

Dear Parents and Carers,

After we had published last week's Insider, three senior pupils and I were at the *No Barriers* awards at Redditch Town Hall. These accolades recognise the people and organisations who go the extra mile for people with disabilities. The citation is below, and is particularly poignant as it demonstrates one of our Fruits of Faith in action, namely, inclusiveness. We thank Disability Action Redditch, lead by Councillor Anita Clayton, for the award and for the warmth of the welcome at the event.

There has been a steady selling of tickets for the Arts Evenings, and the rehearsals have continued this week. "It'll be alright on the night" has applied to all the productions I have known over the 30 years in education, but the Arts Evenings always have an appropriate blend of different acts and performances. There will also be a display of the fantastic artwork that our pupils produce.

I urge Year 6 parents not to place pressure on pupils as the number of weeks to the SATs ticks down. The preparations have to be advanced this end for there are many pages of regulations that we comply with! Year 8 pupils will be taking some assessments during the same week, and these have significance for the high schools.

We know that the applications for Year 5 at our school are very high in number and, once again exceed the number of places we have available. The applicants will be informed of the allocations by the County's Admissions Department on 16th April.

Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*



Walkwood encourages and nurtures its pupils. Their leadership and pastoral teams listen to concerns and make sure no child is left out. Children with special education needs and those with emotional and physical difficulties are accommodated, included and cared for. They make sure that any difficulty a child may have does not become a barrier to learning. Every child is loved and is seen as an individual and unique.

"The glory of God is a human being fully alive."

St. Irenaeus

A Prayer for Charities

We thank you for the blessings you have given us.
We pray that we can bless others generously through gifts of charity. Let us know when and how we can help others. We thank you for all the good work that charities do, may you bless them abundantly.
Give them the knowledge and resources to succeed in their help for others.
Amen.

This week's theme was: Charities

Jesus was sitting in the temple near the offering box and watching people put in their gifts. He noticed that many rich people were giving a lot of money. Finally a poor widow came up and put in two coins that were worth only a few pennies. Jesus told his disciples to gather around him. Then he said: "I tell you that this poor widow has put in more than all the others."

Mark 12:41-43

Whole School Attendance

94.33%

Whole School Target

95.6%

25.03.19—29.03.19

Year 5 — 96.01%

Year 6 — 93.39%

Year 7 — 95.44%

Year 8 — 92.47%



For the week ahead



<p>The Fruit of Faith is:</p>	<p>Thankfulness</p>	<p>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you. Psalm 118: 28</p>
<p>The tutor group virtue:</p>	<p>Humility</p>	<p>Jesus noticed how some of the guests were choosing the best places, so he told this parable to all of them “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place. It could happen that someone more important than you has been invited, and your host, who invited both of you, would have to come and say to you, ‘Let him have this place.’”</p>
<p>The assembly theme:</p>	<p>Holy Week— death & resurrection</p>	<p>Standing close to Jesus’ cross were his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so he said to his mother, “He is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “She is your mother.” From that time the disciple took her to live in his home. Jesus knew that by now everything has been completed; and in order to make the scripture come true, he said “I am thirsty.” A bowl was there, full of cheap wine; so a sponge was soaked in the wine, put on a stalk of hyssop, and lifted up to his lips. Jesus drank the wine and said, “It is finished!” John 19:25-30</p>

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

<p>The weekend</p>	<p>The Royal Army, Navy and Air Force</p>	<p>Monday</p>	<p>Those taking part in sports activities</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Successful Arts’ Evenings at Walkwood</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Successful Deep Days at Walkwood</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Local high schools</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>The UK government as they continue to make historical decisions for the country.</p>

S4 Ep26

Idea from Matty H
Arts Evening

Silly Norman





Year 6 English Revision Sessions

Since January, the English Department has been running revision sessions for Year 6 pupils to support them with SATs in May. Pupils have decided which sessions they would benefit from attending (see the list below); they each had a copy of the schedule below, with information about which teacher is delivering the session and where.

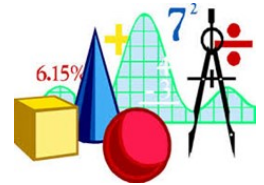
Every time a pupil attends a revision session, his/her English teacher will then award them with a merit on Epraise for each session attended. **If a pupil attend 15 sessions, they will be awarded a ‘Commitment to English SATs’ Achievement Badge on Epraise.**

Pupils should bring a packed lunch or meal deal to the relevant room at the start of the lunchtime.

Date	Topic
Wednesday 10 th April	Adverbs of manner
Wednesday 1 st May	Subjunctive form
Friday 3 rd May	Active & passive voice
Wednesday 8 th May	Contractions
Friday 10 th May	Reading: retrieving relevant information



Year 6 Maths Revision Sessions



Since January, the Maths Department has been running revision sessions for Year 6 pupils to support them in the run up to the SATs. Pupils have decided which sessions they would benefit from. Your child’s Maths teacher gave them a copy of the timetable below in January so they could select which sessions to attend. Pupil versions will also show the teacher and the room the sessions will be held in.

Pupils will be awarded with an Epraise point for each session they attend.

If they attend 15 sessions, they will be awarded with the ‘Commitment to Maths SATs’ Epraise Achievement Badge.

They should bring a packed lunch or meal deal to the relevant room at the start of lunchtime.

Date	Topic
Tuesday 9 th April	Written X, including decimals
Thursday 11 th April	Written division, including decimals
Tuesday 30 th April	Written + and -, including decimals
Thursday 2 nd May	Using the inverse
Tuesday 7 th May	Word problems involving all operations
Thursday 9 th May	Time problems and timetables



Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School



Arts Evenings 2019

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th April

Show begins at 7pm

Tickets £4

Spectrum Non-Uniform Day – National Autism Society and Touchstones.

On Friday 12th April please wear your favourite colour to school and a contribution of £1.00 is to be given to your tutor in the morning. Let's see how big a spectrum we can make.



Good Friday



St John the Baptist church, C of E.

**An opportunity to explore the Easter Story with
a Good Friday Workshop.**

19th April 10.30am-12.00pm.

**At the Gazebo,
Foxholes Lane,
Callow Hill.**



**With Craft Activities,
An Act of Worship,
and Refreshments.**

**All ages welcome, no need to
book. Just turn up.**

For more info please contact Fiona Carter 07864867313 / fiona-carter@hotmail.co.uk

Attendance Matters at Walkwood - The Traffic Light Initiative

The 'Traffic Light Initiative' is intended to raise pupil attendance levels.

The colours of a traffic light are being used to indicate the level of school attendance.

RED = below 90%, AMBER = between 90% and 95% and GREEN = 96% and above.

Our goal is that all pupils meet the green target of 96% and above. Details of your child's attendance can be found on Epraise or recorded weekly, by the tutor, in your child's planner.

96-100% attendance- Making every effort to attend school.

Your son or daughter is an excellent attender and as a result, they will almost certainly achieve the best grades for their ability. They will also be able to take full advantage of the wider school community and will develop skills for life that will provide great opportunities in further education and the world of work.

90-95% attendance- Resulting in 2-4 weeks missed of school per year.

This level of attendance will make it difficult for your son/daughter to achieve their full potential. They will have to work hard to catch up on the work that they have missed.

Below 90% attendance- Resulting in well over 4 weeks missed per year or 2 full years missed over the course of their school career.

This level of attendance makes it extremely difficult for your son/daughter to keep up with lessons or work. They will also have difficulty contributing fully to the school community and will miss key life skills in readiness for the world of further education and work.

Additionally, as a parent you could be investigated, and found guilty, of failing to ensure your child attends school in line with current education and school attendance laws within the UK.

70% attendance- Attending 3½ days each week = more than a quarter of the school year missed
(9 weeks per school year)

Being late for school also reduces learning time.

If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.

If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

Make every minute count

Playground Equipment

During the Autumn Term, Walkwood Middle School have improved the playground equipment with money raised over the previous 18 months through the Albion Foundation and various fundraisers. With the money raised we have purchased 3 table tennis tables, 2 table football tables and a number of basketball hoops and balls. Pupils have been getting involved and enjoying it so far. It certainly gives us something to do.

Possibly the most enjoyable pieces of equipment are the table tennis tables. They are located on the front and back playgrounds. There are pupils playing games during break times that they would not usually play, so it is fantastic to have these opportunities. Walkwood has supplied its pupils with enjoyable and quality equipment and the students have really appreciated it.

The Albion Foundation will be in again in the Summer Term and hopefully again we can raise lots of money to further improve the facilities in school for the enjoyment of the pupils.

By Mr West & Will Allardice (Year 7- Assistant Principal - Takeover Day)





During March, Walkwood Church of England Middle School held their first Times Tables Battle of the Bands.



Every Maths set had 25 minutes to answer as many times tables questions against another Maths set. During the battles there was a buzz watching the leader bar increasing and who would answer the most amount of questions.

A huge **214,556** times tables were answered correctly.

What an amazing effort by all Maths sets.

Congratulations to the following for the highest amount of questions answered correctly:

Overall Year group	Year 6	73,889
Overall Maths set	Year 8 set 1	12,892
Year 5 boy	Eughan Downing	1563
Year 5 girl	Neve King	1092
Year 6 boy	Jonah Grogan	1071
Year 6 girl	Mia Norris	937
Year 7 boy	George Lloyd	908
Year 7 girl	Cadee-Leigh Chaney	715
Year 8 boy	Freddie Masefield	1510
Year 8 girl	Abbie Jones	729

Well done to all pupils for their efforts taken to learn their times tables and for a highly successful first Battle of the Bands.

Mrs Thurston



Walkwood Church of England Middle School's College Battle of the Bands.

Who will it be? Abberley, Bredon, Cleeve or Malvern?

Isle of Wight Trip

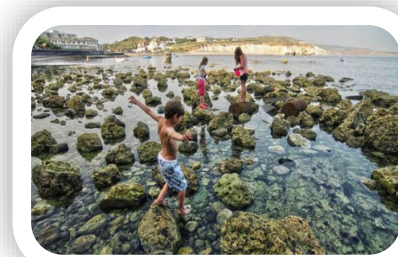
Thank you to all who have been keeping up with the payment schedule for this trip.

Just to remind you that the final payment of £115 is due by 29th March. This will bring the total amount paid for the trip to £315.

We ask that all payments be made using Parentpay.

Please note that once money has been paid to the travel company they will not refund us therefore it cannot be refunded to parents/carers.

Please can you inform us by email, letter or phone if your child no longer wishes to take up their place on the trip.



Y6 Yorkshire Trip

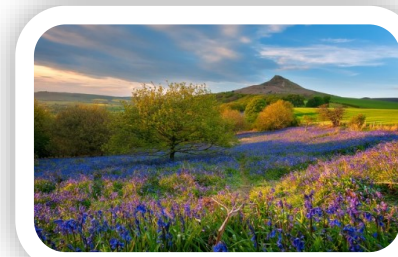
Thank you to all who have been keeping up with the payment schedule for this trip.

Just to remind you that the final payment of £100 is due by 31st March. This will bring the total amount paid for the trip to £ 300.

Smaller more frequent payments can be made as long as the totals above are paid by the dates stated. We ask that all payments be made using Parentpay.

Please note that once money has been paid to the travel company they will not refund us therefore it cannot be refunded to parents/carers.

Please can you inform us by email, letter or phone if your child no longer wishes to take up their place on the trip.



Y8 London Trip

Thank you to all who have been keeping up with the payment schedule for this trip.

Just to remind you that the following payments should now have been made:

£50 deposit by 30th November.

£60 by 30th January.

£60 paid 28th February

The next payment of £60 is required by 31st March with the final payment of £ 70 due by 30th April.

Smaller more frequent payments can be made as long as the totals above are paid by the dates stated. We ask that all payments be made using Parentpay.

Please note that once money has been paid to the travel company they will not refund us therefore it cannot be refunded to parents/carers. Please can you inform us by email, letter or phone if your child no longer wishes to take up their place on the trip.



Year 5 Brecon Beacons Trip

Thank you to all who have been keeping up with the payment schedule for the trip.

Just a reminder that the total balance of £170 should have been paid by Friday 5th April.

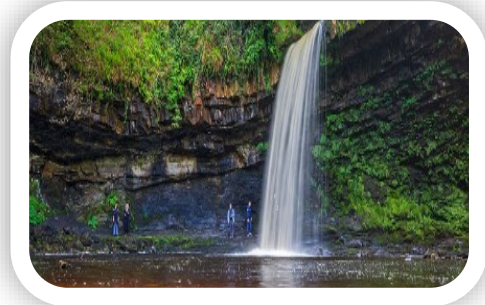
Can any outstanding balances please be paid as soon as possible as our final payment to the travel company is due. If you have any queries as to your outstanding balance, then please contact the Finance Office at school and they can look into this for you.

Please can any outstanding consent/medical forms be completed and returned to Mrs Cull via the drop box by Monday 6th May, as the travel company requires these details.

We look forward to seeing you at the information evening on the 8th May. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further questions.

Mr Richard Macdonald
(Trip Organisers)

Mrs Louise Cull



Year 8 Girls' Hockey Tournament

On the 21st March the Year 8 Girls Hockey Team went to Redditch Hockey Club to compete in the District Hockey Tournament. The first match was against Birchensale. Although having many chances to score, the girls came out with a 0-0 draw.

The next match was against St Bede's; after an early goal by Frankie the girls lead 1-0 at half-time. The girls then conceded an unlucky goal ending the game 1-1.

Finally, the girls played Woodfield. The girls had an easy win scoring 5. Overall the girls came second. Well done girls!

The team was:

Sophie, Izzy, Beau, Freya, Niamh, Maisy, Frankie, Charlie and Chardae.

Written by Niamh Gibbs



Charity News

The following children have carried out bake sales on behalf of the following charities during the past term:

Sign to Sing £35.42 raised by Abi Gibson MDSL
Lily Paice AMLA
Sophie Blagrove ALBA
Poppy Davies CAMI



Macmillan £33.51 raised by Ellie Cartland AAGA
Mia Duggan CTPO
Darcey Hocking CLBK
Millie Hanford MHBA
Louise Till ALWA



Comic Relief £63.20 raised by Keiren Thompson MKRE
George Kelso BRFO
Eve Parsons MDSL
Demi Ley MNSA
Rebecca O'Hare MDSL
Keira Hughes BJHD
Amaya Ewing-Boulton CAMI
Oly Walker CAMI



British Heart Foundation £78.44 raised by Maddison Hill BRFO
Ellie Harper ALWA
Kaleigh Roberts MMMG
Sophie Gould MMMG



Clubs and Activities

Spring Term 2 2019



	Before School 8:00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	<p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p> <p>Orchestra Music Room 8.45 - 9.30am CGR</p>	<p>KS3 Art Club starting 18th September ECO</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Indoor Sports Club (range of different activities each week including hockey, boccia, kurling, dodgeball etc) All years welcome. 3.30 - 4.45pm PMC</p> <p>Year 7/8 netball club - tour teams only to start with</p>
Tuesday	<p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p>	<p>Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room JHA</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Cheerleading Squad Training 3.30 - 4.45pm LMO/KRE (9th Jan)</p> <p>KS2 Science Club Lab 2 3.30 - 4.45pm JHD</p>
Wednesday	<p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p>	<p>All years Silent Reading Club Room 19 LBA</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm DSL (when you are cooking will be confirmed)</p> <p>Gymnastics Club (starts 16th January) 3.30 - 4.45pm RMA/CHU/KRE</p> <p>First Aid Club Room 2 3.30 - 4.45pm KMI</p>
Thursday	<p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p>	<p>Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm CGR</p> <p>Eco Schools Club Week 1 Room 21 (Lab 3) MBI First meeting Thursday 20th September 2018</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>KS3/KS2 Dance 3.30 - 4.45pm LMO/KRE (starts 16th January)</p> <p>KS3 Girls Rugby Club 3.30 - 4.45pm RMA</p> <p>5/6 Girls Netball Club 3.30-4.45pm KRE</p> <p>KS3 Boys Rugby Club 3.30 - 4.45pm PJE</p>
Friday	<p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p>		<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p>

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

garrulous

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 4th March 2019 — 4th April 2019



Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Darcey Hocking (Year 6 CLBK) - who has read an incredible 596,144 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (Year 6 CMBI) - who has read a fantastic 831,087 words



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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



Trips and Visits

2018 - 2019



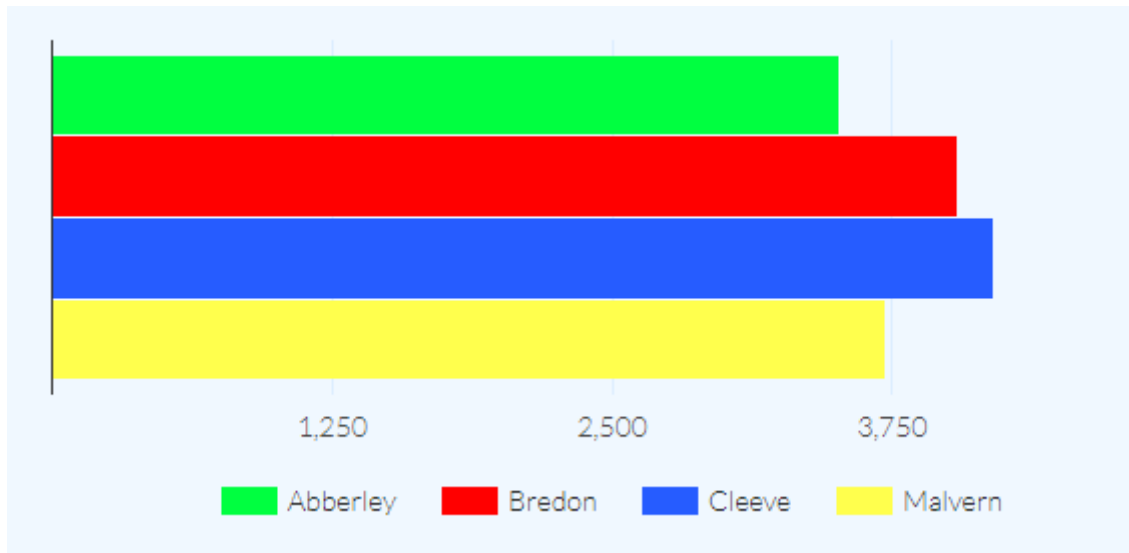
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 17—Mon 20	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Thurs 20—Sat 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7 & 8	£ 315	Mr West
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 170	Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull
July					
Wed 17 July	Rewards Trip	Drayton Manor	Y8	£ 25	Mr West



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🟡 Liam-Chun Woolsey (CLBK) (37)
2. 🟠 Eoin Clarke (AECO) (35)
3. 🟡 Evie Hands (MHBA) (34)
4. 🟡 Callie Morris (CLBK) (32)
5. 🟡 Caitlin Banks (BJHD) (31)
5. 🟡 Grace Hyde (MPJE) (31)
5. 🟡 Evie Barnish (BHMA) (31)
5. 🟡 Queenie Butler (CLBK) (31)
5. 🟡 Dominic Burton (CLBK) (31)
5. 🟡 Niamh Campbell (CLBK) (31)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2019	Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April	Arts Evening Performances 7.00 pm
	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
	Wednesday 15 May	Y7 & 8 Isle of Wight Information Evening 6.30 pm
	Monday 27 to 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	End of Term
	Monday 2 & 3 September	Staff Development Days
Wednesday 4 September	First day of the Autumn Term	
Friday 25 October	Staff Development Day	
Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November	Half Term	
Friday 20 December	End of Term	
Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day	
Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term	
2020	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February	Half Term
	Friday 3 April	End of Term
	Monday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	Half Term
	Friday 17 July	End of Term