thursday 6 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
	Wednesday 12 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
	Tuesday 9th July	Summer Concert 7.30 pm
	Friday 19 July	End of Term
	Monday 2 & 3 September	Staff Development Days
	Wednesday 4 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Friday 25 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November	Half Term
	Friday 20 December	End of Term
	Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February	Half Term
	Friday 3 April	End of Term
	Monday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	Half Term
	Friday 17 July	End of Term