



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our theme in assemblies this week has been 'Remembrance', which is only right and proper. We take a different tack each year, and we appreciate that Remembrance Day is actually tomorrow. However, we have looked to remind pupils of the meaning of this commemoration and why we remember. In addition, myself and our Head Girl and Head Boy were part of the excellent commemoration event at The Vaynor First School, which included some information from the Year 4s, who were gathered, about relatives who served in times of war. Congratulations to those who spoke, and for the excellent way that Year 4 conducted themselves.

Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. *Isaiah 43:26*



I was with a team of four Year 6 pupils who took part in the district round of a national Maths competition. They had to work as a team to solve a problem, which involved paving slabs. I was not allowed to offer any help— not that they needed it—and it was a pleasure to watch and listen to them. Well done to Joe, Georgie, Eleanor and Lauren.

In our Readathon week, there has been poetry galore. At some point in almost all subjects, there has been some use of a poem related to the subject in some way. I hope that the learning of a poem by pupils was a delight rather than a challenge for those of you who listened and helped at home.

I hope parents of Year 6 pupils who came to the SATs Information Evening yesterday found the sessions useful. Some of the material that pupils are taught may have been a tad daunting for some, but be assured that we shall look to continue to support our Year 6 in the preparation. The English and Maths teachers are not seeking to give any stress during lessons. Our Year 6 pupils do not get a diet of just SATs work - mostly English and Maths throughout a week - as Walkwood believes that a broad and balanced timetable should be maintained.

Rev C Leach  
Principal

Dear Lord,

As we remember the days of war over 100 years ago, we pray that you will fill our hearts with humility and hope. We know that you conquer all things and we pray that you are with those who are remembering people today, and those who are in war today. We pray for your protection over them and your love over them, that they will feel safe in your arms.

This week's theme was:

Remembrance (WW1)

He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Micah 4:3

Whole School Attendance—96.69%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

30.10.17—03.11.17

Year 5 — 97.42%

Year 6 — 97.28%

Year 7 — 96.24%

Year 8 — 95.43%



# For the week ahead

<b>The Fruit of Faith is:</b>	<b>Aspiration</b>	Oh listen, dear child—become wise; point your life in the right direction. <i>Proverbs 23:19</i>
<b>The tutor group virtue:</b>	<b>Hope</b>	May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit. <i>Romans 15:13</i>
<b>The assembly theme:</b>	<b>Jesus—hope for the world</b>	Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life. <i>Titus 3:7</i>

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

<b>The weekend</b>	those who have lived and died during war and conflict.	<b>Monday</b>	our County Councillor, Jane Potter.
<b>Tuesday</b>	our staff who arrange and accompany pupils to sports fixtures.	<b>Wednesday</b>	the cessation of harsh words between nations of the world.
<b>Thursday</b>	the Regional Schools Commissioner, Christine Quinn, and her team.	<b>Friday</b>	forgiveness when children use harsh words to each other.





BBC

# Children in Need



**Children in Need is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.**

Pupils are invited to wear Non School uniform on this day.

Pupils can either bring a £1 donation

*or if they prefer*

they can bring in tins of food **to the value of £1** which will be donated to the local food bank.



# Reminder



**Walkwood**  
Church of England Middle School

## Arrival Time- Morning

Pupils are not allowed to be on site until 8:30am unless they are attending homework club which runs from 7:45am to 8:45am.

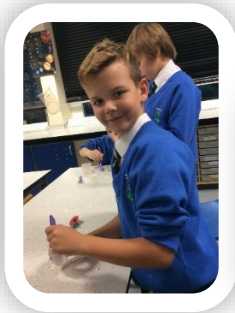
Any pupils arriving before 8.30am are asked to make their way to the library where the homework club is situated. This area is fully supervised and pupils can read, quiz and complete any outstanding homework.



## Science Club

“Oobleck” is a non-Newtonian substance, which thickens under pressure as a result of a process known as “shear thickening” which occurs in materials made up of solid particles suspended in a fluid.

Youtube has countless clips of people running across the solution which supports the runner as it thickens under pressure.



The children had great fun but I fear we won't be seeing the return of oobleck for quite some time!



Mrs Haldane and Mrs Shepherd

## Another fad!

We have had a number of pupils who have, very excitedly, brought some form of slime into school. Fortunately, it is usually in a pot.

There is also the need to collect blu-tak (other sticky products are available), or have it in pencil cases.

Please, we ask that pupils do not bring any form of slime to school, or take blu-tak around with them. The reason is that these products are getting trodden into the carpets!



## Points Boosters



We have launched a brand new initiative called 'Points Boosters'. It is designed to reward all pupils who have 100% attendance and those pupils who consistently uphold and adhere to the Walkwood Values.

### How does it work?

#### Attendance Points Boosters

A 5-point booster will be awarded for every time your child has 100% Attendance for the period of the 2-week timetable- Week 1 & Week 2.

These points are automatically given out on the Friday of Week 2.

Each time your child receives an Attendance Booster their name will be entered in to the Attendance College Prize Draw. See Below:

Autumn Attendance College Prize Draw

All-New Fire 7 Tablet with Alexa



Exciting!! There is one of these to be won for each College.

#### Zero Demerit Points Boosters

We feel that we need to reward all pupils who continue to demonstrate excellent focus and behaviour in and out of lessons and complete all of their homework on time.

We are awarding a 5-point booster for every time your child has Zero Demerits during the period of the 2-week timetable- Week 1 & Week 2.

Again, these booster points are automatically given out on the Friday of Week 2.

As a school, we continue to evolve and adapt our systems as we search to motivate our pupils to want to attend school and give their best whilst they are here. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

# Top Readers for 9th October 2017 - 9th November 2017



Congratulations to:

## Top Girl

Enya Hussain (Year 7 BEGE) - who has read an outstanding 1,639,897 words

## Top Boy

Ben Wilkes (Year 7 ALWA) - who has read a fabulous 941,980 words

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



## MUSIC NEWS



### **Practice For Points!**

Please encourage your child to do some regular music practice at home to ensure good progress. 10 minutes of practice daily is ideal for beginners. Please sign their practice diary – 5 signed practices in any week can be exchanged for an Independent Learning point from me. Thank you and well done to all pupils and their families who are already achieving this – I'm sure you will have noticed some significant musical improvements, as will your child's delighted instrumental teacher!

### **Music Success**

Congratulations to cello player Erin Cudworth, who has recently achieved her Silver Music Medal – well done Erin!



### **Christmas Concert Dates**

School Christmas Carol Concert (all the Choir and Orchestra) – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. This will last for approximately one hour.

Hindlip Concert – 25 selected choir members, as guests of West Mercia Police Brass Band – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. More details nearer the time.

Carol Singing – a limited number of choir members to visit a group of our local elderly residents – during the afternoon of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, returning to school for 3.30pm.

Mrs C Griffiths





# Trips and Visits

## 2017 - 18



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
<b>May</b>					
Fri 18—Mon 21	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 270	Mr Sanders
<b>June</b>					
Wed 20—Fri 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 280	Rev Leach
Fri 22—Mon 25	Outward Bound	Wales	Y8	£ 270	Mr Jenkin
Fri 22— Mon 25	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 155	Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull



# Clubs and Activities Autumn Term 2 2017



Day	Before School 7:45am—8:45 am	Lunchtime 12.35-1.20 p.m.	After School 3.30 pm—4.45 pm
<b>Monday</b>	<p style="color: #0056b3;">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>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 style="color: #800080;">Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Seated volley ball club all years 3.30—4.45pm (DPA and NFR)</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p style="color: #0056b3;">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 style="color: #800080;">Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Year 5 &amp; 6 Science Club 3.30-4.30pm LAB1 (JHD) Starts 12th September (not on 17th October, 31st October, 12th December and 19th December)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">8 boys basketball (CHU/SWA) Starting 21st November 3.30-4.45pm</p> <p style="color: #800080;">KS2 boys and girls dance club (KRE/HTR) 3.30-4.45pm</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p style="color: #0056b3;">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 style="color: #800080;">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;">KS2 indoor sports clubs (benchball, bench hockey, dodgeball mixture) (RMA/DPA/NFO) 3.30-4.45pm KS3 dance club (KRE/HTR)</p>





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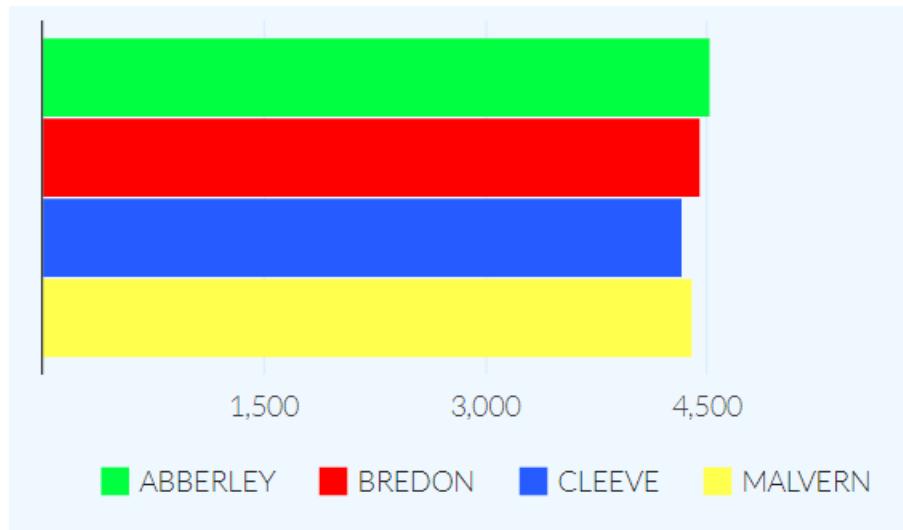
<b>Thursday</b>	Homework Club (Library)	Choir (All year groups) Music Room— 12.50-1.20pm (CGR)  Languages Club 1.00 pm in Room 15 (NHU) To start after October half-term  Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 pm—if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm  Thursday - Fitness and step all years (TRO/KRE/RMA/CHU/DPA/NFO/SWA)  3.30-4.45pm
<b>Friday</b>	Homework Club (Library)		Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm



# Epraise Update



## Points This Week: By College



## Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🍌 Tom Jauncey (CHTR) (37)
2. 🍌 Krystian Jarocki (BCJO) (36)
3. Ryan Arkell (AAGA) (35)
4. Mark Barratt (AAGA) (32)
4. Sophie Evans (MHBA) (32)
6. 🍌 Kieron Baker (AAGA) (31)
6. Ben Wilkes (BHLLI) (31)
6. Tom Howes (BSTA) (31)
6. Lily Aston (AAGA) (31)
6. Keira Hughes (BSTA) (31)



# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2017	Monday 4 December	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Tuesday 12 December	Christmas Concert 7.30 pm
	Tuesday 19 December	<b>End of Term</b>
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	<b>Half-Term</b>
	Friday 9 March	Parent Focus Group 2.00—3.00 pm
	Thursday 29 March	<b>End of term</b>
	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	<b>Half-Term</b>
	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	<b>End of Term</b>
	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	<b>Half term</b>	
Friday 21 December	<b>End of Term</b>	
2019	Monday 7 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 8 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 18—Friday 22 February	<b>Half Term</b>
	Friday 12 April	<b>End of Term</b>
	Monday 29 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 27—Friday 31 May	<b>Half Term</b>
	Friday 19 July	<b>End of Term</b>