

## The Insider

19th October 2018 Issue 304

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday afternoon we welcomed members of the National Youth Jazz Orchestra. The six members explained how their instruments contributed to jazz, so we heard about the saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass guitar, keyboard and, of course, drums. A couple of the tunes they played for Years 5 and 6 were composed by members of the band, and the improvisation of solo selections were well illustrated as each of the six instruments took the lead within different pieces that were played.



On Wednesday we were joined by some pupils from the local first schools to take up challenges in Maths and Science. The pupils were led through problem-solving by Walkwood staff, as well as being around the school with our younger pupils during the day. They seemed to be enjoying themselves!

As well as last week's very busy Open Evening, we have had four sessions of Open Days where prospective parents have been into Walkwood to see the school as it is (autumn leaves along the carpet notwithstanding!). The best ambassadors for our school have been the pupils themselves, not just during the Open days but during the Open Evening, where the guides and pupil helpers were on hand.

Be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.

2 Chronicles 15: 7

As the half-term break rolls up, we have a significant number of lost property items that are without any names. These include jumpers, items of PE kit and sooooooo many lunch boxes! If your child has mislaid something in school, we do our best to get it back to its owner, but can only do this if items have a name in them. Therefore, if you are able to put a name inside their clothing and on lunchboxes, that would be greatly appreciated - there are a few manufacturers of waterproof pens, so I will not suggest any particular brand.

Rev C Leach Principal

Lord God,

You never give up on us.

You are always there for us, no matter what we do.

Even in our darkest days you help us come through.

There are times when we feel overwhelmed and hurt by what we have to do, let us know that you can keep us going.

Help us not to give up on things and to purely rely on you.

Amen.

This week's theme was: Never giving up

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:16-8

Whole School Attendance - 96.7%

Whole School Target - 95.6%

08.10.18—12.10.18

Year 5 — 97.31%

Year 6 — 97.75%

Year 7 — 96.37%

Year 8 — 95.28%















## For the week ahead



Tot the Week arread				
The Fruit of Fai	th Forgiveness	Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends.  Proverbs 17:9		
The tutor grou virtue:	p Peace	Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.  John 14:27		
The assembly theme:	Harvest	As long as the earth continues, planting and harvest, cold and hot, summer and winter, day and night will not stop.  Genesis 8:22		
	We ask for your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:			
The weekend	The Royal Army, Na Force	ne Royal Army, Navy and Air orce		Those who struggle with PTSD
Tuesday	Those affected by the floods in France		Wednesday	A stop to plastic waste affecting our sea life and animals
Thursday	The lives of those with life- threatening illnesses		Friday	Those that need more encourage- ment in their lives.





If you have any shoe boxes lurking at home, please hold on to them for a week or so. We shall be using them to support The Bridge Church in their shoe box appeal and will share more details in due course.

## Thank you!



### Walkwood Book Fair



We are hosting a children's **BOOK FAIR** from Travelling Books on the following dates:

Monday 5th November until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

A timetable has been created to allow all pupils to view and buy books. Leaflets with a small selection of the titles available are being sent home. There are hundreds of titles to choose from, so please feel free to browse from the full selection on <a href="https://www.travellingbooks.co.uk">www.travellingbooks.co.uk</a>

Please note that the library is also open at break times and at lunchtime for purchases ONLY.

Great ideas for Birthday or Christmas presents.

#### National Youth Jazz Orchestra Concert

On Monday afternoon, KS2 and a few other musicians from KS3 had the amazing opportunity to experience a concert performed by a small group of musicians from the National Youth Jazz Orchestra. Here are the reactions of three boys from Year 8 who were in the audience:



"It was good; really, really good. All the musicians got to play their own solo, so they were all included equally for solos. There was a good range of instruments and sounds."

"As a guitar player I felt really inspired and could appreciate the standard they were playing at."

"It was a unique performance, unlike anything I've heard before. It makes me want to play the saxophone, but I was inspired to practise my guitar. It was a truly fantastic performance and a perfect example of what live music should be."

Unisex	Boy	Girl	5993
Fun	Fun	Fun	3
Lego*/building toys	Lego*/building toys	Lego*/building toys	
Ball*/inflatable ball or globe	Ball*/inflatable ball or globe	Ball*/inflatable ball or globe	
Juggling balls/bean bags	Juggling balls/bean bags	Juggling balls/bean bags	
Puzzle e.g. Expandaball/Rubix Cube	Puzzle e.g. Expandaball/Rubix cube	Puzzle e.g. Expandaball/Rubix cube	
Game e.g. dominoes/cards	Game e.g. dominoes/cards	Game e.g. dominoes/cards	
Wind-up toy	Wind-up toy	Wind-up toy	
Wind-up Music Box	Wind-up Music Box	Wind-up Music Box	
Musical instrument e.g. har- monica/whistle	Musical instrument e.g. har- monica/whistle	Musical instrument e.g. har- monica/whistle	
Yo-yo	Yo-yo	Yo-yo	
Teddy bear/soft toy	Teddy bear/soft toy	Teddy bear/soft toy	
Fidget Spinner	Fidget Spinner	Fidget Spinner	
Balloons	Balloons	Balloons	
Picture Book/Comic Book	Picture book/Comic book	Picture book/Comic book	<
Mini Board Games*	Mini Board Games*	Mini Board Games*	
	Toy vehicle	Doll	
	Wooden or foam glider	Jewellery*	
	Football cards/figurine	Skipping rope	
Stationery	Stationery	Stationery	
Pencils	Pencils	Pencils	
Colouring pencils/pens	Colouring pencils/pens	Colouring pencils/pens	
Paper/notebook	Paper/notebook	Paper/notebook	
Sharpener/Eraser/Ruler	Sharpener/eraser/ruler	Sharpener/eraser/ruler	
Pencil case	Pencil case	Pencil case	
Paints & brushes	Paints & brushes	Paints & brushes	
Practical	Practical	Practical	
'Magic' gloves & 'Magic' hat	'Magic' gloves & 'Magic' hat	'Magic' gloves & 'Magic'	hat
Scarf	Scarf	Scarf	
Toothbrush	Toothbrush	Toothbrush	
Toothpaste	Toothpaste	Toothpaste	
Soap/small toiletries	Soap/small toiletries	Soap/small toiletries	
Hairbrush/comb	Hairbrush/comb	Hairbrush/comb	
Flannel/facecloth/wash mitt	Flannel/facecloth/wash mitt	Flannel/facecloth/wash n	nitt
Drawstring bag	Drawstring Bag	Bobbles/hairbands/clips	
		Drawstring bag/handbag	
Other	Other	Other	
Wind-up torch	Wind-up Torch	Wind-up Torch	
Sweets	Sweets	Sweets	
Sunglasses	Sunglasses	Sunglasses	
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## Clubs and Activities Autumn Term 1 2018

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
	7:45am – 8:45am	12.35 – 1.20PM	3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library	KS3 Art Club starting 18 <sup>th</sup> September (ECO)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm
	Orchestra Music Room - 8.45-9.30am (CGR)	Choir (all year groups) 12.50-1.20pm Music Room (CGR)	Kurling and Boccia Club (invite/sign up only) starts 24 <sup>th</sup> September (NFO) 3.30 – 4.45pm
		Monday lunchtime DT block Movie Club all years (AMI) starting Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	
Tuesday	Homework Club Library	Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room (JHA)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm
			Stunt Squad & Cheerleading (sign-up sheet and try-outs information to follow)
			Science Club 3.30—4.30pm
Wednesday	Homework Club Library	All years Silent Reading Club Rm 19 (LBA)	Girls Football (RMA/ LWO/ HMA)  Homework Club  DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm
	,		Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm – (DSL) (rota of when you are cooking will be confirmed)
			5/6 Netball Club (starting 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept) KRE)
			5 and 6 Football (starts 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept) CHU and LWO
			Year 7/8 Rugby (starts 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept) PJE
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) Music Room - 12.50-1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm
		Eco Schools Club Week 1 in Room 21 (Lab 3) (MBI)	7/8 Netball Club (starting 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept) LMO/KRE
		First meeting Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2018.	7/8 Boys Football (starts 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept) RMA/NSA
			Hockey club (not starting until end of September – more details to follow) NFO
Friday	Homework Club Library		Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm
			Rec Football – NFO, CHU, RMA, (starts 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept)



TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips – typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips. Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly, before it as rebranded by the Chinese company that acquired it in November 2017. If your child had previously had a Musical, ly account, all of their videos and personal settings will have automatically been moved to TikTok.















## What parents need to know about

#### **BEING INFLUENCED**

More than one third of children aged 6-17 consider 'social media stars' to be among their top role models. There are millions of creators on TikTok, showcasing their 'talents, moments and knowledge,' from singing to dancing to stunts and comedy skits, which receive thousands of likes and omments from around the world, quickly turning people into 'stars'. There is the danger that children may develop unrealistic expectations of how they should look and behave on the app in order to become the next 'star'. They may have selings of inadequacy and low self-esteem or become swayed by certain opinions.

#### INAPPROPRIATE SONG LYRICS

kTok lets users lip-sync to their favourite songs and produce their own music videos. Some of the music choices contain swear words or sexual themes. So not only can children be osed to potentially inappropriate content but they can roadcast themselves miming or singing these lyrics.

#### CONCERNING CONTENT

Some of the outfits and dance moves in videos can be overtly sexual and provocative. There have also been reports of some users sharing concerning content, such as videos that promote anorexia, porn, self-harm and violence.

#### **DANGEROUS TRENDS & CHALLENGES**

these challenges can pose risks to young people.

## STRANGERS CAN FOLLOW YOUR CHILDREN

If your child's profile is open, strangers can use the app to comment on your child's videos. While this isn't always sinister, it gives potential predators the ability to contact. your child through the platform.

#### **IN-APP PURCHASES**

Of course, as with many apps, there's a paid element to TikTok. Users can buy virtual coins to be exchanged for virtual gifts – for example, if they like a specific video, your child can use coins to purchase emojis to show approval. These can be expensive and easily purchased – there is the option to buy 10,000 coins for \$29.99\$ with a one-click buy

## ANYONE CAN SEE YOUR CHILD'S CREATIONS

TikTok encourages users to 'share their passion and creative expression through their videos' and while something may seem fun at the time, videos can get in the wrong hands and cause embarrassment in the future. If posted publicly, anyone in the world can see your child's homemade music video and potentially cause bullying within personal friendship groups or even online.



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## ips Parents



TALK ABOUT THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING

Encourage your kids to always think before they do, say, like or post anything online, explaining that their 'digital footprint' can shape their online reputation and the way that other people see them. Something they may find funny and entertaining now may impact them in the future. Talk about how to deal with peer pressure and how doing something they think will impress others could affect them. nething they think will impress others could affect them

HANDLING CRITICISM

While it's fantastic to see your child being creative and expressive and bonding with people with similar interests, they need to be aware that not everyone will be supportive online. Comments can be negative or even cruel. Make sure they know how to comment respectfully and handle negative feedback. In the app's Privacy and Safety settings, your child can decide who can react to their videos, who can comment, and who can send them private chat messages. We suggest using these settings so only their friends can interact with their posts.

SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE

When signing up to TikTok, you are prompted to input your birth date. If your child inputs their age as 'under 13', the app will not allow them to sign up and will be locked for 24 hours. The app is intended for users aged 13+, so explain that the rating is there for a reason; to keep them protected from online dangers. It is actually possible to watch TikTok videos without even creating an account, so it's important to check if your underage child has downloaded the app to their devices.

USE THE 'DIGITAL WELLBEING' SETTING

If you're concerned about the amount of time your child is spending on TikTok, in the app's setting, you can switch on a feature called Digital Wellbeing. This includes 'Screen Management' to limit the amount of time your child spends on the app.

#### SET THE ACCOUNT TO PRIVATE

This means that only people who you and your child approve of can see their creations. To make an account private, tap the three dots at the top right of the screen to access settings. Click 'Privacy and Safety'. Scroll down until you find 'Private Account' and turn this setting on.

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you or your child see something on TikTok that appears to be inappropriate, they can report content in different ways within the app. They can report an account, video, comment or chat conversation by simply tapping 'Report'. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is also an 'Enhanced Restricted Mode', which limits the appearance of videos that may not be appropriate for all audiences. appropriate for all audiences.

#### AVOID IDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS

To ensure that there's no way of anyone tracking your child's location or identity, make it clear to them that they should never film a video in their school uniform or near a landmark that gives away where they live.

DISCUSS IN-APP PURCHASES

To lower the risk of your child making accidental in-app purchases, teach them exactly what in-app purchases are and the risks of making them without permission. Tell them that they are not essential to enjoy the app and that if they want to make a purchase, they should always ask you beforehand. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is the option to disable the function of purchasing coins and sending gifts.

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This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with the app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.

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#### Year 5 'Settling in' Evening

We would like to offer you the opportunity to come into school with your child on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October between 4pm and 7pm to meet primarily with their tutor. This will provide you with the chance to see how they have generally settled into Walkwood during the first half term.



On the same evening, if you have a pressing concern you would like to discuss with English, Maths or Science teachers, these subject teachers will be available if required. Please however bear in mind that some staff members have more than one Year 5 group and a tutor group, and so they will not be able to meet with all parents of the pupils they teach. Therefore, please book in with your child's tutor teacher as a priority and then the core subject teachers only if you have any immediate concerns. This is not our formal parents' evening, this will come later on during the academic year; you will also receive a full school report in February.

As explained in your welcome pack we will be using Epraise for parents' evening bookings. There is an app available for Android and Apple phones or you can visit <a href="www.epraise.co.uk">www.epraise.co.uk</a>, ensuring you select Walkwood Church of England Middle School from the list of schools.

If you have forgotten your password, or have never logged into Epraise before, then click on the parent tab and enter your email address, leave the password field blank, press submit and a password will be sent to your email.

If you do not have an email address registered with us then you will be unable to login so you will need to contact the school reception to add an email address to your contact details.

Once in Epraise select Community then Parents' evenings. Click on Year 5 Settling In Evening, then book appointments with the required staff. If booking more than one appointment I would suggest leaving at least five minutes between appointments to allow yourself time to travel around the school. Do not forget to bring your appointment schedule with you to parents' evening. Room lists, so you know where to locate staff, will be available on the evening.

#### Year 6 SATs Information Evening 2018

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding our annual Standardised Attainment Tests (SATs) Information Evening from 6:30-7:45 pm.

The format of the evening will be as follows:

6:30-6:45 pm General information about SATs and SATs week.

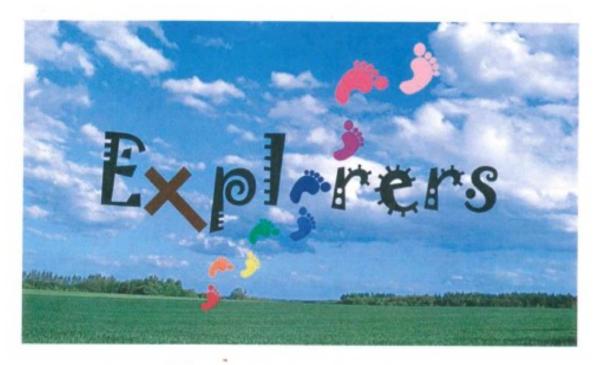
6:45-7:45 pm English and Maths workshops, where you will be given subject specific information and a flavour of the types of questions that will be asked of your child.

If you have not had experience of the SATs before I would recommend you attend, as the introduction of a new curriculum in September 2014 has meant changes to the tests and the way in which the results of the tests are reported to parents.

Pupils need not attend the information evening.



WORCESTER St John the Baptist Church, Feckenham



A weekly group for 5 -10 year olds

Every Wednesday

5:00 – 6:00 pm

In the Gazebo, Callow Hill

Beginning 3rd October

A warm welcome to all, with songs, activities, bible stories and refreshments.

For more information please contact Fiona Carter

Tel: 07864 867313 email: fiona-carter@hotmail.co.uk



This week's Word of the Week:

## digress

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 18th September 2018 — 18th October 2018

Congratulations to:

**Top Girl** 

Caitlin Banks (Year 5 BJHD) - who has read an incredible 1,484,055 words

**Top Boy** 

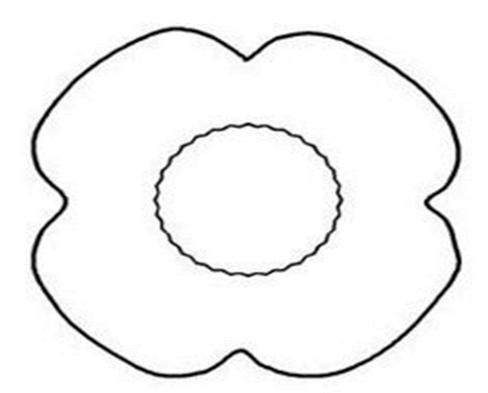
Thomas Seaton (Year 8 BCJO) - who has read a fantastic 858,198 words

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





1918 LEST WE FORGET 2018



Do you have a family member that fought in WW1 and you would like to honour and remember?

Walkwood is looking to do a WW1 Remembrance display to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Great War.

Please cut out the poppy template and write your family members' details and your child's name and tutor (a photo if possible) and send into Walkwood FAO Mrs West or email into school at <a href="mailto:office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk">office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk</a> Thank you to those who have done so already.



#### Netball, Benchball 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.



Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October Lesson 2 and 3 Year 5

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October Lesson 4 and 5 Year 6

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October Lesson 4 and 5 Year 7

Please can you make sure pupils have the correct PE kit for the following days. It is also recommended that boys have boots and shin pads.



Thanks,

PE Department

### **Charity News**

The following pupils held a bake sale the week beginning 1st October and raised £49.22 for Air Ambulance:

Cadee-Leigh Chaney—BHMA Kaleigh Roberts—MMMG Evie Whelan—BHMA Eleanor Dicken—ALBA Grace Nolan—BCJO



The following pupils held a bake sale the week beginning 8th October raised £113.95 for Redditch Cat Rescue:

Gethin Farnes—MKRE
Aston Lee Simon—CMBI
Kyle Wakefield—MKRE
Mark Barratt—AAGA
James Fletcher—CTPO
Sophie Davies—ARMA
Grace Fletcher—CCMI
Kian Marley-Molloy—CTPO

Allisia Coles—BRCO



We are a completely voluntary group
We rescue, neuter, rehabilitate and re-home cats
Neuter and relocate feral cats
We need "forever homes" for our rescues
We aim to promote responsible ownership



What a tremendous effort - well done!!

## Hockey and Multi-Skills First School Event

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Feckenham and Vaynor First Schools bought some of their Year 4 pupils to Walkwood to have a fun sports afternoon. The Year 4 pupils all had a great time playing bench hockey, crazy catch, boccia and curling. Walkwood's Sports Council played a large part in running the event and made friends with their teams, while also helping out with the fun and exciting games.

By Alex





The leaders planned and organised the event, working and supporting the pupils throughout the different activities. Staff commented at how impressed they were with the professionalism of the Sports Council. I am really proud of their effort and how they worked together to deliver a fantastic afternoon. Well done!

By Miss Reeves

## **Boccia, Kurling and Archery Festival**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October, pupils from KS2 and KS3 went to RSA Arrow Vale to spend the afternoon experiencing a variety of inclusive activities. They experienced boccia, kurling and archery and worked together to participate in friendly competitions against other schools. All pupils who went were an asset to the school.

By Miss Reeves





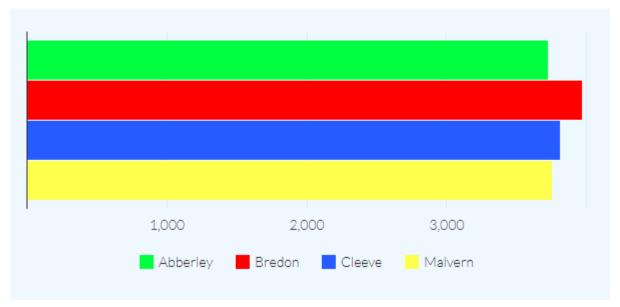


# Trips and Visits 2018 - 2019



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 17—Mon 20	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
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

## **Epraise Update**Points This Week: By College



## Top Ten Points Scorers

- 1. Amaya Ewing-Boulton (CAMI) (26)
- 1. Sophie Cowles (CMBI) (26)
- 3. Maymunah Kosar (BCJO) (24)
- 3. Summer Congrave (BCJO) (24)
- 5. Isla Neale (CLBK) (23)
- 5. James Dipple (CMBI) (23)
- 7. Noah Kelly (BCJO) (22)
- 7. James Thomas Manders (MKRE) (22)
- 9. Caitlin Brindley (ALBA) (21)
- 9. Leo Shimmon (CLBK) (21)



## Looking ahead



	Date	Event
_	Thursday 25 October	Y5 Parents' Evening <b>4.00-7.00 pm</b>
2	Friday 26 October	Staff Development Day
0	Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November	Half term
1	Wednesday 7 November	SATs Information Evening <b>6.30-7.45 pm</b> Year 7 Curriculum Information Evening <b>6.30-7.30 pm</b>
8	Monday 26 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30-7.30 pm
	Wednesday 19 December	Christmas Concert <b>7.30 pm</b>
	Friday 21 December	End of Term

2	Monday 7 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 8 January	First day of the Spring Term
0	Monday 21 January	Parent English KS2 Workshop <b>6.30-7.30 pm</b>
1	Thursday 31 January	Y6,Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
	Wednesday 6 February	Y6,Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
9	Monday 18 to Friday 22 February	Half Term
	Friday 12 April	End of Term
	Monday 29 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 8 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons Information Evening 6.30 pm
	Monday 27 to Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Thursday 6 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening <b>4.00-7.00 pm</b>
	Wednesday 12 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
	Friday 19 July	End of Term