

Dear Parents and Carers,

The application process for members of next year's Pupil Leadership Team closed this week, with potential prefects, College Captains and Head Boy and Head Girl placing letters into the hands of specific staff. Not all applicants will go through to the next round, which for the College Captains, Head Boy and Head Girl there are interviews by staff.



Wednesday was a Deep Day, where the different Colleges have considered Bible stories but carrying out work which looks at what the stories may mean to us. Malvern studied the passage which tells of Jesus calming the storm, while Bredon looked at the transfiguration (when Jesus went up a mountain to talk with God). Cleeve College worked with the idea of baptism, and Abberley considered the parable of the sower of seeds (we also use this at Harvest time).

The two Arts Days on Thursday and Friday have allowed the pupils to work in year groups on projects that have specific parts of the world as the theme. Year 5 looked at aspects of Africa, with drums, dance and designing around the gecko. Year 6 used different artists and forms to consider self-expression, such as linking personal descriptive words into a thumb print. Year 7 focused on aspects of South America, once again encompassing music and dance, but also bringing in the habitats and animals of that part of the continent. Finally, Year 8's country of focus has been China, where food, games and terracotta warriors were to the fore.



When you read this I will be with five colleagues and a large number of Year 8s in London. We experience two very different shows - the musical Matilda, and The Play That Goes Wrong. One hundred members of Year 5 are in Wales, actually in the Brecon Beacons, looked after by Mr Macdonald, amongst others. Finally, Year 7 and some of Year 8 are headed to the Isle of Wight for very watery activities.

Many of our activities involve staff giving additional time to organising or delivering the events, on top of their teaching or support of learning. Certainly, educational visits are 'extras' which would not be possible without the voluntary time given by Walkwood colleagues, and I appreciate very much what they give.

Rev C Leach
Principal

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me
bless his holy name. Psalm 103: 1

A Prayer for The greatness of God

Lord,

You are great. Greater than any of us.
We praise your holy name. Your love and power go beyond our understanding but your greatness is clear. That you are the everlasting God, that we can always rely on. Let your greatness rule within our lives and overpower all that is wrong in this world. In your holy name.

Amen

This week's theme was:
The greatness of God

He has shown you his greatness among the nations. Exalt him in the presence of every living being, because he is our Lord and he is our God; he is our Father and he is God for ever.

Tobit 13:3

Whole School Attendance

95.96%

Whole School Target

95.6%

10.06.19—14.06.19

Year 5 — 96.17%

Year 6 — 96.16%

Year 7 — 97.57%

Year 8 — 93.81%



For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Honour	I have honoured my followers in the same way that you honoured me, in order that they may be one with each other, just as we are one. <i>John 17:22</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Courage	I will save you and make you a blessing to the nations. So don't be afraid or lose courage. <i>Zechariah 8:13</i>
The assembly theme:	Doing the right thing	In every country God accepts anyone who worships him and does what is right. <i>Acts 10:35</i>

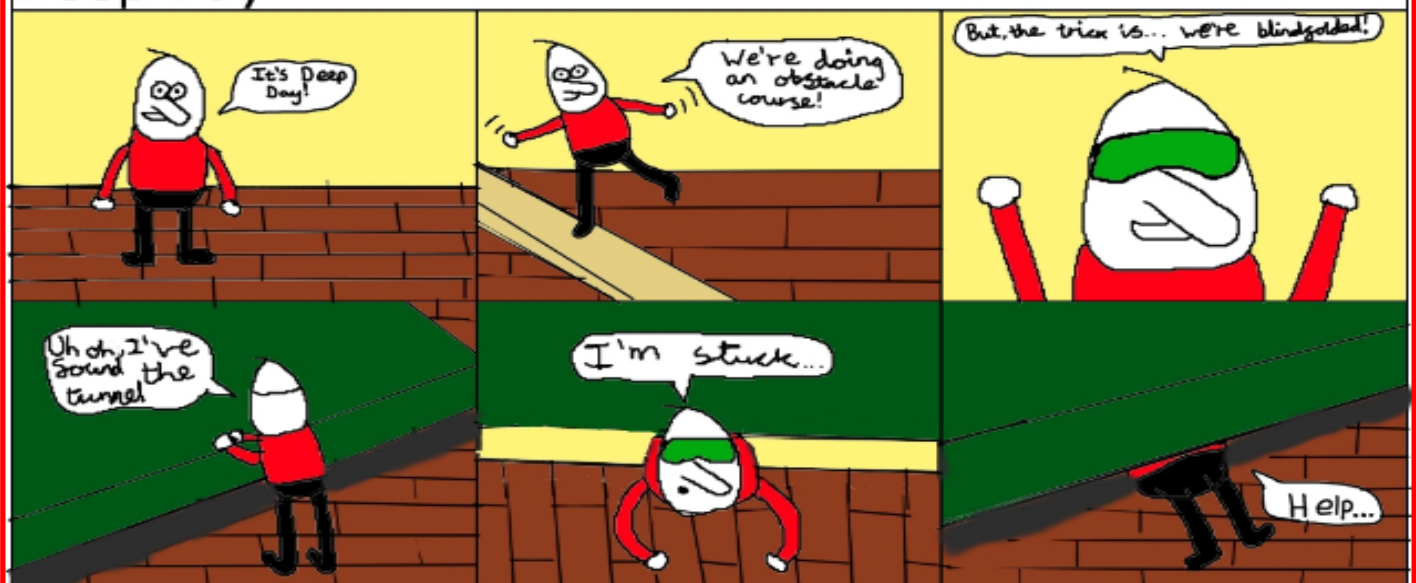
We ask for your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

The weekend	Enjoyable and safe experiences for pupils on school trips	Monday	Those voting for our new prime minister
Tuesday	Those suffering with mental health issues	Wednesday	Those we know that are unwell
Thursday	The teachers and support staff of Crabbs Cross Academy	Friday	Local businesses in Redditch

S4 Ep34

Silly Norman

Deep Day





<p>Bredon – Transfiguration <i>Matt. Ch.17, v.1-9</i> – Jesus takes three of his disciples up to a high mountain where Jesus ‘transfigures’ before them. His face shines like the sun and his clothes become white as the light. Moses and Elijah also appear and start talking to Jesus. The disciples are shocked at this, but Jesus asks them not to say anything about it. Moses represents the law and Elijah represents the prophets.</p>	<p>Cleeve – The Baptism <i>Matt. Ch 3, v.13-17</i> – Jesus comes to the River Jordan to be baptised by John the Baptist. John says he is unworthy to even untie his sandals let alone baptise him but he does it anyway. When Jesus comes out of the water, the heavens open and the spirit in the shape of a dove descends on him. Baptism is a symbol of renewal, starting again, washing away and forgiveness of sins and coming into a new life with Christ.</p>
<p>What is the story of the transfiguration? Who were Moses and Elijah? Why are they important in the story? What is the symbolism of the story? What questions would we ask the people in the story? How can I make changes in my life? What do I need to do to transform my life?</p>	<p>What is baptism? How did Jesus get baptised and by whom? Why did Jesus need to get baptised? What is the symbolism of baptism today? Who do we belong to? How does it feel to belong to a group? Why do we do certain things in life?</p>
<p>Introduction to the story of the transfiguration The story in more depth – what does it actually mean? Transformer cross box activity Wax crayon and paint activity</p>	<p>Introduction to baptism The symbolism of baptism Pen and ink artwork of a dove Soap carving activity Designing a candle with prayers</p>

<p>Malvern - Calming the Storm <i>Matt. Ch. 8, v.23-27</i> – Jesus and his disciples are on a boat. Jesus is asleep when, without warning, a furious storm starts. The disciples wake him asking for him to help them. Jesus says that the disciples have little faith; he gets up and rebukes the waves making it calm again. The disciples are amazed that even the wind and the waves obey him.</p>	<p>Abberley – The Sower of the Seed <i>Matt. Ch. 13, v.1-23</i> – Jesus tells a large crowd a parable about sowing seed. The seed is the message of God: On the path – the devil can easily snatch it away On rocky ground – it has no roots so it only lasts a short time On thorny ground – the deceitfulness of life chokes it On good soil – it produces good crops</p>
<p>What is the story of the calming of the storm? Why were the disciples worried? Why did they not have faith in Jesus? How does this change the opinions of the disciples about Jesus? What is the symbolism of the story? What questions would we ask the people in the story? How can I face my fears? What do I need to do to stay calm and not stress or worry in my life?</p>	<p>What is the story of the Sower and the Seed? Why did Jesus tell this story? What is the symbolism behind the story? What type of seed am I? What do I need to do in life to change and be a better person ?</p>
<p>Introduction to the story of the calming of the storm Obstacle course Pompom making/meditation/puzzles Keep calm and carry on posters</p>	<p>Introduction to the story of the sower of the seed. Fruits of Faith – large tree activity. Board game – how can you make your life more fruitful? Designing plant pots and planting sweet peas. Making paper flowers with a message for ourselves or someone close.</p>

There and Back Again 2019

On Friday, 14th June, a group of Year 8 pupils went on a trip to Birmingham, which they had planned, costed and timetabled. They left school at 08:30 with Mr West and Mrs Griffiths. The group caught a bus to Redditch Train Station, then a train to New Street Station, Birmingham.

Once in Birmingham, the pupils orientated their way around the streets of Birmingham using a map. We navigated our way to the Birmingham Library. After the Library, we visited the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, before purchasing lunch in Greggs and eating outside around the fountain in Victoria Square. Before returning to the train station, we walked to the Bull outside the Bullring, visited St. Martin's Church and had a 'smelly' fast walk through the meat and fish market.

We returned to Redditch on the train and then walked back to school just in time for the home time bell. Fun and laughter had been had all day, though just over 19,000 steps left our feet aching.

Well done Team, it was great to spend the day with you all. You planned it well.

Mr West and Mrs T Griffiths

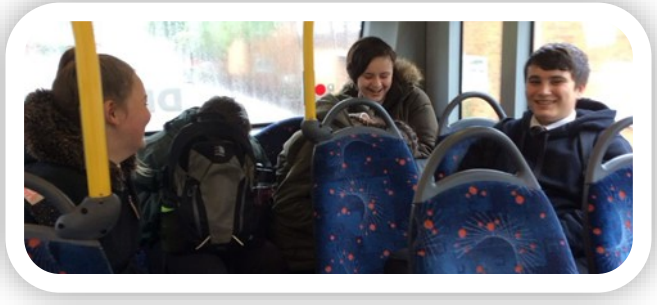


My favourite part of the day was looking out across Birmingham from the top of the Library and walking around different parts of Birmingham. Going on the bus and train with my friends was good fun too.

Josh Reynolds CLBK

The part of the trip that I enjoyed the most, was mapping our way from school to Birmingham and back again. It was a lot of fun.

Emily Jones MPJE



During the trip, there were many great experiences. My favourite part was going onto the roof of the library. This is because the view was breathtaking. Overall the trip was amazing. I would recommend this day out and would do it all again.

Keiren Thompson MKRE

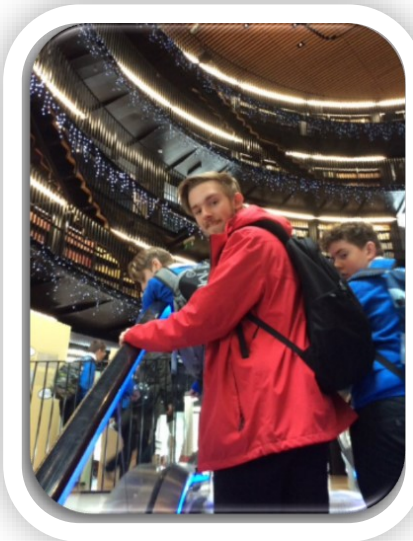


My favourite part of the trip was going to the Art Museum. It was very nice. Even though I have been there before it was an interesting refresher. I recommend this trip to anyone as it is an amazing day out. The museum is full of interesting things that would amaze you. The best part of the museum for me is the World War II section.

Aaron Jennings MKRE

The best part of the trip for me, was buying our lunch in Greggs and eating it outside the museum and being with my friends on the train.

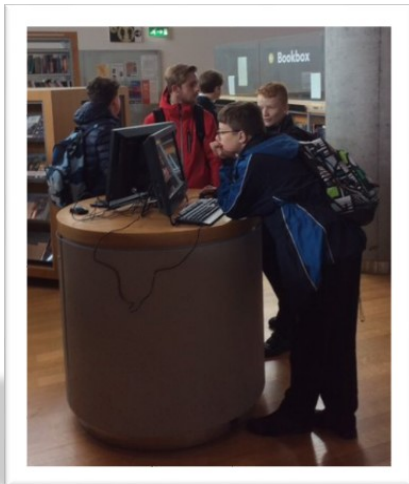
Ria Parker CSBK





My highlight of the Birmingham trip was the independence and being with my friends. It was great to experience a proper library.

Kayla Futcher BCLO



I really enjoyed the Birmingham trip; it was something to remember doing at Walkwood. My favourite part of the trip was going to the top of the library and looking out over Birmingham. It was great walking around the Museum and Art Gallery, looking at and learning about new things. Also, the teachers Mrs Griffiths and Mr West and how they interacted with the pupils was great. If you get the opportunity to go, definitely do it.

Cocher Cull BJCO



My favourite part of the trip was going to the Art Museum and the Library.

The best things about the museum were looking at the World War II and the Villa Park displays.

My favourite part of the library was going up to all the different viewpoints and looking over Birmingham.

It was a good day out, even planning it was good and it gets you out of school!

Ollie Seal MKRE



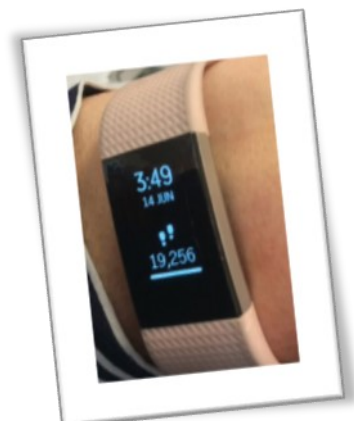
On Friday, 14th June we went on an amazing trip to Birmingham with Mrs Griffiths and Mr West. It was a great experience. We all loved going on the bus and train, it was some people's first time. My best part was going up to the top of the Library where you can see the view of Birmingham. We all had a laugh, smile and a chat along the way. Some people also faced their fears going up so high. Everyone loved the museum, but most of all everyone loved the refreshing Greggs pastries or pizzas with a drink and a doughnut. The walk home was fantastic; I now know how to walk home from town. We all slept well that night.

Sophie Rowe BRFO



My favourite part was when we were at the very top of the Birmingham Library, looking at the view of Birmingham. I also liked being able to buy my own lunch in Greggs.

Shaun Gumbley CSBK



Funzone Summer 2019 Programme

Funzone runs three out of school clubs that are rated 'Good' and 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. Our summer club runs at Walkwood Church of England Middle School and cares for children aged 4 – 14 years. We are open every day from 7:30am – 6pm. We have a fabulous summer planned with a range of activities to get children of all ages and interests involved!

w/c 22nd July BOLT IT LIKE BECKHAM WEEK

We start the summer with a week of team competitions and activities to help everyone to get to know each other. We will be taking part in the tyre stack challenge, running treasure hunts, playing games from years gone by and getting caught up in obstacle courses! We will also be making ice cream sundaes and fruit kebabs and setting up our growing area ready to grow plants and vegetables.

On Wednesday 24th July we will be visiting Morton Stanley Park for the day, we will be eating lunch there and playing a range of games.

w/c 29th July BEAR GRYLLS SURVIVAL WEEK

This week we will be attempting to complete our Commando course, trying the water carrying challenge and braving the Bush Tucker Trials! We will be den building, twig weaving, and stone decorating.

On Thursday 1st August we will be taking this even further at Umberslade Adventure and on Friday 2nd we will be having a BBQ (weather permitting).

w/c 5th August FACT OR FICTION WEEK

Books and stories will be the theme for this week. We will be running storytelling afternoons every day and the children will be welcome to bring in their favourite book to share with all of the children. We will be face painting, putting on tattoos and glitter tattoos and painting nails.

On Tuesday 6th August we will be visiting Telford Town Park where there are loads of things to do! The younger children will be visiting Wonderland and the older children will be playing bowling (limited spaces). On Wednesday 7th we will be having a slumber party, and children can come in their pyjamas (if they wish to!) and on Thursday 8th we are holding an Alice in Wonderland Tea Party.

w/c 12th August SUN SEA AND SURF WEEK

This week we will be braiding hair and bracelets, having a water fight, making sand art pictures and holding a boat floating competition. On Monday we will be making ice cream sundaes and on Friday holding a beach party!

On Wednesday 14th August we will be visiting Weston Super Mare for the day. This will be a full day trip and we will be leaving at 8am and returning at 6pm.

w/c 19th August FUNKY FOODS

We will be trying all different foods this week. Each day we will try foods from different countries of the world. We will also be braving the 'Tickle Your Taste Bud' Challenge, making pizzas, rainbow cake, fruit smoothies and designing our own open top sandwiches.

On Tuesday 20th August we will be visiting Sycamore Adventure Playground in Dudley. This is a very popular trip where children can spend the day getting lost in their own adventures in a secure area with loads of props to help them.

w/c 26th August MESS MANIA This week we will be getting messy, bring in spare clothes!

We will be taking part in the doughnut eating challenge on Tuesday 27th August (no licking your lips!) and slime making on Wednesday 28th. We will be trying out circus skills and belly dancing, getting messy in cornflour play and taking part in water fights.

On Thursday 29th August we are holding 'Nerf war Battles'. We have an external provider coming in to run this for us.

As well as all these planned activities we will have lots of other things going on throughout the weeks.

We have a separate area upstairs for our Year 5 and older children between 8.30am and 4.00pm every day. This is so that they can take part in more age-appropriate activities without the younger children around. The children are allowed their phones upstairs, but this is monitored. Children are not allowed to take photos on their phones, and they remain the child's responsibility at all times.

If you would like further information on our summer programme, please email us on

FunzoneLtd@hotmail.co.uk.

Fundraising evening by Oasis Christian Centre

This is our fundraising night and all the proceeds go towards paying for young people to go to our summer camp who couldn't usually afford this, and any extra money will go towards new equipment.

So it's a cheesy night:

Cheesy Quiz

Cheesy Disco

Cheesy photo booth

Cheese, cheese cake, and cake that looks like cheese.

It's £3 entry but all under 11's go free.

This is being organised by our Chaplain Mrs Deakin. All are welcome.



Clubs and Activities

Summer Term 1 2019



	Before School 8:00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	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
Tuesday	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 - NO LONGER ON
Wednesday	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 (when you are cooking will be confirmed) Athletics Club all years 3.30 - 4.45pm Starts 6th May
Thursday	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
Friday	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:

lollygag

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 20th May 2019 — 20th June 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Lauren Sole (Year 7 AMLA) - who has read an incredible 821,017 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (Year 6 CMBI) - who has read a fantastic 930,020 words

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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU





Trips and Visits

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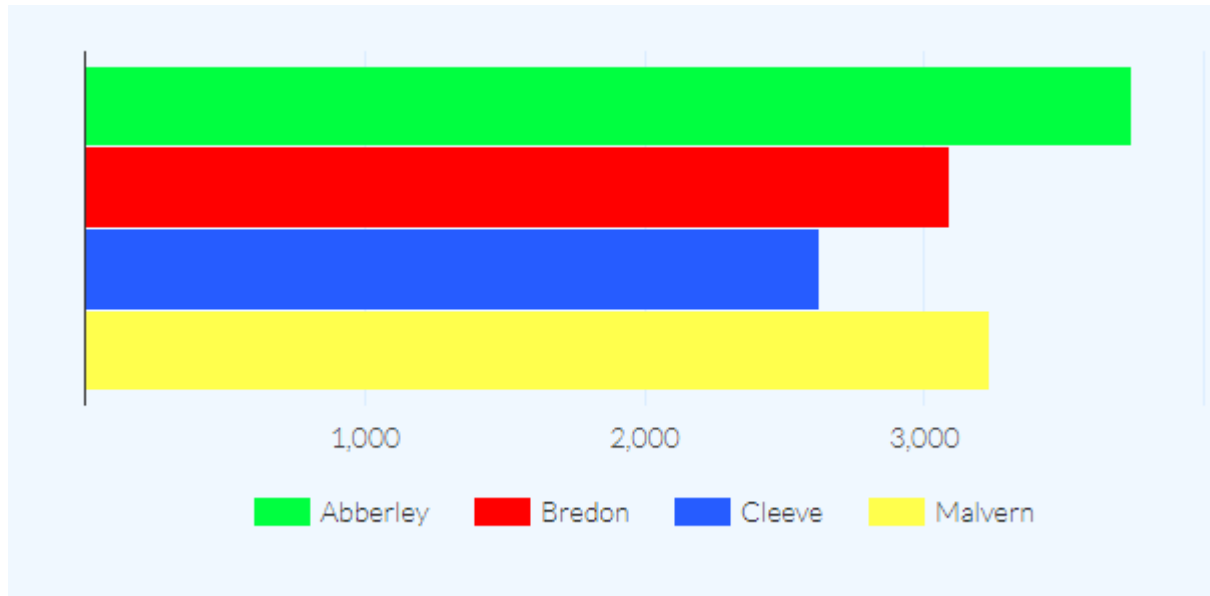
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
June					
Thurs 20— Sat 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7 & 8	£ 315	Mr West
Fri 21— Mon 24	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 170	Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull
July					
Wed 17 July	Rewards Trip	Drayton Manor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



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🟡 Zac Abdullah (AMLA) (59)
2. 🟡 Lottie Duke (ALWA) (46)
3. 🟠 Kailan Perumal (ALWA) (44)
4. 🟠 Rebecca Wilshaw (ALWA) (42)
5. 🟡 Thomas Showell (AECO) (31)
5. 🟡 Sam Whittington (AECO) (31)
5. 🟠 Harvey Allcock (ALWA) (31)
8. 🟠 Olivia Blake (ALWA) (30)
9. 🟠 Matthew Banks (AECO) (29)
9. 🟠 Grace Hyde (MPJE) (29)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2019	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
2020	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