

Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been a lot of sporting events taking place of late, and this afternoon will see the final of the 'quads', that is, the athletic competitions. In fact, this year has again seen a high level of sporting success, as well as an even larger number of pupils who have 'had a go' at events, especially the Friday afternoon sessions. On Wednesday, our Year 7 girls team won the rounders tournament, for the first time since 2002, which was before they were born! Thank you for allowing the children to take part, and I must thank the staff who organise and supervise the pupils, for without their continued input there would be a much reduced sporting presence.



Our catering team have continued to devise new puddings! I must admit that the orange and chocolate marbled cake was a marvel this week. They have also given the 'Monday brunch' a launch at lunch, and all portions were gone this week.

This morning saw our Hustings for Head Girl and Head Boy. The 3 girls and 3 boys spoke well before the whole school, who then voted. The winners will be announced on the last day of term. The same will be true for the College Captains and Vice Captains, where the hustings will take place in the College assemblies next week



We have been gearing up for the Transition Days, which take on Wednesday and Thursday next week. It will be sad to see our Year 8s go their separate ways for a couple of days, but we shall be busy attending to the settling in of 168 Year 4 pupils. On the first morning, I shall see how good they are at singing when we have our first assembly together.

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you.
Proverbs 3: 1-2

Rev. Clive Leach
Principal

A Prayer for King David

Our Father,

We remember King David. He loved you and brought your people back to knowing you. Everything he did, he did for you. We look upon him as an example of how to have a relationship with you. Every act we do, for you. Every conversation we have, for you. Bless us as we use him as a model to build our relationship with you.

Amen.

This week's theme was:
King David

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David, Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David.

Luke 2:4

Whole School Attendance

94.52%

Whole School Target

95.6%

24.06.19—28.06.19

Year 5 — 94.25%

Year 6 — 95.14%

Year 7 — 94.56%

Year 8 — 94.06%



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:	Respect	Show respect for everyone. Love Christians everywhere. Fear God and honour the government. <i>1 Peter 2:17</i>
The assembly theme:	The Emergency Services	I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak. <i>Ezekiel 34:16</i>

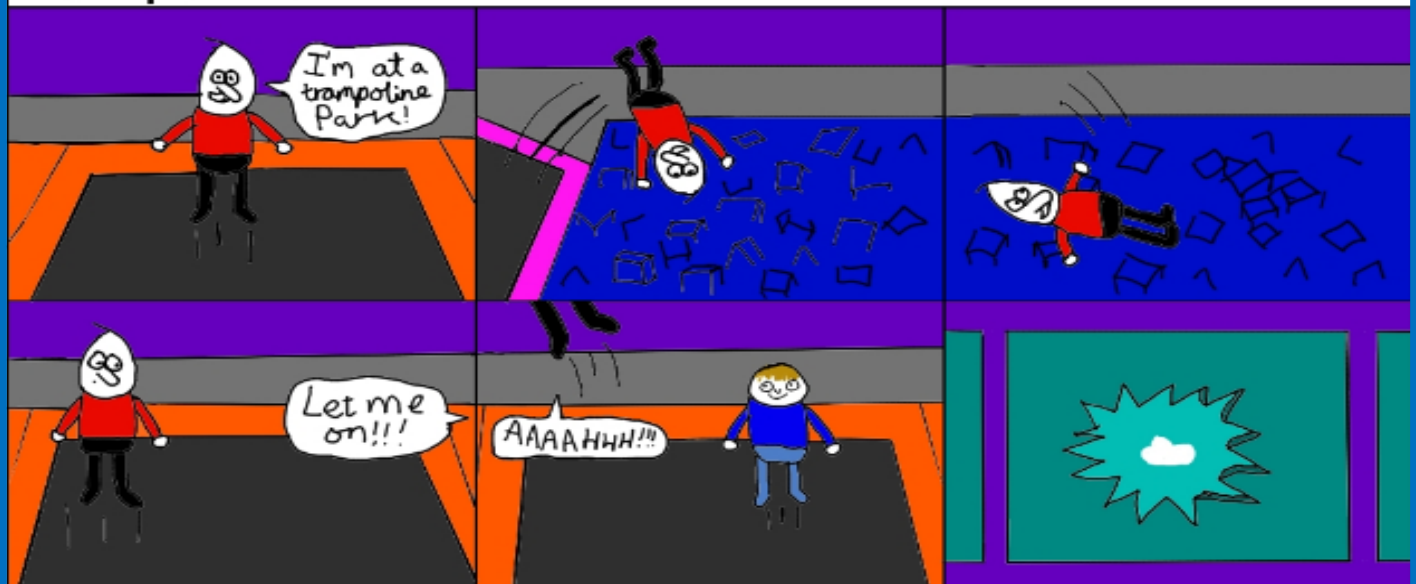
We ask for your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

The weekend	The Royal Army, Navy and Air Force	Monday	The homeless community in Redditch
Tuesday	A successful Summer Concert	Wednesday	Enjoyable transition days for Year 4 and Year 8
Thursday	Local charities that support the community of Redditch	Friday	The teachers and support staff at Vaynor First School.

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Silly Norman

Trampoline Park



Transition Days

Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th July



Tips for Preventing the Summer Slide



Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. Those losses accumulate during the elementary school years so that by the time a child enters middle school he/she may be 2 1/2 years behind! All children, whether from low, middle or upper income families, may fall victim to the "summer slide" if not provided with summer reading opportunities. So how do we prevent the summer slide-or even accelerate reading growth? Here are a few ideas:

- 1** Visit your local library! Help your child find "right fit" books. Right fit books are books that are of high interest to your child and are not beyond their reading level. You can use the five finger test to determine if the book is too difficult for your child. Open the book to a page with many words. Have your child begin reading the text. Hold up a finger for each word he/she does not know. If you have 4 or 5 fingers up, the text may be too difficult for your child to read independently. Feel free to still check out the book! It just may be a book you want to read with your child.
- 2** Be sure your child reads at least 20 minutes a day. According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade where a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,000 words! That's huge! If reading isn't one of your child's top priorities, you may need to set up an incentive program.
- 3** Set a good example. When your child sees you reading and enjoying a book or a newspaper article, you are sending a message that reading is important and valuable.
- 4** Read to your child. When you read to your child, he/she hears the rhythm of language. Be sure to read with expression! Changing your voice for different characters and increasing your volume during exciting parts are only a few ways to keep children engaged.
- 5** Read with your child—explore different types of reading such as poetry. For our little ones, poetry is a great way to improve phonemic awareness skills as poetry often incorporates rhyme. For our older children, poetry is a means of improving fluency.
- 6** Read for different purposes. Reading directions for a recipe or directions for assembling a toy are fun ways of incorporating reading into everyday activities.
- 7** Play games with words. Commercial games such as Apples to Apples improves vocabulary. You can easily turn a game of hopscotch or 4 square into a game that incorporates learning letters or sight words. Be sure to check out the "8 Super Summer Sight Word Activities" on the Make, Take & Teach blog.
- 8** If you have access to an iPad, there are tons of interactive books and apps that address phonics and early reading skills. There are also many websites that offer free reading related games.

Have a happy and healthy summer! Be sure to read, read and read some more! Not only can we prevent the summer slide, we can accelerate reading growth.



For more teaching ideas and activities be sure to visit our blog! www.blog.maketaketeach.com



New school year

Wednesday 4th September 2019



PE News

There will be no more PE extra-curricular clubs on until the next academic year. It has been fantastic to see so many of our pupils attend for recreational and team training and for those who have represented the school at fixtures.

PE Department

Year 6 and 8 Academic Reports and SATs Results

As previously mentioned, we will no longer be publishing school reports to Insight. Instead, you will be able to access your child's report via the SIMs app.

At the end of last academic year or September 2018, you received an email from the school, which had a link allowing you to sign up to the SIMS app. As explained, you can link your account to your Facebook, Twitter, Google or Microsoft account to login. This email expired after 14 days of it being sent so if you did not download the app at this time then please email,

Office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk stating that you need to be re-invited to download the SIMS app.

If you do not have an email registered or the email address we do have is out of date then you will not have received an invite so please email, Office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk to arrange for this to be rectified.

Year 6 and 8 school reports will be available to view on the SIMs app by 4pm on Thursday 11th July. Year 6 academic reports will also contain pupil's SATs results.

With this date fast approaching, I would recommend ensuring you have downloaded the SIMs app and that you are able to log in.

Pastoral News

From September 2019 the Pastoral Managers are moving to different colleges. The new set up will be as follows:

Abberley College—Leader Mr Cockram

Pastoral Manager Mrs Phelan (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Miss Ellis (Monday and Friday)

Bredon College—Leader Mr Hunt

Pastoral Manager Mrs Hands

Cleeve College—Leader Mr Macdonald

Pastoral Manager Mrs Langstone (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

Miss Timmins (Wednesday)

Malvern College—Leader Ms Tomes

Pastoral Manager Mrs Russell

Hustings for Headboy and Headgirl



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:

impermeable

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 4th June 2019 — 4th July 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Melissa Chatterton (Year 6 ALWA) - who has read an incredible 415,307 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (Year 6 CMBI) - who has read a fantastic 730,715 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



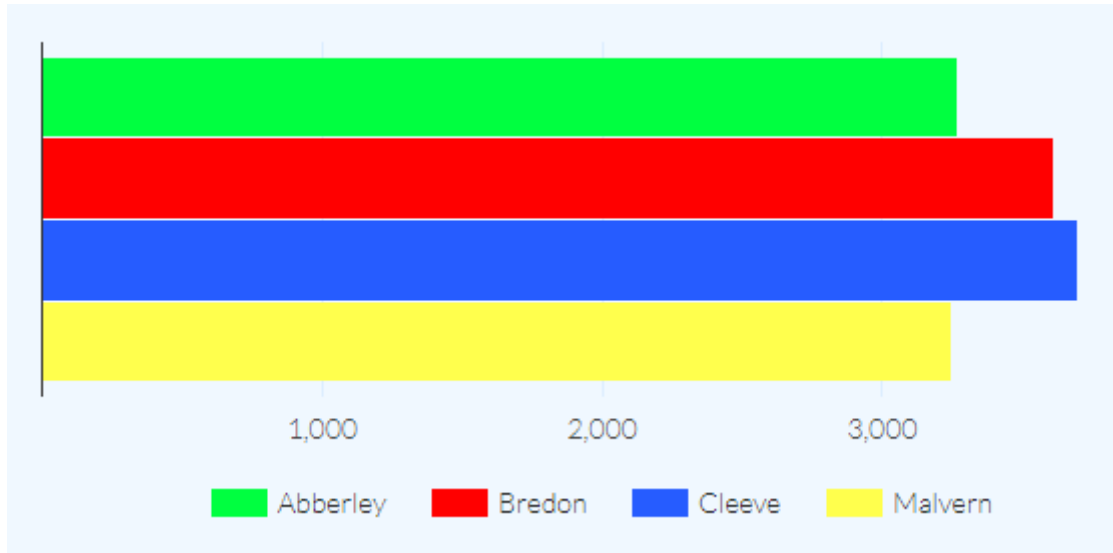
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
July					
Wed 17 July	Rewards Trip	Drayton Manor	Y8	£ 25	Mr West



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🏠 Abbie Harland (BRFO) (41)
2. 🌟 Niamh Campbell (CLBK) (40)
3. 🏠 Eleanor Taylor (CAMI) (33)
4. 🌟 Niamh Jones (CCMI) (32)
5. 🏠 Tom Scott (AAGA) (31)
5. 🏠 Hollie-Mae Stirling (CAMI) (31)
7. 🏠 Matthew Lindsay (CSBK) (30)
7. 🌟 Erin Baker (CTPO) (30)
9. 🏠 Beth Haigney (AAGA) (29)
9. 🌟 Ashleigh Morris (CAMI) (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