



Dear Parents and Carers,



This week's theme has been in preparation for Remembrance Day on Monday, and Mrs Johnson lead assemblies as a reminder too. Our school will mark the Act of Remembrance at 11am on 11th November. Some writing by our pupils, facilitated by the author who visited before half term, is included inside. The Picture of the Week pays tribute to the women of World War Two, who were much overlooked until the building of the second cenotaph in London, which is shown within the picture.

At The Vaynor First School this morning, I joined Year 4 as they laid poppies around the tree, with our Head Boy, Joe, and Head Girl, Lexie, taking part. I was impressed by the commitment of the children from our neighbouring school, and expressed my thanks to them through their Headteacher, Mrs Dunstan.

God will settle disputes among great nations. They will hammer their swords into ploughs and their spears into work tools. Nations will never again go to war, never prepare for battle again. *Isaiah 2:4*



We held information evenings on Wednesday of this week to cover Renaissance Reading, Year 6 SATs and also for the Key Stage 3 Curriculum. It is right and appropriate that reading has once more come to the fore as an issue in school, but for us it never went away. The impact of regular reading at an appropriate level is now conclusive in links to higher GCSE results. As a dyslexic person, I know only too well the challenges that reading regularly can bring (with which my Mother would agree!). Regarding SATs, the position we have taken in the past will continue, that is we will not 'drill' the pupils for their tests, but prepare them thoughtfully and supportively. The feedback from the sessions was very positive indeed, and the resources are available on the website should you wish to follow up.



Finally, some of the PE classes this week have been doing gymnastics in the Hall, which is accompanied by music. I am amazed at how the youngsters are able to sing along and carry out their activity too!

Rev. C. Leach, Principal

A prayer for Remembrance (WW1)

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 of them and your love over them, that they will feel safe in your arms. Amen.

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

95.98%

Whole School Target

95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 21st October 2019:

AAFA, ALWA, BCLO, BLWO, CABE



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Aspiration	Oh listen dear child - become wise; point your life in the right direction. <i>Proverbs 23:19</i>
The assembly theme:	The Beatitudes	Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. <i>Matthew 5:3-9</i>

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

The weekend	our Royal Family	Monday	the 11am Acts of Remembrance across our land
Tuesday	our staff who arrange and accompany pupils to sports fixtures.	Wednesday	the cessation of harsh words between nations of the world.
Thursday	the general Election.	Friday	forgiveness when children use harsh words to each other.

Picture of the Week



There are 17 individual sets of clothing and uniforms around the sides, symbolising the many different jobs women undertook in World War II. These outfits include uniforms as worn by the Women's Land Army, Women's Royal Naval Service, a nursing cape, a police overall and a welding mask. Princess Elizabeth (now HM The Queen) trained in London as a mechanic and military truck driver.



Why I remember

You signed up,
that's why I remember

but for your sacrifice,
that's why I remember

You fought your battles,
that's why I remember

but most of all for your age,
that's why I remember

You took that last breath,
that's why I remember

Dylan Foster – Agg.

THANKFUL

You were too young to die

And that's not a lie

You were worried you might never come home

But you were proud to be a fighter

I am thankful

You felt so grown up

No one can replace that

You might have felt old

but you were only so young

I am thankful

You were anxious

And I understand

you were brave

and I like that

I am thankful

Thank you, I am so grateful to you



Joe, you were very mad
But now we are very sad
You went and sacrificed your life
So now you have no children and wife
You were very brave
But sometimes you had to hide
You should be very happy
And you should be full of pride
You are my hero, my saviour and my hope
You shall always live in my heart
Ryan. Arkell

Sacrifice

*Too young to die,
you sacrificed your life*

*Too stubborn to leave,
you sacrificed your life*

*Too save your country,
you sacrificed your life*

*Only fourteen,
you sacrificed your life*

*You sacrificed your life,
and for that I thank you*



We would like to invite you and your child to a FREE Science Family Learning Evening

The Physics of Forces



with Dr Jenny Watson of the Ogden Trust, at St Bedes Middle School, Holloway Lane, making physics matter Redditch, B98 7HA. This will take place on **Wednesday 13th November** from 6pm to 7pm.

The evening is aimed at Y6-8 pupils and their families. The intention of the evening is to engage them in Physics in a fun and accessible way. We would ask that at least one adult accompanies a maximum of two children.

The night will consist of an interactive 30-minute talk full of demonstrations, followed by the chance to try a number of activities yourself, including sitting on a hoverboard, making a CD hovercraft (please bring a 'Fruit shoot' bottle top if you want to keep it), balancing a helium balloon in mid-air, making a ping-pong ball hover etc.

If you would like to come, please collect a letter from your Science teacher and return the reply slip to the drop box before the 12th of November.

Note: There are limited spaces reserved for pupils and families from our school - which will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Science Club



Please note Science Club is cancelled on the 13th November 2019 for one week only.

Music News



Walkwood's annual Christmas Carol Concert will be taking place on Wednesday 18th December in the school hall starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. There are no tickets for this event; instead we have a collection for a local charity.

Our choir and orchestra have already made an excellent start to rehearsals. There is still time for any new singers to join us at our lunchtime rehearsals: currently Mondays and Thursdays at 12.50pm in the Music Room.

Practice Earns Points

Pupils having instrumental or vocal lessons need to complete some regular practice in order to improve and make progress. Music practice needs only to be 10 minutes a day for beginners, increasing as pupils progress through their grades.

So, for all pupils who have instrumental or vocal lessons: aim to complete at least 10 minutes of music practice on 5 days of any week and you will earn an Independent Learning point. Your practice diary will need to be signed by your parent or carer. Bring your practice diary to Mrs Griffiths in the Music Room to claim your points.

Happy practising!

Walkwood Book Fair

We are hosting a children's BOOK FAIR from Travelling Books on the following dates:

Monday 11th November until Friday 15th November 2019

Leaflets to be distributed week beginning 4th November – you can find out more about Travelling Books and a sneak preview at www.travellingbooks.co.uk/books



Great ideas for Birthday or Christmas presents.

Please see below for an alternative method of payment if you are worried about sending your child in with cash.

Call 0330 088 5756

Please have your school's Customer I.D. number ready together with a pen to record your transaction code. You will be asked for your card number, expiry date, the three digit security number on the back of your card and amount you wish to pay.

Name: _____ School Customer I.D. no. : _____

Transaction code: _____ Amount: £ _____

Please give the completed form back to your Book Fair Organiser and take your order.

This call will be charged at your standard mobile rate.



Applying for middle school



For children who are currently in Year 4 and intend to be in a middle school for Year 5, it is time to apply for a place. This needs to be completed using the online system:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you do not have internet access, call the county admissions team on 01905 822700 for assistance.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is part of the Worcestershire County Council's coordinated scheme, which is administered by Babcock Prime.

The closing date for both first and middle school places is 15th January 2020

Party Night

GUIDE
DOGS



at The 19th Hole

Redditch Golf Club • Lower Grinsty Lane

Callow Hill • Redditch B97 5PJ

Saturday 23rd November 2019

7.30pm till late

The evening includes:

Live band

Raffle and games

Buffet supper

And more

Tickets cost
£10 per adult,
£7.50 for under 12's



GUIDE
DOGS



All proceeds will be going to Guide Dogs
For tickets email: party@ingleton.com

Information evenings



On Wednesday 7th November we ran the following information sessions:

- Year 6 SATs information evening
- KS3 Curriculum evening
- Year 5 Renaissance reading evening

Thanks to all parents and carers who were able to attend any of the above. We hope you found the evenings useful and we were able to answer any queries or questions you had.

If you were unable to attend, you can find all presentations and documents on the school website:

<http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/> - Parents and Carers- then select the relevant evening.

Times table rock stars upcoming event



To celebrate the first **Maths Week England** EVER, we're running our biggest online competition yet!

This November, we're on a mission to find the most dedicated TTRS schools, classes and pupils across England! All schools in England are invited to compete and show the rest of the country what they are made of.

From November 11th until November 16th your school can participate in a competition competing against schools across England to answer the most questions you can on TTRS! What's the prize you ask? A TTRS Pizza Party Special, of course!

Prizes include:

- A pizza party for the top 3 classes (most questions answered correctly on average per pupil) from across the country.
- Trophies for the top 3 schools from across the country
- Certificates for the top 3 classes in the country, top 3 pupils overall across the country and top 3 performing pupils within each school.

As a school we will also offer the following prizes:

- Certificate and Epraise badge for the pupil with the highest number of correct answers in each year group.
- Certificate for the maths class with the highest number of correct answers in each year group.
- Krispy Kreme doughnuts for the Walkwood maths class with the highest number of correct answers.

All maths classes have been entered for this competition. It will open at 7am on Monday 11th November and close at 7pm on Saturday 16th November.

All pupils need to do is play on TTR as much as they can. All prizes are calculated on the number of CORRECT answers they have during the competition time!

Results to follow.....

Mrs Cull and the Maths Department

The Tutor Group Attendance Competition

Tutor groups who achieve 99%+ each week will receive one of these to display in their room:



The Prize

A trip to the cinema for the winning
tutor group- free of charge
Includes all members of the Tutor
Group, Tutor, Pastoral Manager and
College Leader

Competition Ends-
w/c 18th May (final week)

The story so far this year.....

TUTOR	No. of Occasions Weekly Attendance 99% and Above												
AAFA													
ALBA													
AMLA													
AECO													
ALWA													
ACWO													
BCLO													
BCJO													
BHMA													
BJHD													
BLVO													
BRCO													
CABE													
CLDW													
CTPO													
CSBK													
CMBI													
CLBK													
MDSL													
MPJE													
MHBA													
MNSA													
MMMG													
MKRE													
MAB													

*in the event of a tie- the tutor group with the highest attendance for the academic year will win.

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

bellicose

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 7th October 2019 — 7th November 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Erin Hill (Year 6MHBA) - who has read an incredible 478,946 words

Top Boy

Aston Slater (Year 6 CTPO) - who has read a fantastic 761,825 words



Well done - 3 merits will be awarded to you both.

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



Trips and Visits

2019 - 2020



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 15 - Mon 18	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Wed 17 - Fri 19	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 19 - Mon 22	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7	£ 320	Mr West
Fri 19 - Mon 22	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 173	Mr Macdonald/ Mrs Cull



Clubs and Activities

Autumn Term 2 2019

	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20PM	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library Orchestra Music Room 8.45-9.30am (CGR)	KS3 Art Club starting 18 th September (ECO) Choir (all year groups) 12.50-1.20pm Music Room (CGR) Parliament Club (invitation only) 12.50-1.20 pm Lab 2 ECO Club 12.50-1.20 pm Lab 2	Multi skills (all years) 3.30-4.45pm (PMC)
Tuesday	Homework Club Library	Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.50–1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm Dance Club All years Starts 12 th November (KRE)
Wednesday	Homework Club Library	Colouring Club Room 15 (RSH) Silent Reading Club Rm 19 (LBA) KS3 Science Ambassadors Lab 2 12.50-1.20pm (JHd)	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm KS2 Science Club Lab 2 3.30-4.30pm (JHd) Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm (DSL) Cheerleading Squad 3.30-4.45pm (LMO/KRE)
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) 12.50-1.20pm Music Room (CGR)	Homework Club Library 3.30– 4.30pm Year 7 and 8 Rugby 3.30-4.45pm (PJE) Fitness Club Starting 14 th November (all years) (KRE/CHU/LWO)
Friday	Homework Club Library		



Epraise Update

Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🍌 Joseph Leaver (ACWO) (32)
2. 🍌 Maddison Hill (BLWO) (28)
3. 🍌 Archie Whittington (ALWA) (26)
4. Isabelle Smith (ALWA) (25)
4. 🍌 Sam Tomlinson (MDSL) (25)
6. 🍌 Sophie Gould (MMMG) (24)
6. Olivia Marthews (BHMA) (24)
8. 🍌 Kaleigh Roberts (MMMG) (23)
8. 🍌 Lucy Potter (CTPO) (23)
10. Oliver Willett (MPJE) (22)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2	Wednesday 13 November	Ski trip parent information evening 6.30—7.30 pm
	Monday 25 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
0	Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Carol Concert 7.30 pm
	Friday 20 December	End of Term
1	Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
9	Monday 13 January	Parents' English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 30 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 5 February	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February	Half Term
2	Wednesday 18 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 3 April	End of Term
0	Monday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 6 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
2	Friday 8 May	May Day bank holiday
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	Half Term
0	Thursday 4 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 10 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 17 July	End of Term
	Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 September	Staff Development Days
	Thursday 3 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Friday 23 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 26 to Friday 30 October	Half term
	Friday 18 December	End of Term
2	Monday 4 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
0	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February	Half Term
	Thursday 1 April	End of Term
2	Monday 19 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
1	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	Half Term
	Wednesday 21 July	End of Term