

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last of our sporting fixtures have been taking place, with just a couple of matches next week. This afternoon has over seventy pupils competing at the athletics event at the Abbey Stadium, having gained sufficient times or distances to represent our school at this district event. This is the highest number of Walkwood competitors that we can recall. It certainly ends a hugely successful year of sport, across a wide range of different activities and age groups. Thank you to those of you who have allowed your children to compete, especially if it has meant you have collected them at a time other than the end of the school day. Also, my thanks go to the staff who have organised and trained the pupils throughout the year. The Sports Award assembly in the week after next will bring all this together.

I was with some Year 8 pupils at St. Augustine's yesterday as we attended an afternoon of activities around modern foreign languages. The pupils took to the tasks really well and their thinking was strong. Of course, next week will see all our Year 8 pupils go to their respective high schools. Walkwood staff have worked with teachers in the high schools to make the process of moving schools as smooth as possible. There will be anxieties, of course, but pupils have told me they are ready to make the next step in their education.

Naturally, with the Year 8s not in school, we shall welcome a new year group of Year 4 pupils. Our teachers have been to the first schools to make contact with teachers, and some pupils have already made an initial visit to ease any worries. You may recall how you felt as a parent or carer when you dropped off your child to us for the first time, and that the greater worry was yours rather than the pupil's! We have two very full days for the incoming pupils (they're likely to sleep well having been rather tired out, if for no other reason than the regular moving around the school). We shall also allow the new youngsters to know we are a Church of England school, respecting the beliefs of all and celebrating our inclusiveness.

In that day you will say: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the people what he has done."
Isaiah 12: 4

Rev C Leach
Principal

A Prayer for Discipleship

Father God,

We thank you for your Son that He provides us with great love and guidance in our lives through your Word in the Bible and through our personal relationship with Him now.

We pray that we can go and make disciples, just as you commanded us to.

Give us the opportunities in our lives to talk about you and how you can affect someone's life.

Bless us in this way.

Amen

This week's theme was:

Discipleship

Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'
Matthew 28: 18-20

Whole School Attendance – 95.02%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

25.06.18 - 29.06.18

Year 5 — 94.41%

Year 6 — 95.25%

Year 7 — 95.64%

Year 8 — 94.72%



For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Honesty	If you try to be honest, you can be, and it will improve your character as handsome clothing improves your appearance. Birds come to roost with those of their own kind, and the habit of honesty comes to those who try to be honest. <i>Sirach 27: 8-9</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Responsibility	We will do what you and the others who honour God's commands advise us to do. We will do what God's Law demands. It is your responsibility to act. We are behind you, so go ahead and get it done. <i>Ezra 10: 3-4</i>
The assembly theme:	The Environment	In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

The weekend	People to make safe and sensible decisions during the hot weather.	Monday	The Thai boys who are stuck in a cave, a safe space and return home.
Tuesday	Walkwood's Summer Concert.	Wednesday	The arrival of the new intakes for next year.
Thursday	The families who are joining Walkwood.	Friday	Peace between conflicting countries.




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





Pupils make good progress during their time at school. A well-taught and broad curriculum ensures that most pupils work at or above age-related expectations.



That is one of the sentences in the Ofsted report for our school. Behind it is something rather brave - here at Walkwood we do train pupils to complete their SATs, but rather we look for them to have a wide range of subjects throughout their time with us.

Of course, that does not mean we ignore SATs. We prepare pupils through their English and Mathematics lessons, and change only a few times in order to ensure pupils do not get stressed. The children have other subjects that use different skills, so they have variety during the day. This is a benefit from a middle school that has its pupils moving around the building.

GL Assessment

In the coming weeks, pupils in all years will take some assessments. These are matched against other pupils of the same year group across the country. The tests allow us to know how much progress that our pupils are making.

It is because of these assessments that we know that around 85% of Walkwood pupils leave our school working at standards that are above their age in English and Mathematics.

Please remember that it is not just about 'the results' for pupils. Even at GCSE and above, it is about how students think, behave and respond. Ofsted said:

"Many teachers balance the development of pupils' subject knowledge, skills for learning and positive attitudes very skilfully. They blend the lesson objectives with the development of 'superhero learning traits' and promote pupils' understanding of the 'fruits of faith'."

They finished by saying:

"During their time at school, pupils develop into confident, hardworking and articulate pupils. They acquire good social skills, develop tolerance of others and are resilient."



<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/139185>

Summer Term PE



As the weather is very hot at the moment, please can you ensure that your son/daughter brings in sun cream and a hat to wear. We shall rotate PE activities so pupils are outside for a limited amount of time.

Can you also please ensure that your son/daughter does bring in a water bottle/flask which he/she can refill in the water points around school.





Top Readers for 5th June 2018 — 5th July 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Enya Hussain (BCLO 7) - who has read an incredible 826,151 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (CMBI 5) - who has read a fantastic 749,728 words



Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU

Here is the link to enable pupils to do a quiz at home

<https://ukhosted23.renlearn.co.uk/2250823>

Year 6 and 8 Academic Reports

You should recently have received a letter to inform you that school reports for Years 6 and 8 would be available to view on Insight by 4pm on Thursday 5th July.

If you have been unable to view your child's report then please follow the instructions below by first loading Insight from this link:

<https://insight.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk>

If you have forgotten your details for Insight please enter your **username or email address** in the forgotten password form by clicking the link underneath the login box **'Don't know your password?'** Responses to the password reset are instant. Please check your spam or junk folders if the email is not immediate.

If your email address is not set up or you do not know your email or username - please complete this form: <http://www.LourdesIT.org.uk/insight-password-reset/> . Make sure you change the school to Walkwood Church of England Middle School in the drop down options. Responses to the form take up to 48 working hours.

Year 6 SATs results

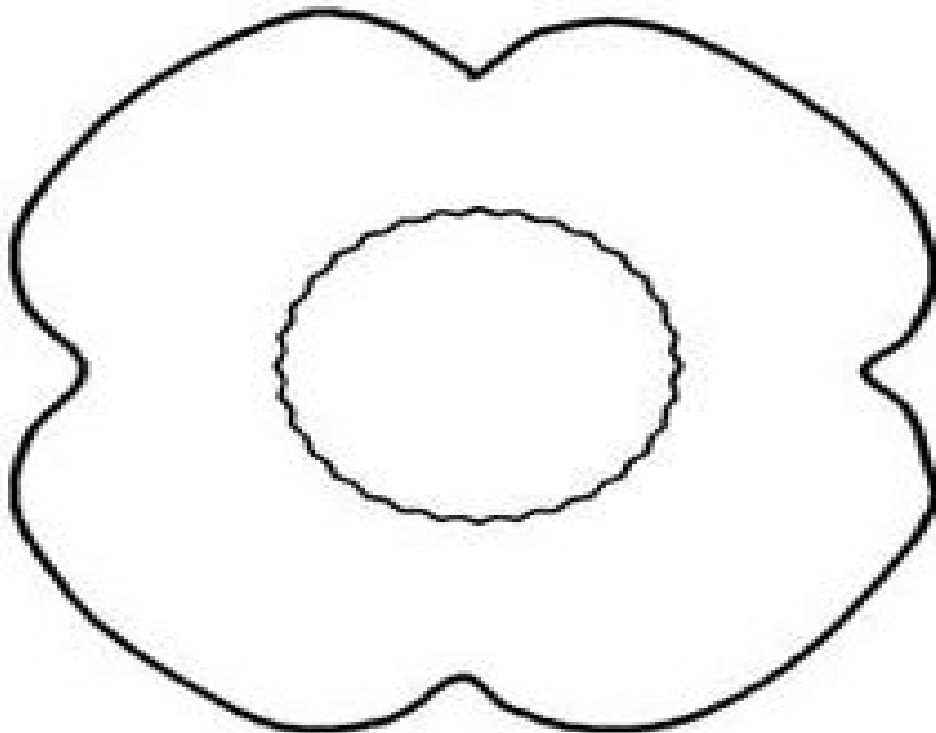
As previously mentioned in the Insider and by personalised letter, SATs results for Year 6 will be published on Insight by 4pm on Friday 13th July. The results certificate and explanation will be located under the report tab on Insight.



LEST WE FORGET

1918

2018



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

Walkwood is looking to create a display of WW1 Remembrance in July to mark the 100th year anniversary of the end of the Great War.

Please cut out the poppy template and write onto it your family member and pupil details (a photo if possible) and send into Walkwood FAO Mrs West or email into School on office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk

Basketball Report

On Wednesday 20th June, the Year 7 basketball team played against Highfield in the semi-finals of the Worcestershire Junior NBA League. The game we played was extremely close and our team had a lot more shots than them but none of them would go in. The final score was 16-8 to Highfield, so we only lost the game by 4 baskets, which is 8 points.

Our team defended lots of shots very well and decided to counter attack a lot, which was helpful and that was how we scored one of our shots. Although we lost this game, we went home knowing that we were 4th in our County, as we got through to the semi-finals.

Overall, the team played very well and fought very hard.

By Freya Harley Year 7



Unwelcome Visitors!!



It has come to our attention that there have been a couple of instances



of head lice here at Walkwood and would like to inform you what the procedure is if you do find these unwelcome visitors in your child's hair - they will need to be treated straight away and for there to be no live lice left in their hair before they return to school.



Request for Walkwood Uniform

Time is counting down for our Year 8 pupils - there are a couple of weeks and a couple of days left. If, at the end of term, parents would be willing to donate old uniform items, such as jumpers, ties and PE kit, this would be very much appreciated.



Maths News



Mathematician of the half-term awards

Congratulations to all our amazing mathematicians for last half term 😊

Pupil	Year	Nominated by	Reason
Evie Barnish	6	Mrs Cull	Worked exceptionally hard all year and has made super progress as a result. A very positive attitude to learning 😊
Sahil Saqib	6	Mr West	Sahil has been working extremely hard in maths lessons. His attitude to learning has really improved since the start of the year. Well done!
Kian McGrath	5	Mrs Lomas	For perseverance and hard work. <u>Arithmetic results have improved dramatically. Well done Kian.</u>
Kyla Russell	5	Ms Tomes	Continued hard work and effort in every lesson, completing work to a high standard and demonstrating great understanding. 😊
Drew Felton	5	Mr Sanders	Incredible arithmetic scores and he has shown a keen effort to explore areas of Maths further by doing research in his own time.
Luke Shephard	8	Mr Walsh	Great attitude and effort in lessons. Went 'above and beyond' with his revision in the lead up to his maths assessments.
Erin Phillips	8	Mr Jenkin	Worked extremely hard all year and consequently has made excellent progress. A very positive attitude to learning and very impressive performance in the recent exams.
Brooke Taylor	5	Dr Mijovic	Brooke always challenges herself to complete all work correctly and so has made great progress. She completes extra times table work at home and so has become very efficient at solving problems involving multiplication. Well done!
Laiba Rahouf	6	Mrs Thurston	Fantastic effort and works hard in every maths lesson. She has made amazing progress this year.
Emily Tarver Ellie Wakeman	6	Mrs Brotherhood	Both girls have shown an incredible determination in preparing for their SATs, attending regular intervention sessions and completing extra work at home.
Jessica Causer	8	Mrs Venross	I have noticed a recent change in Jess; she has been working harder and focussing more in lessons. She attended revision classes for her Y8 tests and scored the highest in the class!

Can you be one of next half terms amazing mathematicians?

Keep up the great work! Mrs Cull and Mrs Thurston



Trips and Visits

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DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
June					
Mon 23 July	Rewards Trip	Drayton Manor	Y8	£ 25	Mr West



Clubs and Activities starting 23rd April 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>Monday lunchtime DT block Movie Club all years (AMI)</p> <p>Card Making Club Room 3 (STA)</p> <p>Maths Club for KS2 and KS3 Room 6 (HBA and LTH)</p>	<p>Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm</p>
Tuesday	<p>Homework Club Library</p>	<p>KS2 Art Club Art Room (ECO)</p> <p>Card Making Club (invite only) Art Room (STA)</p> <p>Code Club Tech Block All years welcome (RMA/AMI)</p>	<p>Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Year 5/6 Science Club 3.30-4.30pm Lab 1 (JHD)</p> <p>All years Athletics Club (starts 1st May due to fixtures) 3.30-4.45pm (RMA/CHU/KRE/LMO/ HTR)</p>
Wednesday	<p>Homework Club Library</p>	<p>Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room (JHA)</p> <p>Silent Reading Club Room 19 (LBA)</p> <p>‘Colouring for Mindfulness’ Club on Wednesdays, Room 9, from 12.50-1.20pm (MMG, PCO)</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 con- firmed)</p> <p>7/8 Boys Cricket 3.30-4.45pm (SWE and PJE)</p> <p>7/8 Rounders Club 3.30-4.45 pm (KRE/LMO)</p> <p>5/6 Girls Cricket Club 3.30-4.45pm (CHU)</p>



Clubs and Activities Spring Term starting 23rd April 2018



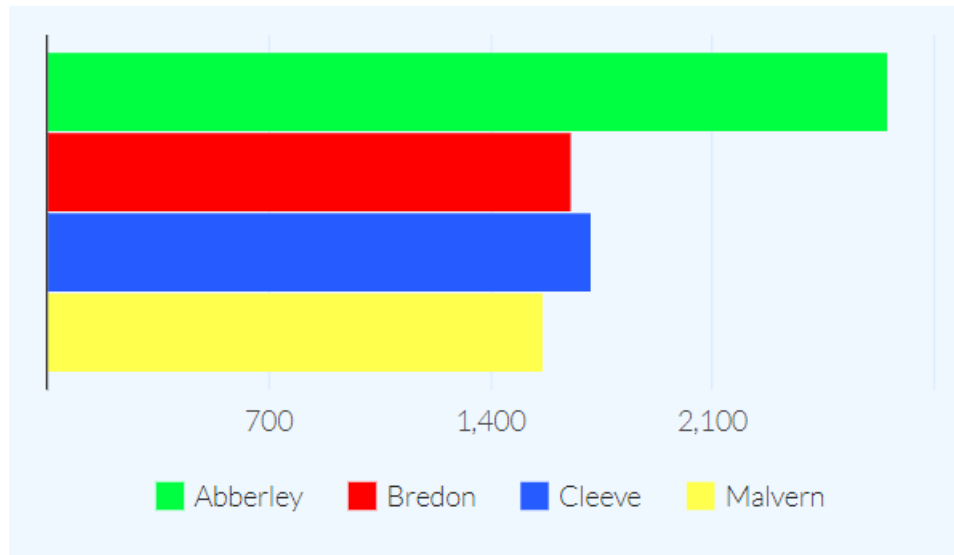
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR) Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 – if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm 5/6 Girls Rounders 3.30-4.45pm (KRE/HTR/NFO) 5/6 Boys Cricket 3.30-4.45pm (SWA/CHU/DPA)
Friday	Homework Club Library	EAL club Friday lunch time (the first Friday of every month). In the LRC with ZBi For anyone who speaks English as an addi- tional language and your friends. Bring your lunch along.	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm All years Boys and Girls Tennis Club (DPA/NFO)



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🏠 Harvey Allcock (ALWA) (41)
2. 🏠 Ryan Arkell (AAGA) (39)
3. 🏠 Mia Rochelle-Crombie (AAGA) (38)
4. 🏠 Lauren Carrington (AAGA) (36)
5. 🏠 Fallon Hemming (ALWA) (35)
6. 🏠 Teeya Murray (ALWA) (33)
6. 🏠 Eleanor Baldwin (AAGA) (33)
8. 🏠 Chester Cudworth (CAMI) (32)
9. 🏠 Ellie Harper (ALWA) (30)
9. 🏠 Rebecca Wilshaw (ALWA) (30)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2018	Monday 9 July	Parent Focus group 6.00 pm
	Tuesday 10th July	Summer Concert 7.30 pm
	Tuesday 24 July	End of Term
	Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 September	Staff Development Days
	Wednesday 5 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Friday 26 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 29 Oct to Friday 2 November	Half term
	Friday 21 December	End of Term

2019	Monday 7 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 8 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 18—Friday 22 February	Half Term
	Friday 12 April	End of Term
	Monday 29 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 27—Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Friday 19 July	End of Term