

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen the sporting fixture list take on its full form, with matches in football, rugby and netball. Our Year 5 pupils are showing a keen interest in getting involved, and it is good to see so many 'having a go'. For older pupils, there is the hope that they can improve on their form from last year, which is a challenge given how many competitions we excelled in. Of course, winning is not always possible, and there is much honour in losing when the manner in which the sport is played upholds the values of our school.

The Parliamentary Review was launched at the end of last week in the Houses of Parliament. One of the speakers at the event was Frank Lampard, who mentioned how important working together in a team was to success during each season. He also stated that the team coach could inspire (or not) the group, particularly when a personal approach is taken.

Good luck to the teams this year, and I extend my thanks to the many staff who will be leading the activities for the pupils.

Also in Parliament last week was the announcement of the national funding formula for schools. In the past, education in Worcestershire has not been given as much money as would be found in some other parts of the country. The new formula still leaves some schools facing difficult times, and the amount of extra money Walkwood will receive is woeful.

Our Open Evening is Wednesday 11th October—more details inside.

Rev. C. Leach
Principal

Dear Lord,

Help us to help others. We pray that your hand will be our guide to know when to step up and assist others in their lives. Thank you for those people in our lives who help and support us. We pray that you pour out your blessing upon them. Give us the courage to step out in faith and support those we don't know. Let us be examples of your kindness among our friends.

Amen

This week's theme was:
Helping others

You obey the law of Christ when you offer each other a helping hand. If you think you are better than others, when you really aren't, you are wrong.
Galatians 6:9

Letters this week:

Whole school Attendance—95.97%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

18.09.17—22.09.17

Year 5 — 97.31%
Year 6 — 97.57%
Year 7 — 95.26%
Year 8 — 92.91%

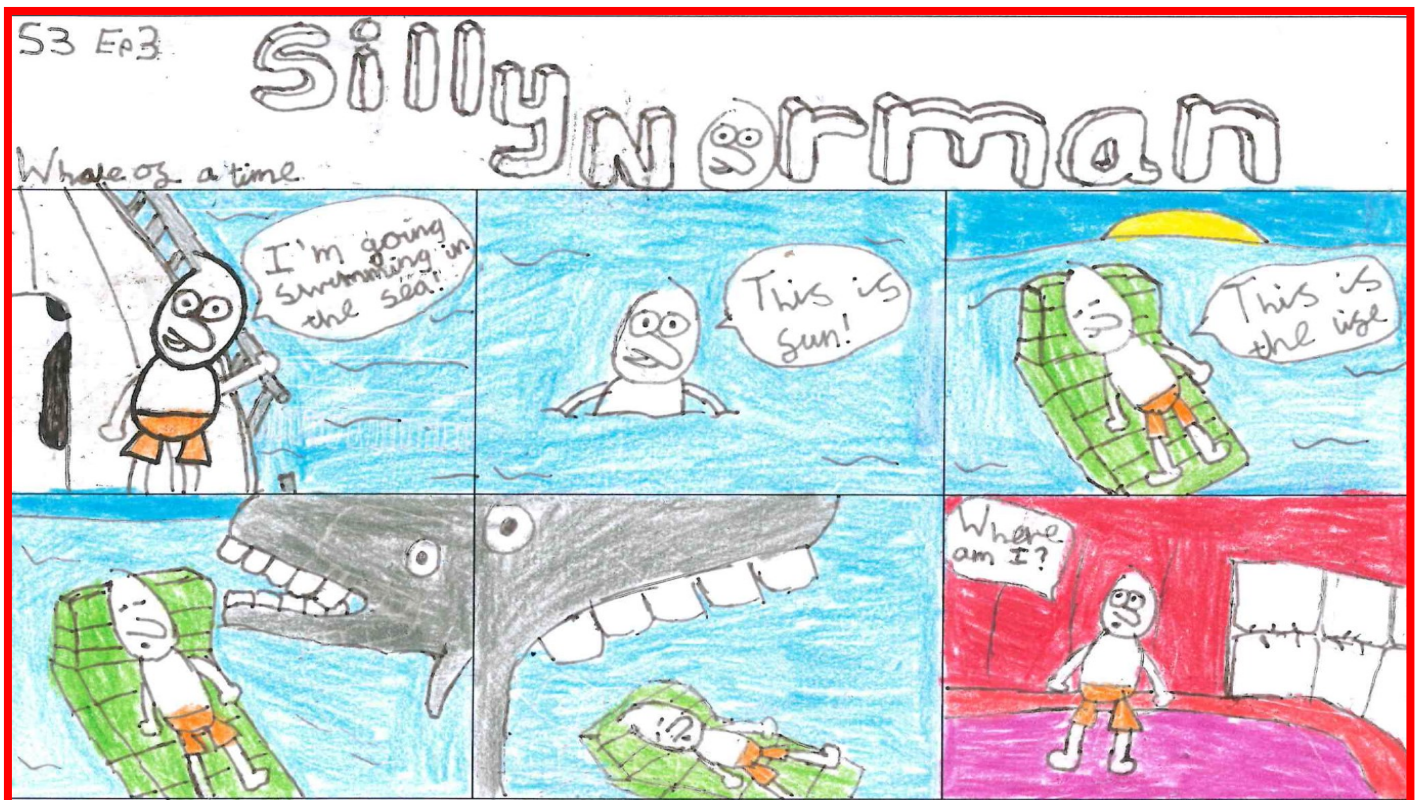


For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Friendliness	When others are happy, be happy with them, and when they are sad, be sad. Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people. Don't mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others. <i>Romans 12:15-17</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Happiness	Trust the Lord and live right! The land will be yours, and you will be safe. Do what the Lord wants, and he will give you your heart's desire. Let the Lord lead you and trust him to help. Then it will be as clear as the noonday sun that you were right. <i>Psalm 37:3-6</i>
The assembly theme:	World smile day	The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. <i>Numbers 6:24-26</i>

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

The weekend	Staff at the Alexandra Hospital	Monday	Our Pupil Leadership Team
Tuesday	Pupils and staff at The Vaynor First School	Wednesday	The education team at the Diocese of Worcester
Thursday	Governors of our school	Friday	Our year 8 pupils as they decide their high school preferences





Benchball, Netball 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.

Monday 9 th October	Lesson 2 and 3	Year 7	Girls - Netball	Boys - Football
Monday 9 th October	Lesson 4 and 5	Year 6	Girls - Benchball	Boys - Football
Tuesday 10 th October	Lesson 2 and 3	Year 8	Girls - Netball	Boys - Football
Wednesday 11 th October	Lesson 2 and 3	Year 5	Girls - Benchball	Boys - Football

Please can you make sure pupils have correct PE kit for the following days (boots and shin pads recommended for football).

Thank you.

PE Department



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



Open Evening

for prospective Y5 pupils and parents.
Wednesday 11th October,
from 6.30 to 8.30pm

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!

Outstanding

Our Church of England inspection in March 2017 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.



Parents' Days

Tuesday 17th &
Wednesday 18th October

Our Open 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.

Ofsted

Good Provider

- ✓ Students' behaviour and safety are outstanding. They are very keen to learn and are excited by their lessons and the extra activities provided for them. They are polite, kind and thoughtful and are very proud of their academy.
- ✓ Students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding as a result of the curriculum that students follow and the caring atmosphere that the academy provides.





The Primrose Choir

"PRIMROSE PROMS"

with guests

ALCESTER VICTORIA SILVER BAND

&

WALKWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

on

Friday 13th October 2017 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





In Science club
we have made
rockets.



We have looked at the Digestive system and made poo!

Science Club Tuesdays

Year 5-6

Mrs Haldane & Mrs Shepherd

Choir and the Primrose Proms Concert

The Choir are busy singing! Extremely busy! We are currently on track with our rehearsals, although there is still plenty of work to do with memorising words and perfecting harmonies. This week we have made some significant progress in rehearsals which is all due to excellent team work; our biggest challenge so far is getting as many of our singers together at any one time! Please return any outstanding reply slips and ticket orders to me next week.

Mrs C Griffiths



The Parliamentary Review
A YEAR IN PERSPECTIVE

<https://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/editions/secondary-education/west-midlands>



Walkwood CofE Middle School

Enabling every child to be the best they can be
regardless of background, challenge or need



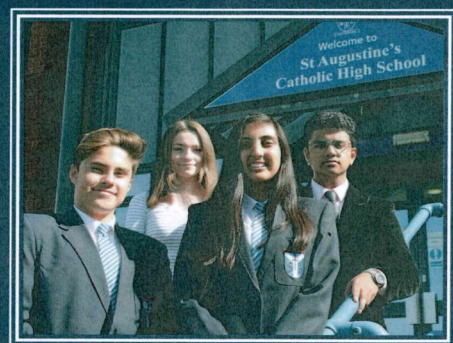
Brian Lamb

Sonia Blandford

Brian Lamb OBE (Chair) & Professor Sonia Blandford (Founder and CEO)

July 2017

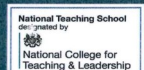
Saint Augustine's Catholic High School
& Sixth Form Centre



More than a High School

OPEN EVENING

Thursday, 5th October 2017
5.30pm - 8.30pm
Principal's Address 6.00pm & 7.00pm



THE SUNDAY TIMES: Top 500 Schools
THE DJE: Top 25 Schools in the Country



Clubs and Activities Autumn Term 1



Day	Before School 7:45am—8:45 am	Lunchtime 12.35-1.20 p.m.	After School 3.30 pm—4.45 pm
Monday	<p style="color: #0070C0;">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) 12.50-1.20 pm Music Room (CGR)</p> <p style="color: #008000;">Monday lunchtime DT block Movie club (all years) (AMI)</p> <p>Gardening Club Textiles Room At the start of lunch (STA)</p> <p>Maths Club for KS2 and KS3 Room 6 (HBA and LTH)</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Kurling and Boccia Club (invite/sign up only) (NFO/DPA) 3.30-4.45pm</p>
Tuesday	<p style="color: #0070C0;">Homework Club (Library)</p>	<p>DT Club in DT block All years (AMI)</p> <p>KS2 Art Club Art Room (ECO)</p> <p>Card Making club (invite only) Art Room (STA)</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Year 5 & 6 Science Club 3.30-4.30 pm LAB1 (JHD) Starts 12th September (not on 17th October, 31st October, 12th December and 19th December)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Year 5/6 Netball—(HTR/KRE)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Years 5, 7 & 8 Football (RMA, CHU, SWA)</p>
Wednesday	<p style="color: #0070C0;">Homework Club (Library)</p>	<p>Signing Club (All year groups) (Textiles Room) (JHa)</p> <p>Silent Reading Club Room 19 (LBa)</p> <p>Colouring and Drawing Club for Mindfulness and Relaxation (12.50—1.20) Room 9 (MMG and PC) (limited places available)</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Cooking Club 3.30-4.45pm (DSL) (rota of when you are cooking will be confirmed)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Girls Football 5/6—7/8 (RMA/HTR/NFO)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">KS2 Boys Hockey (DPA)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Cross Country Club Field (NRO)</p>



Clubs and Activities Autumn Term 1 (Continued)



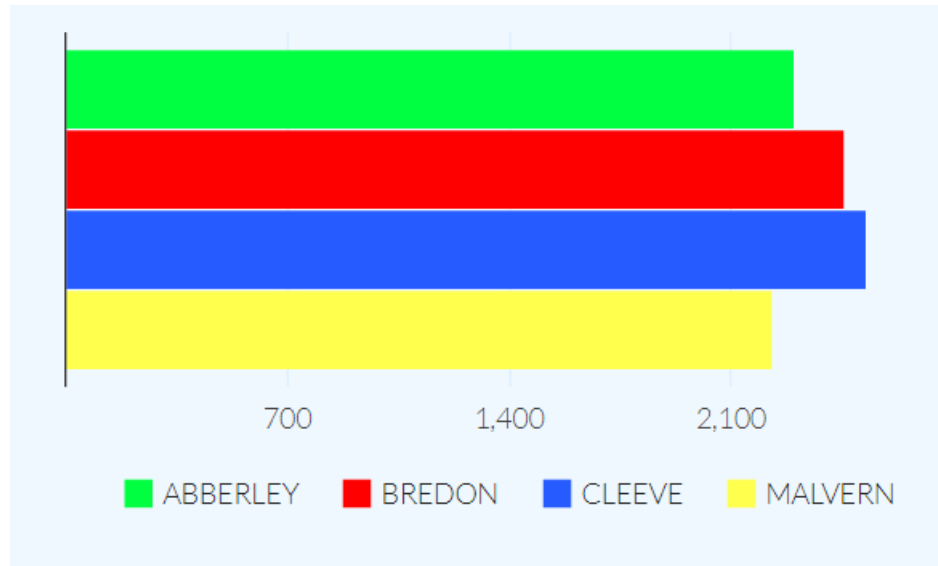
Thursday	Homework Club (Library)	<p>Choir (All year groups) Music Room—12.50-1.20pm (CGR)</p> <p>Languages Club 1.00 pm in Room 15 (NHU) To start after October half-term</p> <p>Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 pm—if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Year 7/8 Rugby—(PJE/SWA)</p> <p>Year 7/8 Netball—(HTR/KRE)</p> <p>Year 6 Football—(NSA/DPA)</p>
Friday	Homework Club (Library)		<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Rec Football - (SWA, NFO, CHU, DPA, RMA)</p>



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Isaac Reynolds (ARMA) (28)
2. Noah Kelly (BCJO) (28)
3. Blake Tuer (MMMG) (26)
4. Ava Emery (CAMI) (26)
5. Nathan Smyth (BHLI) (26)
6. Sophie Allen (MNSA) (25)
7. Olivia MacHado-Edwards (BLBO) (25)
8. Ruby Evans (MKRE) (25)
9. Zach Bishop (ALBA) (25)
10. Amelia Smyth (BLBO) (25)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2017	Wednesday 11 October	Open Evening for prospective Y5 intake 2018
	Friday 20 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 23 – Friday 27 October	Half-Term
	Wednesday 1 November	Y5 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Thursday 9 November	SATs Information Evening 7 pm
	Monday 4 December	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Tuesday 12 December	Christmas Concert 7.30 pm
	Tuesday 19 December	End of Term
2018	Wednesday 3 January	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 4 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 15 January	Parent English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 1 February	Y6 & Y8 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Wednesday 7 February	Y6 & Y8 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Thursday 15 February	Y5 & Y7 reports to Parents / Carers
	Monday 19 – Friday 23 February	Half-Term
	Friday 9 March	Parent Focus Group 2.00—3.00 pm
	Thursday 29 March	End of term
	Monday 16 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 16 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June	Half-Term
	Monday 4 June	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 7 June	Y5 & Y7 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Wednesday 13 June	Y5 & Y7 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Monday 9 July	Parent Focus group 6 pm
Tuesday 24 July	End of Term	