

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are weeks in the school year when lots of things happen, but this week has been one where the focus has been in the classrooms and teaching spaces around the school. Pupils working hard, teachers having prepared lessons, and those who are in support roles ensuring that tasks are completed. That is, in fact, what a school should be about.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations. *Psalm 100: 5*



The closing date for letters of application for Takeover Day was today. Ms Tomes has sent staff away with homework: there is the short-listing of letters to take place, and we have our deadline to meet! I have a pile to peruse, both for the role of Principal, as do many other members of staff in the different jobs that exist, so I shall look forward to an hour or so of interesting reading.

You will find on the final page of The Insider, as well as the website, the term dates for the next academic year. As Walkwood is an academy school it has the freedom to set its own start and end of terms, as well as when the holidays will be. However, varying that from what other local schools offer would make things difficult for parents and carers, so we have worked as part of the community in setting these.

We regularly take the views of parents and carers, particularly during our Consultation Evenings. I know some of you also make use of email to contact us at office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk. If your message needs to go to a particular member of staff, please show this in the subject line. The Office Manager, Mrs Hill, will then forward your email to the member of staff it concerns. The same occurs if you make use of the 'Contact' page on our website: <http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Enquiry-Contact>

There are Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings coming up for Year 6 and 8 on Thursday 31st January and Wednesday 6th February. Bookings are made through ePraise.

Rev. Leach

A Prayer for Charities

Lord Jesus,

We pray for the many charities that exist in this world to help support and take care of the needy. We thank you for their work and how they are supported financially by people who believe in a cause. We pray for those that have been created on behalf of your name, and pray that they will be always supported to spread your word. Lord, we ask that smaller charities are not forgotten and are supported in honour of their cause. Let your spirit bless them all.

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 his poor widow has put in more than all the others."

Mark 12:41-43

Whole School Attendance – 96.71%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

08.01.19—11.01.19

Year 5 — 96.28%

Year 6 — 95.76%

Year 7 — 96.43%

Year 8 — 98.47%



For the week ahead



<p>The Fruit of Faith is:</p>	<p>Inclusiveness</p>	<p>He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <i>Matthew 5:45</i></p>
<p>The tutor group virtue:</p>	<p>Generosity</p>	<p>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God. <i>2 Corinthians 9:11</i></p>
<p>The assembly theme:</p>	<p>Giving your time</p>	<p>To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. <i>Ecclesiastes 3</i></p>

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

The weekend	The effects of the Brexit deal vote	Monday	The extreme weather spread across Europe
Tuesday	Public services	Wednesday	Those researching new ways to help the environment
Thursday	Local businesses in Redditch	Friday	Ongoing international wars.





Year 6 English Revision Sessions

From January, the English Department will be running revision sessions for Year 6 pupils to support them with SATs in May. Pupils can decide which sessions they would benefit from attending (see the list below); in the new term, we will give them each a copy of the schedule below, with information about which teacher is delivering the session and where.

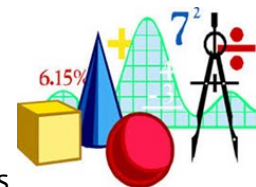
Every time a pupil attends a revision session, his/her English teacher will then award them with a merit on Epraise for each session attended. **If a pupil attend 15 sessions, they will be awarded a 'Commitment to English SATs' Achievement Badge on Epraise.**

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

Date	Topic
Wednesday 9 th January	Prefix/suffix/root words
Friday 11 th January	Conjunctions subordinating & coordinating
Wednesday 16 th January	Sentence types (command, exclamation, question, statement)
Friday 18 th January	Verb subject object
Wednesday 23 rd January	Colons to introduce a list or another clause
Friday 25 th January	Semi-colons to separate longer items in a list
Wednesday 30 th January	Adverbs of time
Friday 1 st February	Semi-colons to separate main clauses
Wednesday 6 th February	Inverted commas and their functions
Friday 8 th February	Progressive tenses
Wednesday 13 th February	Hyphens and their uses
Friday 15 th February	Commas to mark clauses
Wednesday 27 th February	Modal verbs
Friday 1 st March	Reading: making an inference
Wednesday 6 th March	Standard English
Friday 8 th March	Relative clauses
Wednesday 13 th March	Pronouns & possessive pronouns
Friday 15 th March	Determiners
Wednesday 20 th March	Simple forms of past, present & future tenses
Friday 22 nd March	Adverbs of place
Wednesday 27 th March	Main & subordinate clauses
Friday 29 th March	Apostrophes for possession
Wednesday 3 rd April	Synonyms & antonyms
Friday 5 th April	Reading: making a prediction
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



From January, the Maths Department will be running revision sessions for Year 6 pupils to support them in the run up to the SATs. They can decide which sessions they would benefit from. Your child's Maths teacher will give them a copy of the timetable below in January so they can 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 8 th January	Calculating missing angles
Thursday 10 th January	Rounding
Tuesday 15 th January	Order of operations
Thursday 17 th January	Properties of numbers-factors, primes, multiples...
Tuesday 22 nd January	Ordering and comparing numbers
Thursday 24 th January	2D shapes including circles and 3D shapes
Tuesday 29 th January	Translation and reflection
Thursday 31 st January	Negative numbers
Tuesday 5 th February	Place value, including x and / by 10,100 & 1000.
Thursday 7 th February	Units of measure and converting them
Tuesday 12 th February	Measures word problems
Thursday 14 th February	Interpreting graphs
Tuesday 26 th February	Interpreting tables and mean
Thursday 28 th February	Percentages of amounts
Tuesday 5 th March	Comparing & ordering fractions (decimals and %)
Thursday 7 th March	Equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions
Tuesday 12 th March	Equivalent fractions/decimals and %'s
Thursday 14 th March	Volume
Tuesday 19 th March	Area of rectangles, triangles and parallelograms
Thursday 21 st March	Perimeter
Tuesday 26 th March	Co-ordinates
Thursday 28 th March	Algebra
Tuesday 2 nd April	+ and - fractions
Thursday 4 th April	X and / fractions
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

Ski Trip 2020

Thank you to all who have been keeping up with the payment schedule for the Ski Trip 2020.

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

£150 deposit

The second payment of £140 was required by Friday 14th December

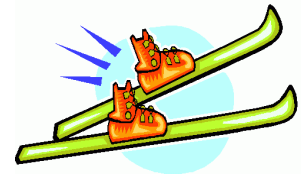
The deadline for the remaining instalments are as stated in your offer of a place letter.

Strict adherence to the above payment dates are essential to enable the school to meet the tour operator conditions. You can pay in larger or smaller instalments if you wish, as long as the payment amounts stated in your letter are met. The preferred method of payment is by Parentpay. A link to this is available via the Walkwood School Website.

In the event of you withdrawing your child from the trip, payments you have already made will only be refunded to you if I am able to replace your child on the trip. Please can you inform me by letter, email or phone if your child no longer wishes to take up their place on the trip.

I am still awaiting news on the additional 15 pupil places that I have requested.

Mrs L Cull
(Trip organiser)



Year 5 Brecon Beacons Trip

Thank you to all who have been keeping up with the payment schedule for the Year 5 Brecon Beacons trip.

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

£50 deposit by Friday 26th October.

The second payment of £60 is required by Friday 18th January.

Smaller more frequent payments can be made as long as the totals above are paid by the dates stated.

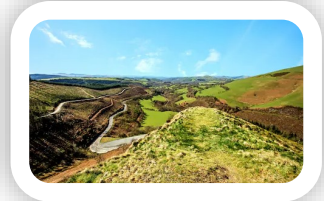
We ask that all payments be made using Parentpay, our payment system for which you should already have received a personalised letter stating your log in details.

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.

If you have any further queries regarding the trip, then please do not hesitate to contact either of us at school. Nearer the time, we will be holding an information evening where you will be given a kit list and all other necessary information.

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

Mrs L Cull and Mr R Macdonald





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 following payments should now have been made:

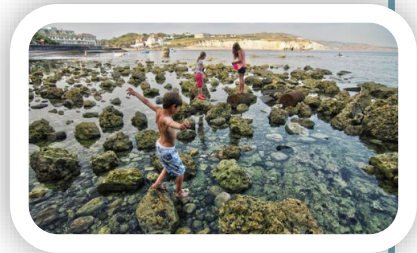
£100 deposit by Wednesday 24th October.

The second payment of £100 is required by Friday 18th January.

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.



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 following payments should now have been made:

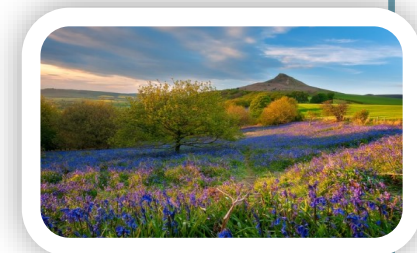
£100 deposit by 9th November.

The second payment of £100 is required by Wednesday 30th January.

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.

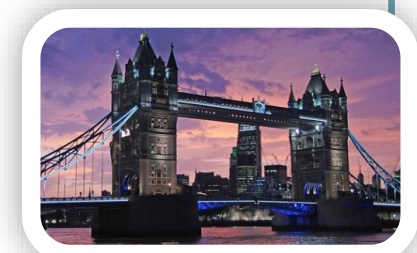
Just to remind you that the following payments should now have been made:

£50 deposit by 30th November.

The second payment of £60 is required by Wednesday 30th January.

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.



My Time at Wolves

At 5 years of age I was scouted for Wolverhampton Wanderers (Wolves) by Mark Campbell at FDC. In my first training session I was really nervous but I had to conquer my fears and 2 years later I was offered a pre contract for Wolves. After then I started to find out where I was in the club. I did this by having lots of belief.

A couple of months later I had an astonishing game against Stoke City.

Wolves Schedule for an Under 10

Monday	Nothing	
Tuesday	Training	4.00 to 7.30 pm
Wednesday	Mini games	6.00 to 7.00 pm
Thursday	Training	4.00 to 7.00 pm
Friday	Nothing	
Saturday	Training	9.00 am to 11.00 am
Sunday	Game	



Fynnley Hawkeswood

KS2 English Workshop



Just a reminder that on Monday 21st January 2019 from 6:30-7:30pm, we will be holding a KS2 English Workshop for parents and carers. The focus of the evening will be the English curriculum in Years 5 and 6, with a particular focus on the expectations of grammatical knowledge in these year groups.

The introduction of the new curriculum in 2014 meant changes to the grammatical knowledge that pupils are expected to have, and also the specific reading skills needed to access the reading paper at the end of KS2. At the English Workshop, we will discuss some of these expectations; it will also be an ideal opportunity for you to ask questions and talk to staff.

Please note that this workshop is intended for parents/carers and should not be attended by pupils. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued role in helping you child with their English subject knowledge and understanding. Grammatical knowledge and reading skills are key components of the curriculum and we value the support that you give. We look forward to seeing many of you on 21st January.

Music News



Practice Earns Points

Here is a reminder to all our instrumentalists about practising!

Music practice at home needs only to be 10 minutes a day for beginners, increasing as pupils progress through their grades.

If you can complete at least 10 minutes of music practice on 5 days of any week 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!

Music Success

Congratulations to the following pupils who have had recent success in their music exams:

Lucie Thompson – Bronze Music Medal – flute

Emily Spencer – Bronze Music Medal – flute

Alexander Day-Jones – Grade 2— violin





Clubs and Activities

Spring Term 1 2019



	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am—8.45 am Orchestra Music Room 8.45 - 9.30am CGR	KS3 Art Club starting 18 th September ECO Monday lunchtime DT Block Movie Club all years AMI starting Monday 17 th September	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am—8.45 am	Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room JHA	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm Cheerleading Squad training 3.30-4.45pm LMO/KRE (9 th Jan) KS2 Science Club Lab 2 3.30-4.45pm JHD
Wednesday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am—8.45 am	All years Silent Reading Club Room 19 LBA	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm DSL (when you are cooking will be confirmed) Gymnastics Club (starts 16 th January) 3.30 - 4.45pm RMA/CHU/KRE First Aid Club Room 2 3.30 - 4.45pm KMI
Thursday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am—8.45 am	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm CGR Eco Schools Club Week 1 Room 21 (Lab 3) MBI First meeting Thursday 20 th September 2018	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm KS3/KS2 Dance 3.30 - 4.45pm LMO/KRE (starts 16 th January) KS3 Basketball Club (starts 16 th January) 3.30 - 4.45pm CHU
Friday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am—8.45 am		Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

chiliad

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 17th December 2018 — 17th January 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Ria Parker (Year 8 CSBK) - who has read an incredible 428,484 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (Year 6 CMBI) - who has read a fantastic 780,946 words

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU





Trips and Visits

2018 - 2019



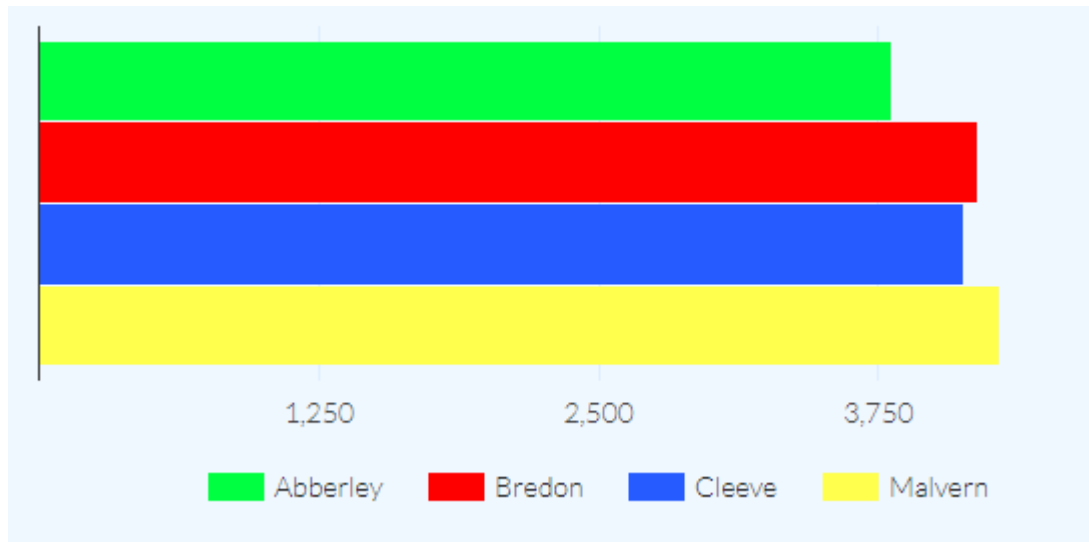
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 17—Mon 20	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Thurs 20—Sat 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7 & 8	£ 315	Mr West
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 170	Mr Macdonald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



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🍊 Zac Abdullah (AMLA) (39)
2. 🍊 Poppy Davies (CAMI) (29)
3. 🍊 Ismail Rauf (MDSL) (28)
3. 🍊 Talia Kandekore (BRCO) (28)
5. 🍊 Joshua Brown (CAMI) (27)
5. 🍊 Grace Hyde (MPJE) (27)
7. 🍊 Matty Humphreys (MMMMG) (25)
7. 🍊 Sam Curtis (MDSL) (25)
7. 🍊 Charlie Harrison (MDSL) (25)
10. 🍊 James Thomas Manders (MKRE) (24)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 1 9	Monday 21 January	Parent English KS2 Workshop 6.30-7.30 pm
	Thursday 31 January	Y6,Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
	Wednesday 6 February	Y6,Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
	Monday 18 to Friday 22 February	Half Term
	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
	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
	2 0 2 0	Monday 2 & 3 September
Wednesday 4 September		First day of the Autumn Term
Friday 25 October		Staff Development Day
Monday 28 October to Friday 1 No- vember		Half Term
Friday 20 December		End of Term
Monday 6 January		Staff Development Day
Tuesday 7 January		First day of the Spring Term
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