

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our sporting commitments have gone up a gear this week, and there are other fixtures and tournaments coming up in the coming weeks. These are for a number of sports, for both girls and boys. In addition, the regular Friday inter-school competitions have recommenced, under the guidance of Mr Hunt. I'm so pleased in the range of events that take place - well done to the pupils who are representing Walkwood, and my thanks to the staff who coach the teams and arrange transport. They are always appreciative when reply slips are returned promptly (!), so thanks to the parents and carers who are able to help us with that (and also those who check school bags to make sure such messages have been passed on!).

Some of our Year 8 girls attended an Institute of Physics day at the University of Worcester, with Dr Mijovic being there throughout the day. The pupils who took part did manage to keep me informed about all they had done as I brought them back from the venue, and their enthusiasm was obvious.

On Wednesday the local poet, Spoz, guided pupils from across the years in constructing poems. They started on two-sentence word plays which began "I have words . . ." with rhymes at the end of each sentence. They then worked in teams, with ideas about chocolate, before they carried out further teamwork as part of the 'Slam!'. There will be representatives from Walkwood who will attend the local Slam! at The Palace Theatre in due course.

Finally, Mrs Cowles and I lead assembly this morning about Art. We considered some pictures and what the meaning of the artist may have been, as well as the technique that was used. The one to the right is by Michel Keck - what do you see in it? (Another of his works is inside, in case a clue would help.)

The Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Psalm 100: 5



Rev C Leach
Principal

Lord,
Thank you for the gifts and skills you have given to us all. We thank you today for the art in our world, however it may be expressed. We thank you that we can appreciate the art of those who lived many years ago and that we can appreciate the art of today as well. We ask that we may fully appreciate the art of the world that you have created. We pray that you may help us find the way that we can best express ourselves through art. In your name,

Amen.

This week's theme was:

Art

The Lord is urging him and Oholiab from the tribe of Dan to teach others. And he has given them all kinds of artistic skills, including the ability to design and embroider with blue, purple, and red wool and to weave fine linen.

Exodus 35: 34-35

Whole School Attendance – 94.70 %

Whole School Target – 95.6%

15.01.18—19.01.18

Year 5 — 95.69 %

Year 6 — 96.35 %

Year 7 — 92.64 %

Year 8 — 93.80 %



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Inquisitiveness	Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights. <i>Proverbs 18:5</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Wisdom	If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. <i>James 1:5</i>
The assembly theme:	Parables	Then the disciples came and asked him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' He answered, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven' <i>Matthew 13: 10 - 11</i>

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

The weekend	parents and carers of children	Monday	artists in paint or other medium.
Tuesday	carers for older relatives	Wednesday	our sports teams
Thursday	members of the cast of 'Seussical The Musical'	Friday	wordsmiths of many languages



Y6 Yorkshire Trips

Just to remind all parents whose children are going on the Yorkshire Trip that the next instalment of £110 is due by **1st February**. The deposit of £50 should already have been paid.

Thank you
Mr Sanders



How, oh how do I use the super hero skills. If I'm being honest, they give me the thrills.

Amazing is one word which they are, because they have enough power to start a car.

Team worker is so fun, so great. It makes a team want to celebrate. Reflective learner

you may ask, makes you want to look at the past. Effective participator is the key, to

shoot your hand up and shout PICK ME. Self-manager is the one, to make sure you fo-

ocused on the fun. Independent enquirer will be, the one to make sure your plan is key. Now this

is the last one, hope your ready everyone. The last one but certainly not least; Creative

thinker the creative beast.

By Josh Wright Y7



Year 5 Brecon Beacons Trip

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

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

£50 deposit- by 27th October

The next payment of £50 was required by Friday 19th January.

The final payment of £55 is required by Friday 6th April.

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

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.



Mrs L Cull and Mr M Macdonald



Thomas Blackshear *Forgiven*

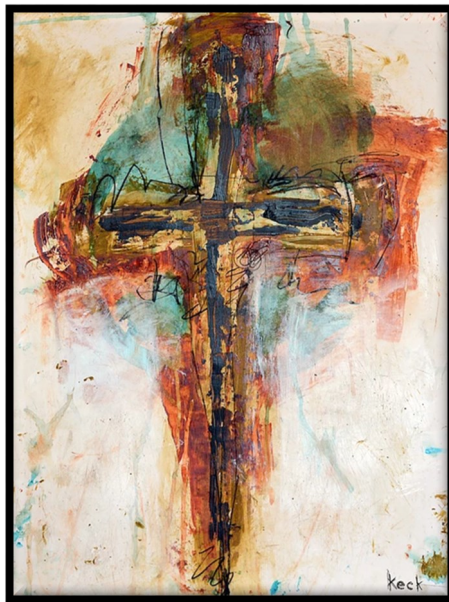


He Qi *Martha and Mary*

Luke 10: 38-42

The Lord and his disciples were traveling along and came to a village. A woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat down in front of the Lord and was listening to what he said. Martha was worried about all that had to be done. Finally, she went to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it bother you that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!"

Michel Keck 111514



Leonardo de Vinci *The Last Supper*

Mark 14: 17-21

While Jesus and the twelve disciples were eating together that evening, he said, "The one who will betray me is now eating with me."

This made the disciples sad, and one after another they said to Jesus, "You surely don't mean me!"

He answered, "It is one of you twelve men who is eating from this dish with me. The Son of Man will die, just as the Scriptures say. But it is going to be terrible for the one who betrays me."



The Lord answered, "Martha, Martha! You are worried and upset about so many things, but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen what is best, and it will not be taken away from her."

Year 6 and Year 8 Subject Parents' Evening

At the start of January you received a letter regarding the upcoming year 6 and 8 parents' evenings. As stated in the letter you are welcome to attend one of two parents' evenings on either Thursday 1st February or Wednesday 7th February. Both evenings will run from 4-7pm with each appointment lasting for a maximum of five minutes.

Teachers of the core subjects (Maths, English and Science) tend to be very busy and get booked up quickly, so I would encourage you to book your appointments as soon as possible, if you have not yet done so, to avoid disappointment.

To book your appointments, please login to Insight at <https://insight.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk>, and select the General tab > Parents Evening. On the right hand side, press the time under the teacher you wish to see, and the appointment will be booked. In the case of a shared group, both teachers are available to book with but I would suggest booking in with the teacher who teaches the group for the majority of the lessons. Please look at your child's timetable for this information.

Insight usernames and passwords were sent home last year when we began using this booking system. If for some reason you do not know your login details - please complete this form: <http://stbsupport.co.uk/insight-password-reset/>. Please ensure you select Walkwood Church of England Middle School in the drop down choices at the top of the form. Responses to username requests can take up to 48 working hours.

If you have your username, but have forgotten your password, please follow the forgotten password link on the Insight login page to reset your password. Responses to password re-sets are instant. If you do not have internet access you can phone reception who will be able to book appointments on your behalf. Please note that children will no longer be able to book in appointments with teachers as per the old system.

The booking system for the parents' evening on Thursday 1st February will close at 10am on Wednesday the 31st January and 10am on Tuesday the 6th February for the parents' evening on the 7th February. You will not be able to book appointments after these times.

We hope to see you all at one of the above parents' evenings.

Mrs L Cull
Assistant Principal

Living and Learning Together

Walkwood has a policy called 'Living and Learning Together' which covers aspects of behaviour as well as conduct of pupils connected to school. It is available, with our other policies, on the website, with the link being:

<http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/7246-Living%20and%20Learning%20Together%202017.pdf>





Afterschool rehearsals - 3:30-4:45 pm in the Hall.

Tuesday 30th January – WHOLE CAST—EVERYONE

(Oh the Thinks, Horton Hears a Who, Biggest Blame Fool, Here on Who)

Thursday 1st February – Horton, JoJo, Gertrude, Mayzie, Bird Girls, Cat

(Alone in The Universe, One Feathered Tail, Amazing Mayzie, Amazing Gertrude)

(THIS WILL BE IN THE MUSIC ROOM—due to parents evening)

Year 5 and Y7 Academic Reports

As of last academic year, we now longer send home paper copies of children's school reports. Instead, you will be able to access your child's report via Insight. School reports for years 5 and 7 will be available to view on Insight by 4pm on Thursday 15th February.

With this date approaching I would recommend checking your Insight login details here:

<https://insight.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk>

If you have forgotten your details for Insight please enter your **username or email address** in the forgotten password form by clicking the link underneath the login box **'Don't know your password?'** Responses to the password reset are instant. Please check your spam or junk folders if the email is not immediate.

If your email address is not set up or you do not know your email or username - please complete this form: <http://www.LourdesIT.org.uk/insight-password-reset/> . Make sure you change the school to Walkwood Church of England Middle School in the drop down options. Responses to the form take up to 48 working hours.



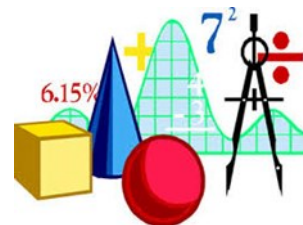
Contacting the School

You can contact the school via phone or by email through the website, but please allow 48 hours for staff to respond.





Year 6 Maths Revision Sessions



From January, the Maths department will be running revision sessions for Year 6 pupils to support them with their SATs in May. Pupils can decide which sessions they would benefit from. All Year 6 pupils have been given the timetable below so that they can select which sessions to attend.

Pupils will be awarded with an Epraise point for each session they attend. If pupils attend 15 sessions or more they will be awarded with the 'Commitment to Maths SATs' Epraise Achievement Badge.

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

Date	Teacher and room	Topic
Tuesday 9 th January	SWa - Room 4	Calculating missing angles
Thursday 11 th January	NSa - Room 8	Rounding
Tuesday 16 th January	SWe - Room 4	Order of operations
Thursday 18 th January	LCu - Room 5	Properties of numbers-factors, primes, multiples...
Tuesday 23 rd January	LTh - Room 6	Ordering and comparing numbers
Thursday 25 th January	CLo - Room 6	2D shapes including circles and 3D shapes
Tuesday 30 th January	DBr - Room 5	Translation and reflection
Thursday 1 st February	NSa - Room 8	Negative numbers
Tuesday 6 th February	LTh - Room 6	Place value, including x and / by 10,100 & 1000.
Thursday 8 th February	LCu - Room 5	Units of measure and converting them
Tuesday 13 th February	DBr - Room 5	Measures word problems
Thursday 15 th February	LCu - Room 5	Interpreting graphs
Tuesday 27 th February	CLo - Room 6	Interpreting tables and mean
Thursday 1 st March	LCu - Room 5	Percentages of amounts
Tuesday 6 th March	SWe - Room 4	Comparing & ordering fractions (decimals and %)
Thursday 8 th March	HMa - Room 6	Equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions
Tuesday 13 th March	LTh - Room 6	Equivalent fractions/decimals and %'s
Thursday 15 th March	HMa - Room 6	Volume
Tuesday 20 th March	DBr - Room 5	Area of rectangles, triangles and parallelograms
Thursday 22 nd March	NSa - Room 8	Perimeter
Tuesday 27 th March	SWa - Room 4	Co-ordinates
Thursday 29 th March	TTo – Room 5	Algebra
Tuesday 17 th April	TTo – Room 5	+ and – fractions
Thursday 19 th April	LCu - Room 5	X and / fractions
Tuesday 24 th April	SWa – Room 4	Written X, including decimals
Thursday 26 th April	HMa – Room 6	Written division, including decimals
Tuesday 1 st May	TTo – Room 5	Written + and -, including decimals
Thursday 3 rd May	LCu - Room 5	Using the inverse
Tuesday 8 th May	CLo - Room 6	Word problems involving all operations
Thursday 10 th May	LCu - Room 5	Time problems and timetables



Year 6 English Revision Sessions

From January the English department will be running revision sessions for Year 6 pupils to support you with your SATs in May. You can decide which sessions you would benefit from. Your English teacher will then award you with a merit on Epraise for each session you have attended. **If you attend 15 sessions, you will be awarded a 'Commitment to English SATs' Achievement Badge on Epraise.** You should bring a packed lunch or meal deal to the relevant room at the start of lunchtime.

Date	Teacher/Rm	Topic
Wednesday 10 th January	MJO R18	Prefix/suffix/root words
Friday 12 th January	MJO R18	Conjunctions subordinating & coordinating
Wednesday 17 th January	TPO R18	Sentence types (command, exclamation, question, statement)
Friday 19 th January	RSH R15	Verb subject object
Wednesday 24 th January	LBA R19	Colons to introduce a list or another clause
Friday 26 th January	ZBI R18	Semi-colons to separate longer items in a list
Wednesday 31 st January	NHU R15	Adverbs of time
Friday 2 nd February	AGA R17	Semi-colons to separate main clauses
Wednesday 7 th February	PCO R16	Inverted commas and their functions
Friday 9 th February	CJO R16	Progressive tenses
Wednesday 14 th February	TPO R18	Hyphens and their uses
Friday 16 th February	RSH R15	Commas to mark clauses
Wednesday 28 th February	LBA R19	Modal verbs
Friday 2 nd March	AGA R17	Reading: making an inference
Wednesday 7 th March	MJO R18	Standard English
Friday 9 th March	ZBI R18	Relative clauses
Wednesday 14 th March	MJO R18	Pronouns & possessive pronouns
Friday 16 th March	CJO R16	Determiners
Wednesday 21 st March	TPO R18	Simple forms of past, present & future tenses
Friday 23 th March	CJO R18	Adverbs of place
Wednesday 28 th March	LBA R19	Main & subordinate clauses
Wednesday 18 th April	NHU R15	Apostrophes for possession
Friday 20 th April	ZBI R18	Synonyms & antonyms
Wednesday 25 th April	PCO R16	Reading: making a prediction
Friday 27 th April	TPO R18	Adverbs of manner
Wednesday 2 nd May	CJO R16	Subjunctive form
Friday 4 th May	RSH R15	Active & passive voice
Wednesday 9 th May	RBR R16	Contractions
Friday 11 th May	LST R16	Reading: retrieving relevant information



Top Readers for 18th December 2017 - 25th January 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Bailie Carr (Year 8 - CAMI) - who has read an incredible 964,261 words

Top Boy

Thomas Seaton (Year 7 - BCJO) - who has read a fantastic 530,551 words

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



Here is the link to enable pupils to do a quiz at home

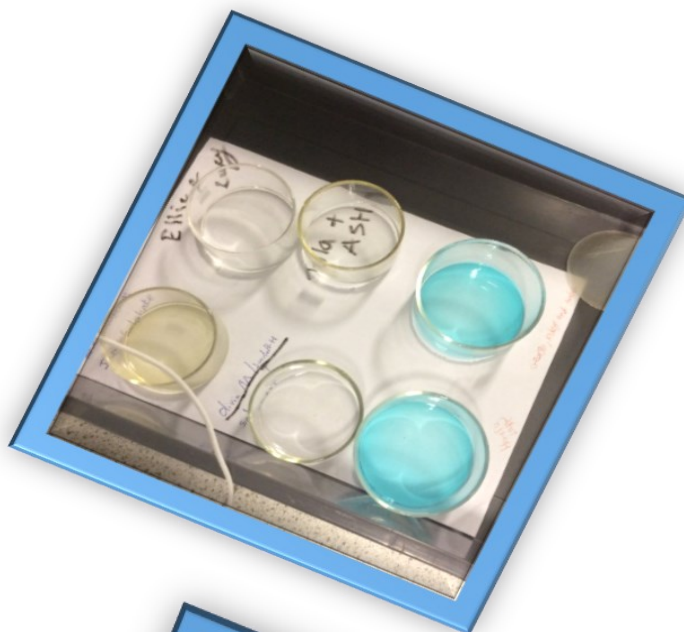
<https://ukhosted23.renlearn.co.uk/2250823>

Science Club

In Science club this week, we made crystals.

Crystals occur in minerals and other chemical compounds including sugar, salt and ice.

In minerals, crystals are formed when molten rock or dissolved minerals cool very slowly. The atoms in minerals cling to each other as they stick together they form 3D patterns



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SKILLS

SHOW 2018

DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE CAREER

7TH MARCH 2018

The Worcestershire Skills Show gives you the unique opportunity to attend Worcestershire's largest careers event. Our event provides young people from years 8-13 with the ability to interact with Worcestershire's largest employers, understand the career pathways available to you and to find out about the skills and qualifications that employers are really looking for.

This year we are designing a show that is bigger and better. There's something to suit all interests giving you the opportunity to explore future careers, through undertaking a range of activities demonstrating the different roles available across a large variety of industries. The drop-in time slot will be from 15:30-19:00 with the last entry at 18:30.

Date: 7th March 2018

Location: Chateau Impney - WR9 0BN

Time: 15.30 - 19.00

Cost: Free



Trips and Visits

2017 - 18



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 18—Mon 21	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 270	Mr Sanders
June					
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 Spring Term 1 2018

starting 9th January 2018



	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	<p>Homework Club Library</p> <p>Orchestra Music Room 8.45-9.30am (CGR)</p>	<p>KS3 Art club starting 18th September (ECO)</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>Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Indoor Sports Club (benchball, bench hockey, dodgeball, seated volley ball mixture) all years 3.30-4.45pm (DPA and NFR)</p>
Tuesday	<p>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>Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Year 5/6 Science club 3.30-4.30pm Lab 1 JHD Starts 12th September</p> <p>Seussical the Musical Rehearsal 3.30-4.45pm Hall (TTO, CGR, ECO)</p>
Wednesday	<p>Homework Club Library</p>	<p>Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room JHA</p> <p>Silent Reading Club Room 19 (LBA)</p> <p>‘Colouring for Mindfulness’ Club on Wednes- days, Room 9, from 12.50-1.20pm (MMG, PCO)</p>	<p>Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Cooking Club 3.30–4.45pm (DSL) (rota of when you are cooking will be con- firmed)</p> <p>8 and 7 Boys Basketball (CHU/SWA) 3.30-4.45pm</p> <p>KS2 Dance Club (KRE/HTR)</p>



Clubs and Activities Spring Term 1 2018 starting 9th January 2018 (continued)



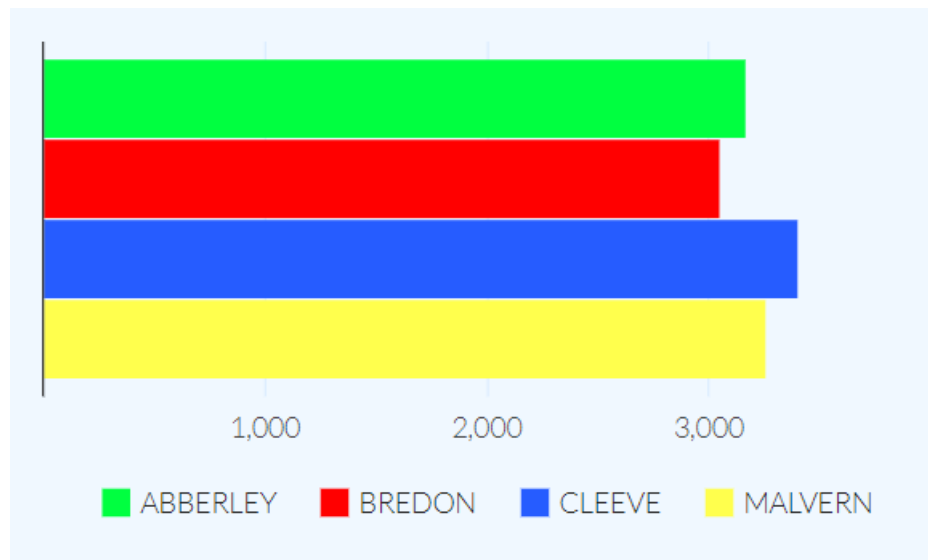
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR) Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 – if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm Seussical the Musical Rehearsal 3.30-4.45pm Hall (TTO, CGR, ECO)
Friday	Homework Club Library	EAL club Friday lunch time (the first Friday of every month). Starts 5th January in the LRC with ZBi For anyone who speaks English as an additional language and your friends. Bring your lunch along.	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🍌 Elliot Titmus (CHTR) (32)
1. 🍌 Ruby Stanway (MPJE) (32)
3. 🍌 Joe Humphreys (MNSA) (31)
3. 🍌 Finley Baker (AMLA) (31)
5. 🍌 Nathan Dalton (CCHU) (30)
5. 🍌 George Lloyd (AMLA) (30)
5. 🍌 Madison Peace (MPJE) (30)
5. 🍌 Sophie Frost (BJHY) (30)
9. 🍌 Jamie Knight (CAMI) (29)
10. 🍌 George Cooper-Bell (CCHU) (28)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2018	Thursday 1 February	Y6 & Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 7 February	Y6 & Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Thursday 15 February	Y5 & Y7 reports to Parents / Carers
	Monday 19 – Friday 23 February	Half-Term
	Friday 9 March	Parent Focus Group 2.00—3.00 pm
	Monday 26 - Wednesday 28 March	School Production
	Thursday 29 March	End of term
	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	Half-Term
	Monday 4 June	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 7 June	Y5 & Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 13 June	Y5 & Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Monday 9 July	Parent Focus group 6 pm
	Tuesday 24 July	End of Term
	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	Half term	
Friday 21 December	End of Term	
2019	Monday 7 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 8 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 18—Friday 22 February	Half Term
	Friday 12 April	End of Term
	Monday 29 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 27—Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Friday 19 July	End of Term