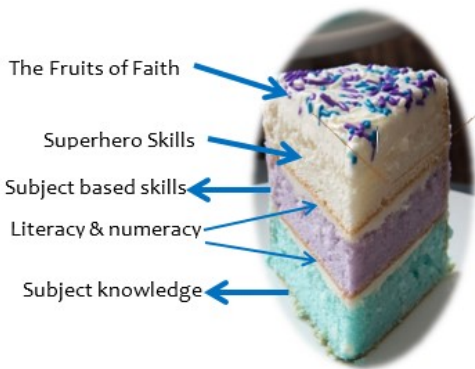


Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I want to share with you some national education news that relates to what we do here at Walkwood.

Firstly, the Ofsted Chief Inspector, Amanda Spielman, has spoken about the need for breadth in the school curriculum. She has said:

“Too many teachers and leaders have not been trained to think deeply about what they want their pupils to learn and how they are going to teach it. We saw curriculum narrowing, especially in upper key stage 2, with lessons disproportionately focused on English and mathematics. Sometimes, this manifested as intensive, even obsessive, test preparation for key stage 2 SATS.”



Walkwood’s Ofsted report noted that: *“A varied and interesting curriculum gives pupils ample opportunities to study a broad range of subjects.”* This is because our school does think deeply about what is taught to pupils, and how we do it. English and Maths are central, but pupils have many subjects they experience. Our ‘curriculum cake’ shows that subject skills and knowledge are taught alongside Literacy and Numeracy. Lessons involve our Fruits of Faith and Superheroes too.

Also in the news was a school in Bradford which has placed importance on the Arts subjects, in particular Music. They too have a broad curriculum that pupils follow, and their SATs results, like our own, have been improving year on year. The school’s Headteacher, Naveed Idrees, says “What we discovered is that children need to be engaged not just at the level of the mind and body, but also the level of the soul.” I couldn’t agree more!

St. James’ letter to the early Christian church says:

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes.
James 3: 1-2

Rev C Leach
Principal

Jesus,

You are such an amazing example to us, who we want to be like, and how we want to be treated. To love those who hate you is such a difficult thing, but even you experienced being hurt and pursued by people that wanted to kill you. We pray that you will give us your Spirit and knowledge to know how to love those that are most difficult to love. That you will give us the strength we need. For we long to live like you did. Bless us in this way.

Amen.

This week’s theme was: Loving your enemies

Jesus said “You have heard people say, ‘Love your neighbours and hate your enemies.’ But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you. Then you will be acting like your Father in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both good and bad people”

Matthew 5:43-45

Whole School Attendance –98.4%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

10.09.18—14.09.18

Year 5 — 99.22%
Year 6 — 98.38%
Year 7 — 98.08%
Year 8 — 97.93%



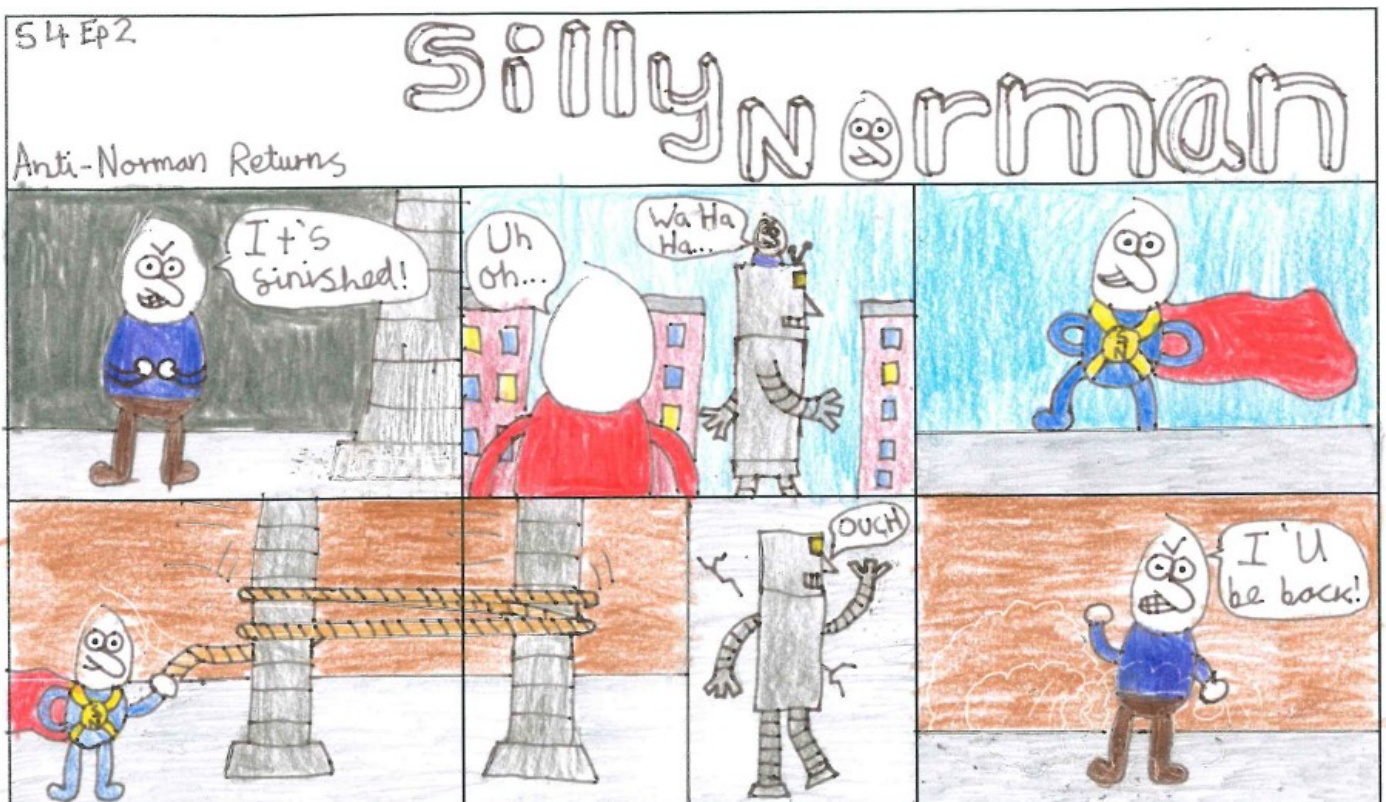
For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Forgiveness	Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends. <i>Proverbs 17:9</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Compassion	When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <i>Matthew 6:36</i>
The assembly theme:	The love of God	I am the Lord God. I am merciful and very patient with my people. I show great love, and I can be trusted. <i>Exodus 34:16</i>

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

The weekend	Those we know that are unwell	Monday	Those who have lost family from Hurricane Florence
Tuesday	The safety of those travelling	Wednesday	The prime minister as she battles against her party to get a deal
Thursday	Those starting to look at new schools for their children	Friday	A great start to Walkwood's sports clubs.





Year 5 Parents' Afternoon Tea

2.00pm -3.00pm on Friday 28th September 2018.

This will take place in the movement area - tea and coffee will be supplied.

We are supporting Macmillan Cancer Support on this day and the pupils and staff are making cakes to raise money for this worthy cause. Please help us raise as much money as possible while enjoying a slice, or even two, of delicious cake and having a chat. Donation boxes will be placed on tables.

We would appreciate having an idea of how many are attending. Please email office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk with the title 'Tea party' in the subject line. Or just let the teacher on the gate know at the start or end of the day.

Thank you.



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



Outstanding

Our Church of England inspection 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.

Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School



Open Evening
for prospective Y5 pupils and parents.
Thursday 11th October,
from 6.45 to 8.15pm

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!

Parents' Days
Tuesday 16th and
Wednesday 17th October

Our **Parents' 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.



- ✓ An impressive ethos pervades the school. Its motto 'Love to learn, learn to live, live to love' reflects the Christian principles that underpin the school's work. The school is fully inclusive of all faiths and beliefs. It values each individual. It has nourished a very positive climate for learning in the school which helps all pupils to thrive.
- ✓ During their time at the school, pupils develop into confident, articulate pupils. They acquire good social skills, develop tolerance of others and are resilient.





Lost Property

There are a large number of lunch boxes in Lost Property that have not yet been claimed. Can you please come and ask at Reception if you have lost your lunch box and think it may have been handed in.



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ICT Safety Information Evening

An ICT safety Information evening for parents will be held on Thursday 27th September 2018 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the Hall.

All parents are welcome.



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!



Stunt Squad and Cheerleading

One of our extra-curricular activities this year is a Stunt Squad. The idea is that boys and girls are able to apply their gymnastic ability, fusing this with hip hop too. The sign up sheet is now available, which is on the door along the gallery next to Reception. Give it a try!



There are other extra-curricular activities available, so please see the later page within The Insider. Don't forget—all clubs are free.

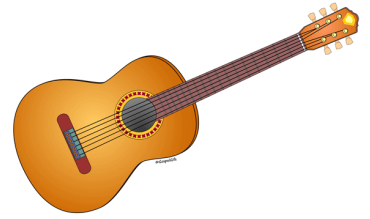


Music Success

Several pupils took music examinations at the end of the Summer term and all passed!



James Dipple – Grade 3 Guitar
Jamie Kelman – Grade 3 Guitar
Freddie Masefield – Grade 3 Guitar
Will Preston – Grade 2 Guitar
Demi Ley – Debut Level Guitar
William Allardice – Debut Level Guitar



Matthew Lindsay – Grade 1 Flute
Isla Neale – Grade 1 Flute
Milly Chatterton – Copper Music Medal Flute

Congratulations to you all! Mrs C Griffiths

Choir - Primrose Concert

Rehearsals are well underway for our forthcoming concert on the evening of Friday 19th October with the Primrose Choir here at school.

We rehearse mainly at lunchtimes; however, for the next two weeks, Thursday 27th September and Thursday 4th October, there will be a rehearsal after school until 4.30pm in the Music Room. There will also be a rehearsal as part of Open Evening on Thursday 11th October from 6.30 – 8.30pm.

Tickets for this concert are now on sale from Mrs Griffiths in the Music Room.



The Primrose Choir
"PRIMROSE PROMS"
with guests
AVONBANK BRASS BAND
&
WALKWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL
on
Friday 19th October 2018 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





YouTube is a video sharing site/application that enables you to upload, view, rate, share and comment on a wide variety of videos. Consisting of a huge resource of information, advice and entertainment, YouTube now has 1.9 billion logged-in monthly users who watch a billion hours of video daily. Most of the content on Google-owned YouTube is uploaded by individuals, but organisations and media companies also offer some of their content via this platform.



AGE RESTRICTION
13+



What parents need to know about YouTube

SPENDING A PREMIUM
YouTube Premium (formerly YouTube Red) is a new paid streaming subscription service in the UK, offering a three-month free trial to tempt viewers into a £12-per-month plan. This includes the ability to download videos, stream videos with the app in the background, gives exclusive access to original content and a separate music streaming service and gaming app.

DANGEROUS 'CHALLENGE' & VIRAL VIDEOS
On YouTube, 'challenge videos' are shared quickly and can be very dangerous. One person may post a video of themselves doing something unusual like eating a hot chilli or jumping in a river and before you know it, the video goes viral and everyone wants to join in and share their videos. The speed in which challenge videos spread across the Internet makes it difficult to keep up with the latest ones.

SHARING VIDEOS
As well as watching videos, many children are keen to share their own videos online, emulating their YouTube heroes, such as Stampy or DanTDM. However, if they post something on YouTube, they may later regret it or feel embarrassed about what they have shared. There is also a risk that they will receive hurtful or negative comments regarding not only their content, but also their appearance. YouTube's comment section is infamous for being one of the most opinionated on the Internet.

IN-APP MESSAGING
When your child is logged into their Google account and browsing the YouTube website, they can share and talk about videos with their friends using the chat bubble. This can be found at the top right of the desktop site or through in-app messaging on their mobile or tablet. When they tap on the 'Friends' icon, they have a list of suggested people from their contacts - which can be any contact they've had on Google or somebody who has sent them an invite link.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE VIDEOS
As YouTube is the biggest video sharing website in the world, there is content available for all ages, meaning that some content will not be appropriate for your child. If you think that content is unsuitable, there is a flagging feature to submit it for review by YouTube staff, but you will need to be aware that just because video is not appropriate for a younger audience, it may not violate YouTube's policies. YouTube has mechanisms in place to automatically remove explicit and harmful content, yet offensive content may still slip through.



Top Tips for Parents

TURN ON 'RESTRICTED' MODE
'Restricted Mode' is an optional setting you can use to help screen out potentially mature content - you may prefer your child not to see. Restricted Mode works on the browser or device level, so must be turned on for each browser or device your child uses. To do this, follow these steps:

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| <p>Desktop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go to the bottom of any YouTube page and switch 'Restricted Mode' to 'ON'. To make it more difficult for this to be turned off, you will be given the option to lock restricted mode onto your browser. | <p>Mobile:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tap the three vertical dots at the top-right on the screen and press, 'Settings'. Click on 'Restricted mode filtering.' Press 'Restrict.' |
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Please note that you can't 'lock' restricted mode on a phone in the same way that you can on a desktop. You will need to turn this on each time your child uses it.

CREATE A FAMILY GOOGLE ACCOUNT
By having a shared family Google account, checking the history will enable you to see exactly what your child is watching and sharing on YouTube. To see the history on a computer, on the right hand menu under the library section, click 'History'. On mobiles, the viewing history can be found by clicking on the 'Library' tab.

BLOCKING ACCOUNTS
When using YouTube, there may be instances where your child receives negative comments. If somebody's giving your child a difficult time, here's how to block them and prevent future comments and replies:

- Go to their channel/account by clicking on their name.
- Click on 'About.'
- Tap the dropdown box with an image of a flag on it.
- Press 'Block user.'
- Tap 'Submit.'

MONITOR WHAT YOUR CHILD IS WATCHING/POSTING
The only way to truly know what your child may have been watching is to regularly monitor them. You can do this by checking their viewing history. YouTube videos can also be easily downloaded, so it is important that your child understands the associated dangers of content they are uploading and that it could harm their online reputation in the future. Show them how to set their videos to private or choose a small network of YouTubers to share with. To get started, your child can use YouTube Studio which offers learning modules on creating a YouTube channel, however, you should encourage them not to use their real name.

NEW FEATURES
DIGITAL WELLBEING
YouTube has launched a tool called 'Time Watched' that allows you to see how long has been spent on the platform. Once you have discovered how much time has been spent on the app, there is the option to set a time limit. Once the limit is reached, a reminder will pop up on the screen. You can also disable sounds and vibrations to help resist the urge to check for notifications.

OPT FOR A FAMILY PREMIUM PLAN
A YouTube family Premium plan may be a cost-effective option if you have more than one child. For £17.99 a month, it allows you to share a YouTube paid membership with up to five other family members - aged 13 and older - living in the same household. As the account holder, or family manager, you must create a Google family account.

MANAGING IN-APP MESSAGES
If your child is accessing YouTube via your account, bear in mind that they may be contacted by Google contacts who are complete strangers to them. You can remove someone from the suggested contacts list by pressing and holding the person's name and tapping on the red 'x'.

POPULAR YOUTUBE GAMERS
There are hundreds of YouTube accounts which show other people playing and commenting on games. These are called 'Let's Play' videos. While YouTube can be a great resource for hints, tips and news for games, it is a good idea for parents to keep a close eye on what YouTubers are posting. Often, the games they are playing will contain strong language and violence. A few examples of popular YouTube gamers for you to have a look at are:

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Clubs and Activities

Autumn Term 1 2018


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

Lunch menu from September 2018

Due to the increase in costs of ingredients over the last year, it is necessary to raise the price of a small number of items. The cost for a hot meal, pudding and a carton drink will now be £2.30, a 10p increase.

Following feedback from pupils, we have amended a number of choices, so the new meal for next year is as follows.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	
Main meal	Monday	Chicken Nuggets Potato Wedges Baked Beans ✔ Vegetarian Nuggets	Cheese & Bacon Potato Pie Baked Beans ✔ Cheese & Potato Pie	Beef Burger Diced Potatoes Baked Beans ✔ Vegetarian Burger
	Tuesday	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Pasta Garlic Bread ✔ Macaroni Cheese	Pasta Bolognese Garlic Bread ✔ Vegetarian Bolognese	Lasagne Garlic Bread ✔ Vegetarian Lasagne
	Wednesday	Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Vegetables, Gravy ✔ Vegetarian Parcel	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Roast Potatoes Vegetables, Gravy ✔ Roast Vegetarian Fillet	Pork Sausages Toad in the Hole Roast Potatoes Vegetables, Gravy ✔ Vegetarian Sausages
	Thursday	Chinese Chicken Curry Rice ✔ Chinese Vegetarian Curry	Chicken Tikka Rice ✔ Vegetable Samosa	Chicken Curry Rice ✔ Vegetarian Curry
	Friday	Fish and Chips Beans or Peas ✔ Cheese and Onion Lattice	Fish and Chips Beans or Peas ✔ Vegetable Fingers	Fish and Chips Beans or Peas ✔ Vegetarian Tart
		All the above £1.50		
	Selection of puddings, cheese & biscuits, fruit			
	Choice of puddings, yoghurt or fruit 40p			
	Juice carton 40p Flavoured water 50p			

Self-select		Daily selection from: pizzas, paninis, sausage or onion roll, soft filled baguettes £1.00
		Choice of the salad bar 45p
		Choice of puddings, yoghurt or fruit 40p
		Juice carton 40p Flavoured water 50p

Jacket Potato	Fillings of cheese, tuna, beans (or combination) £1.30
	Choice of puddings, yoghurt or fruit 40p Juice carton 40p Flavoured water 50p

 = main meal vegetarian option



Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

cantankerous

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?

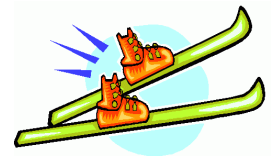
Command: Make yourself look a little more joyous.

Exclamation: What a joyous evening!

Show your tutor your notes on Word of the Week and receive a merit for answering the questions above!

Ski Trip 2020

Zauchensee, Salzberger Sportwelt, Austria



Following the success of this year's ski trip the school is planning a ski trip to Austria in 2020 and we would like to offer your child the opportunity to participate in this trip.

We are planning on returning to Zauchensee Ski Resort in Salzberger Sportwelt, Austria, travelling by executive coach and aeroplane departing on Saturday 8th February 2020 and returning on Saturday 15th February.

The Zauchensee Ski Resort is located within Austria's largest ski area, the Salzberger Sportwelt. With a combined piste of 345km and being a very snow sure resort, the Salzberger Sportwelt is an excellent resort for school groups.

Our accommodation in Zauchensee is a modern four star-premium hotel in the heart of the resort. Pupils will certainly be able to maximise their time on the slopes due to the outstanding location of the hotel, which is within a 200m walking distance to the ski lifts and nursery slopes. The hotel includes its own in house ski hire, TV/DVD Room, a recreation/games room with a football, table tennis, air hockey and pool table. Rooms are very comfortable, all en-suite, sleeping up to eight students with balconies overlooking the picturesque views of the surrounding slopes and mountains.

The cost of the trip is £1290 which includes:

Return flights and resort transfers

Coach transfer between school and airport

7 nights' accommodation on a Full Board Basis, including a hot two course lunch in the hotel

3 hot meals a day, including a 3-course dinner in the evening.

6-day lift-pass for all ski resorts in the Salzberger Sportwelt.

6-day hire of skis, boots, helmets and poles.

6 days of 4-hour ski tuition with qualified instructors at a ratio of 1:10 pupils.

A range of evening/après-ski activities such as swimming, bowling, games night and quiz.

Fully comprehensive travel insurance, which includes 24-hour medical assistance, ski loss or breakage, personal money and loss of travel documents.

The deadline for receipt of the first deposit is:

Friday 12th October 2018 - £150 representing a **non-refundable** deposit.

Information about further instalments will be issued upon offer of a place. The preferred method of payment is by Parent pay. A link to this is available via the Walkwood School Website.

If you are interested in your child taking part in this trip and they did not come home with a letter, then please ask them to come and see me for one.

Having been to this resort with Walkwood Church of England Middle School pupils on two previous ski trips, I am confident that the arrangements will give the students a tremendous week of skiing and a great experience in the Austrian mountains.

Your child has been to an assembly to launch the trip, but should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Mrs Cull
Assistant Principal/Trip Organiser



Trips and Visits

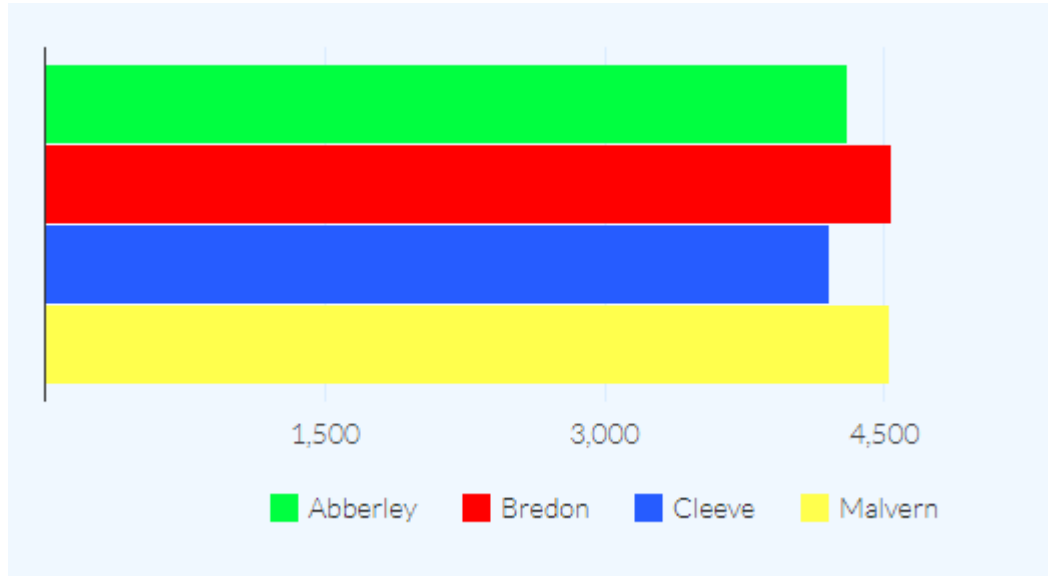
A full list of all residential trips for this academic year will be published in a couple of weeks after presentations have been made to the pupils.



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Hayden Hartles (BRCO) (29)
2. Joe Humphreys (MNSA) (28)
3. Oliver Willett (MPJE) (27)
4. Kian Parkinson (CAMI) (26)
4. Jaiiden James (BRFO) (26)
4. Millie Lea (MDSL) (26)
4. Evie West (MDSL) (26)
4. Molly McGran (BRCO) (26)
4. Luca Brown (CCMI) (26)
10. Isobel Laight (BCJO) (25)



	Date	Event
2 0 1 8	Friday 28 September	Y5 Parents' Tea 2.00-3.00 pm
	Thursday 11 October	Open Evening for prospective Y5 intake 2019
	Monday 15 October	KS3 curriculum parents information evening 6.30-7.30 pm
	Friday 19th October	Primrose Concert 7.30 pm
	Thursday 25 October	Y5 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
	Friday 26 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 29 Oct to Friday 2 November	Half term
	Wednesday 7 November	SATs Information Evening 7.00 pm
	Monday 26 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30-7.30 pm
	Wednesday 19 December	Christmas Concert 7.30 pm
	Friday 21 December	End of Term

2 0 1 9	Monday 7 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 8 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 21 January	Parent English KS2 Workshop 6.30-7.30 pm
	Thursday 31 January	Y6,Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
	Wednesday 6 February	Y6,Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
	Monday 18—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—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
		Friday 19 July