



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday evening brought the Christmas concert, where the orchestra and the choir lead us through some classic carols as well some less well known music. I appreciate the many parents and other family members who came to join in the festive cheer of song.



It was Christmas lunches too this week, where the catering team cooked nearly 500 meals over two days, which is quite an achievement. It was for this reason that these two days are the only ones when tuck is not available. I was inundated with renditions of Christmas cracker jokes over both lunchtimes, none of which I shall inflict upon you here. We managed to get almost everyone to take up the challenge of having at least one Brussel sprout, even though there were some frowns at the thought of having a single sprout upon the plate. The same could not be said of the ice-cream & chocolate tree-shaped dessert.

Wednesday and Thursday were our Christmas Deep Days. These allow our pupils to spend two days working within their tutor group, and so they are with people from across all four year groups. Each College has a particular part of the Christmas story to consider (see page 3). These are parts of the nativity that are legend rather than being a part of the Bible stories. Another feature of these days is that they allow a gentler end to the end of term, for the youngsters are working in a different way and with different pupils. The feedback has, once again, been very positive.



There are many different ways that folk will be spending time over the next couple of weeks, but whatever you are doing, I wish you a peaceful time and that you are able to find refreshment too. Likewise, whatever the new year brings, I hope that you and your families will find light and hope in the melee of your lives. It may be dark outside for much of the day, may some festive light brighten your way.

Rev C Leach

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Praise God in heaven!
Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God.
Luke 2: 14



A Prayer for The Star

Lord God,

When you sent Jesus down, you sent a star to guide the Magi so they could find him. Sometimes your signs are literally written in the sky, right there for us to see. So bright that we cannot avoid it. At other times your signs are subtle, they are in our everyday life, they are words people say, or images we see. We pray that you open our eyes and our ears to notice the signs that you have for us. Let us always be seeking to find you. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen

This week's theme was:

The Star

And the star the wise men had seen in the east went on ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They were thrilled and excited to see the star. When the men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they knelt down and worshipped him.
Matthew 2:9-11

Whole School Attendance – 95.96%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

10.12.18—14.12.18

Year 5 — 96.67%

Year 6 — 95.99%

Year 7 — 96.04%

Year 8 — 95.12%

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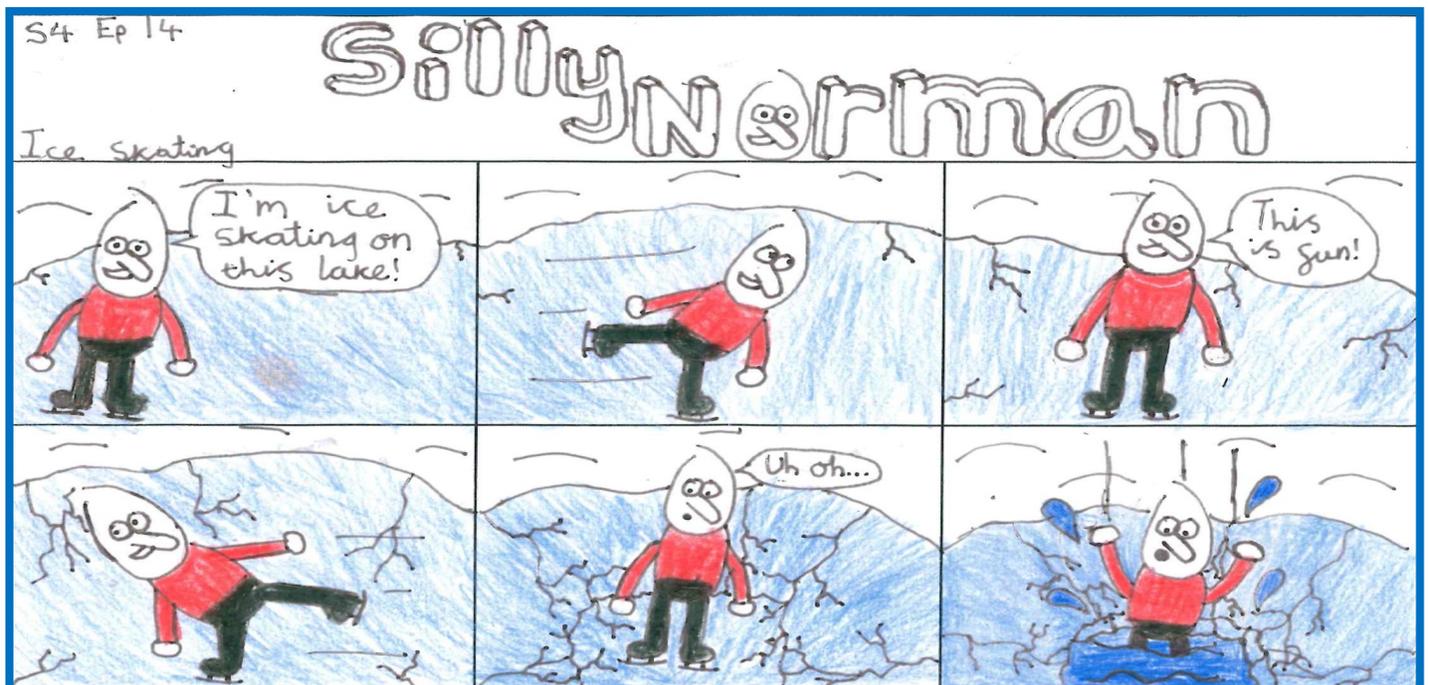
For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Inclusiveness	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>
The tutor group virtue:	Generosity	You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God. <i>2 Corinthians 9:11</i>
The assembly theme:	Epiphany— giving gifts	When the wise men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they knelt down and worshipped him. They took out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh and gave them to him. <i>Matthew 2: 11</i>

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

The weekend	The teachers and support staff at Walkwood	Monday	A relaxing time for pupils all over the country
Tuesday	An enjoyable Christmas day remembering Jesus' birth	Wednesday	The homeless community in Red-ditch
Thursday	The prime minister	Friday	The staff at the Alexandra Hospi-tal



Deep Days

Abberley - The Inn

The Inn is traditionally thought to be the place where Jesus was born. After the long journey to Bethlehem, because of the census, Mary and Joseph found that there was nowhere to stay. An innkeeper allowed them to stay in a stable usually used to hold animals. We get this idea because the Bible states that Jesus was born in a 'manger' which is a feeding trough for animals. However, it does not state that it is a stable and ancient tradition held that it is more likely that Jesus was born in a cave, used as a shelter for animals. In the traditional nativity story there is an innkeeper; however, there is no such character in the Bible.

Bredon – The Lowly and the Royal

The Lowly refers to the shepherds that visited the baby Jesus and the Royal refers to the three wise men/Kings/Magi that visited the baby Jesus. Traditionally, both sets of people brought gifts to the baby Jesus – the shepherds brought a lamb and the Magi brought gold, frankincense and myrrh, all of which have a symbolic meaning. The visit of the shepherds represents the humility of Jesus and that He came to earth for the poor and lowly people. The visit of the Magi represents the royalty of Jesus and that He was the King of the Jews.

Cleeve – The Star

The Bethlehem star is a prominent feature in the nativity story. It acts a guide for the Magi (wise men) that would lead them to the baby Jesus. Nobody is absolutely sure what the star was, but there are various different theories.

One thing we do know though is that it was something very unusual.

Malvern– The Journey

Mary and Joseph were required to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem (the home town of Joseph & Mary) because of a census decreed by Caesar Augustus. It would have been a long and arduous journey, of more than 70 miles through mountainous terrain, made more difficult by the fact that Mary was heavily pregnant at the time. It is traditionally thought that they travelled by donkey.



Science News

Science club starts again on Tuesday 15th January 2019.



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.



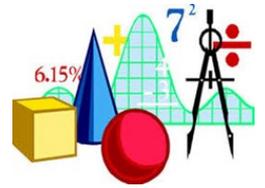
Every time a pupil attends a revision session, his/her English teacher will then award them with a merit on Epraise for each session attended. **If a pupil attend 15 sessions, they will be awarded a 'Commitment to English SATs' Achievement Badge on Epraise.**

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 EPrise 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

Sporting Success

Eughan Downing has been karting since the age of 6 years old and obtained his MSA National B Karting Licence in order to allow him to race at 'club' level in November 2016 shortly after turning 8 years old. During 2017, Eughan competed at club level and managed to finish in the top 10 of the Shenington Kart Club, Kimbolton and Little Rissington Annual Club Championships.

Based on this success, Eughan then progressed and this year competed at National Level in the '2018 Northern Karting Federation' Championships, which were nine rounds throughout the UK, Scotland and Wales. Eughan again finished in the top 10 (9th). The awards presentation where Eughan received his trophy was hosted last month at Silverstone.

Next year will now be his hardest in the cadet class (age 8-13 years) as he will be competing in the official 2019 MSA British Karting Championships, the highest level of competition and competing against the best drivers in the UK, with the winner of that being eligible for a 'works drive' to compete all over Europe the following year against the best drivers in the world. Previous winners of this include Lewis Hamilton, Jenson Button and Max Verstappen who are now all F1 racing drivers.





Technology Fun

During the Autumn Term, Mrs Davis came into our Textiles Lesson with Mrs Harris to show us how to create certain things including:

- Wool spinning
- Braid making
- Felt making

We had a really interesting and enjoyable time, learning new skills from somebody expert in these creative activities. We would like to thank Mrs Davis for giving her time voluntarily.

It was hard work, yet we still had loads of fun creating new items to wear. Thanks to Mrs Davis we are now able to show off our cool new skills and show and teach our family members at home.

Written by Grace Carter and Caitlin Barton



Charity News

The Library raised £129.90 for the Poppy Appeal— the funds were raised from a Bake Sale and the Book Sale—well done to all who contributed.





Christmas Concert

On Wednesday evening the Choir and Orchestra presented their Christmas Concert for parents and friends in the school hall. All the performers looked suitably Christmassy and sparkly which added to the excitement.

Our performers told the Christmas story through a selection of songs, readings and music, from the well-known 18th century 'Joy To The World', to more modern carols, including the choir singing the first verse of Silent Night in its original German setting of 'Stille Nacht' and the jolly setting of 'Deck The Halls', performed beautifully by Abi and Evie on the keyboard. With the audience enthusiastically joining in with the traditional carols, Harry reaching all the top notes on his trumpet and the collection for the Primrose Hospice raising over £100, it was a lovely start to Christmas.

Congratulations and thank you to all our performers.



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Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

malleable

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 20th November 2018 — 20th December 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Enya Hussain (Year 8 BCLO) - who has read an incredible 597,239 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (Year 6 CMBI) - who has read a fantastic 973,122 words

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU





Trips and Visits

2018 - 2019



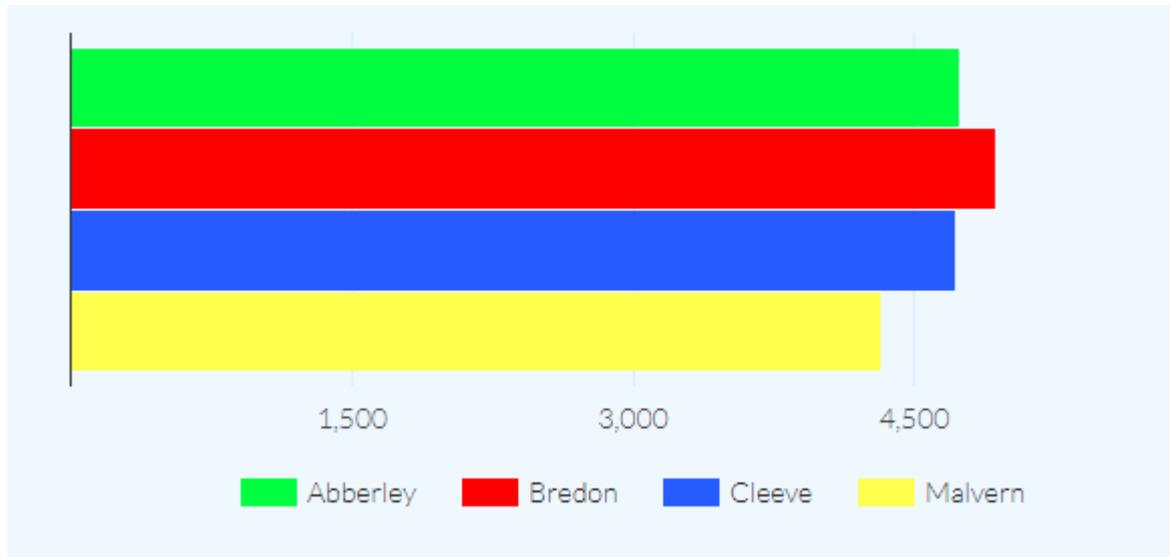
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 17—Mon 20	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Thurs 20—Sat 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7 & 8	£ 315	Mr West
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 170	Mr Macdonald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



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🟡 Evie Barnish (BHMA) (51)
1. 🟡 Charlie Guthrie-Higgins (BRFO) (51)
3. 🟡 Katie Crouch (BJHD) (43)
3. 🟡 Eleanor Taylor (CAMI) (43)
3. 🟡 Lauren Sole (AMLA) (43)
3. 🟡 Lily Paice (AMLA) (43)
3. 🟡 Abigail Gibson (MDSL) (43)
8. 🟡 Evie West (MDSL) (42)
9. 🟡 Lucy Potter (CTPO) (40)
10. 🟡 George Kelso (BRFO) (39)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2019	Monday 7 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 8 January	First day of the Spring Term
	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 9 April and Wednesday 10 April	Arts Evening Performances
	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