

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the support parents gave pupils at the Quads event at the Abbey Stadium, with some of you there to cheer on the competitors, while others acted as a taxi at the end of the event. We did very well in many of the events, and the way that our pupils competed was a testament to the values we hold as a school.

There was an enjoyable football tour last weekend, with victory for the Year 7 team. Good weather enabled all games to proceed as planned, and the conduct of all the lads who took part was superb.

As there have been Transfer Days on Wednesday and Thursday, there has been a lot of activity, both here at Walkwood, and for Walkwood pupils at the high schools.

For two days our pupils moved up a year, in effect, and so made room for the incoming Year 5s. This meant that the new Year 7s (current Year 6s) had their first break and lunch times on the back playground. That also means that the football is not a sponge one! The buddies for the new pupils have been great at ensuring the new Year 5s have been where they need to be at (roughly) the time they need to be there.

There have been many comments about the enjoyment that our new pupils have experienced over these two days, and how tired they are at the end of them! A lot of work goes into making these transfers as smooth as possible. Walkwood staff have talked with first school staff, and in many cases, Walkwood pupils have interviewed the new children and answered their questions. Naturally, concerns arise, and we work to overcome challenges. Year 8 have returned from their high schools, with many saying how they will miss Walkwood, and yet they appreciate it is time to grow yet further in their confidence.

To him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever.

Ephesians 3: 20-21

Rev C Leach
Principal

A Prayer for The Environment

Lord God,

You are the creator of the Earth and all things. Thank you for the blessings we have had from you in this beautiful world we live in, even if sometimes we don't recognise it. We pray that you can deepen our love for your creation; that we can learn to understand what it means to look after this earth. Give us your love for this world, and the creatures and living things you have made within it. Bless those who do look after it and help those who don't to recognise what they are doing. Help us look after it.

In your name, Amen.

This week's theme was:

The Environment

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1: 1-13

Whole School Attendance –94.37%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

02.07.18 - 06.07.18

Year 5 — 97.09%

Year 6 — 93.73%

Year 7 — 92.67%

Year 8 — 93.61%



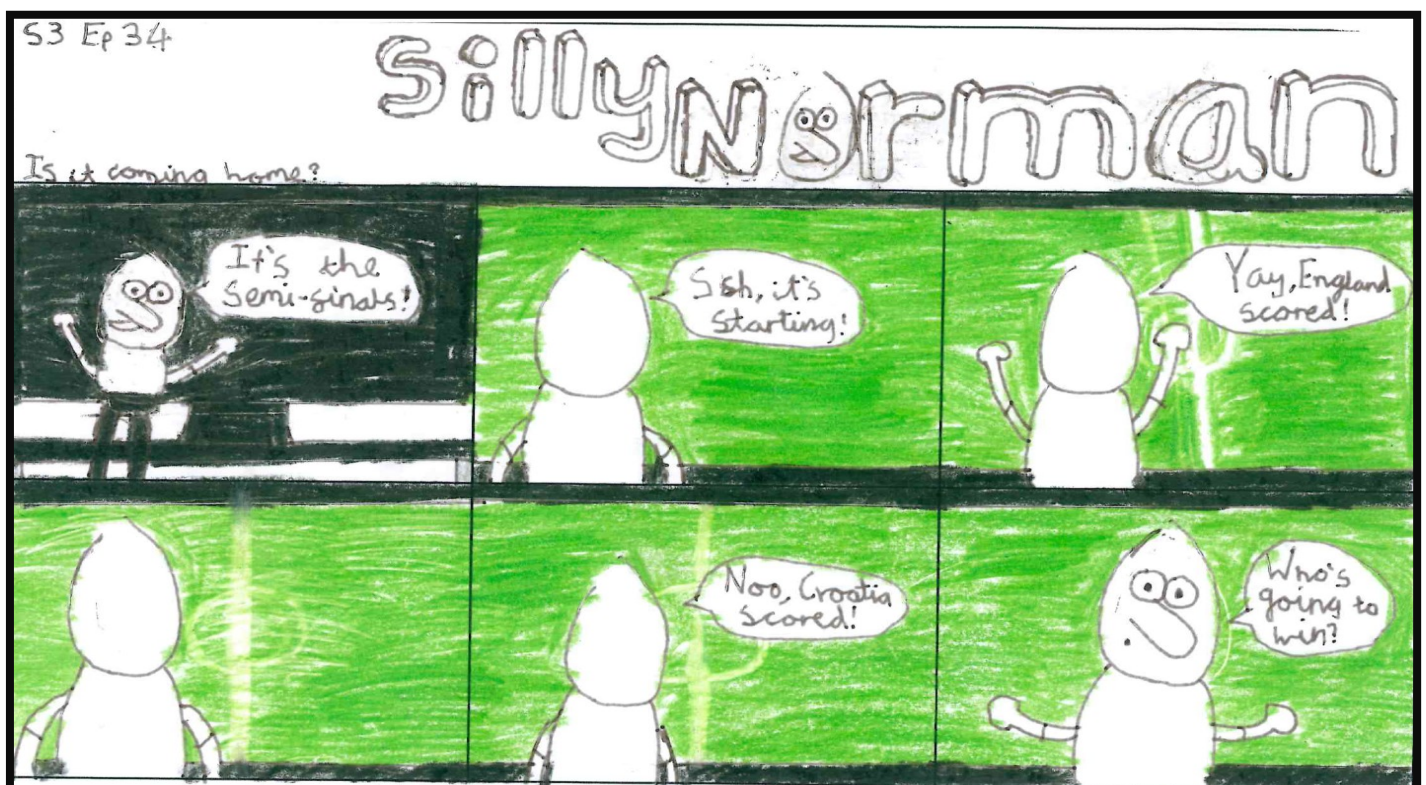
For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Honesty	If you try to be honest, you can be, and it will improve your character as handsome clothing improves your appearance. Birds come to roost with those of their own kind, and the habit of honesty comes to those who try to be honest. <i>Sirach 27: 8-9</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Responsibility	We will do what you and the others who honour God's commands advise us to do. We will do what God's Law demands. It is your responsibility to act. We are behind you, so go ahead and get it done. <i>Ezra 10: 3-4</i>
The assembly theme:	Staying and Going	The road the righteous travel is like the sunrise, getting brighter and brighter until daylight has come. <i>Proverbs 4: 18</i>

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

The weekend	An enjoyable weekend world-wide watching the sporting finals	Monday	The new parliament cabinet, to make good decisions about Brexit
Tuesday	Those affected by the floods and landslides in Japan	Wednesday	The local churches and community centres
Thursday	Public Services	Friday	The local residents near Walkwood.




Lunch menu from September 2018

Due to the increase in costs of ingredients over the last year, it is necessary to raise the price of a small number of items. The cost for a hot meal, pudding and a carton drink will now be £2.30, a 10p increase.

Following feedback from pupils, we have amended a number of choices, so the new meal for next year is as follows.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	
Main meal	Monday	Chicken Nuggets Potato Wedges Baked Beans ✔ Vegetarian Nuggets	Cheese & Bacon Potato Pie Baked Beans ✔ Cheese & Potato Pie	Beef Burger Diced Potatoes Baked Beans ✔ Vegetarian Burger
	Tuesday	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Pasta Garlic Bread ✔ Macaroni Cheese	Pasta Bolognese Garlic Bread ✔ Vegetarian Bolognese	Lasagne Garlic Bread ✔ Vegetarian Lasagne
	Wednesday	Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Vegetables, Gravy ✔ Vegetarian Parcel	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Roast Potatoes Vegetables, Gravy ✔ Roast Vegetarian Fillet	Pork Sausages Toad in the Hole Roast Potatoes Vegetables, Gravy ✔ Vegetarian Sausages
	Thursday	Chinese Chicken Curry Rice ✔ Chinese Vegetarian Curry	Chicken Tikka Rice ✔ Vegetable Samosa	Chicken Curry Rice ✔ Vegetarian Curry
	Friday	Fish and Chips Beans or Peas ✔ Cheese and Onion Lattice	Fish and Chips Beans or Peas ✔ Vegetable Fingers	Fish and Chips Beans or Peas ✔ Vegetarian Tart
All the above £1.50				
Selection of puddings, cheese & biscuits, fruit				
Choice of puddings, yoghurt or fruit 40p				
Juice carton 40p Flavoured water 50p				

Self-select	 Daily selection from: pizzas, paninis, sausage or onion roll, soft filled baguettes £1.00
	Choice of the salad bar 45p
	Choice of puddings, yoghurt or fruit 40p Juice carton 40p Flavoured water 50p

Jacket Potato	Fillings of cheese, tuna, beans (or combination) £1.30
	Choice of puddings, yoghurt or fruit 40p Juice carton 40p Flavoured water 50p

 = main meal vegetarian option





Pupils make good progress during their time at school. A well-taught and broad curriculum ensures that most pupils work at or above age-related expectations.



That is one of the sentences in the Ofsted report for our school. Behind it is something rather brave - here at Walkwood we do train pupils to complete their SATs, but rather we look for them to have a wide range of subjects throughout their time with us.

Of course, that does not mean we ignore SATs. We prepare pupils through their English and Mathematics lessons, and change only a few times in order to ensure pupils do not get stressed. The children have other subjects that use different skills, so they have variety during the day. This is a benefit from a middle school that has its pupils moving around the building.



GL Assessment

In the coming weeks, pupils in all years will take some assessments. These are matched against other pupils of the same year group across the country. The tests allow us to know how much progress that our pupils are making.

It is because of these assessments that we know that around 85% of Walkwood pupils leave our school working at standards that are above their age in English and Mathematics.

Please remember that it is not just about 'the results' for pupils. Even at GCSE and above, it is about how students think, behave and respond. Ofsted said:

“Many teachers balance the development of pupils’ subject knowledge, skills for learning and positive attitudes very skilfully. They blend the lesson objectives with the development of ‘superhero learning traits’ and promote pupils’ understanding of the ‘fruits of faith’.”

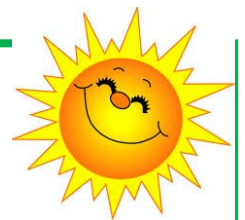
They finished by saying:

“During their time at school, pupils develop into confident, hardworking and articulate pupils. They acquire good social skills, develop tolerance of others and are resilient.”



<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/139185>

Summer Term PE



As the weather is very hot at the moment, please can you ensure that your son/daughter brings in sun cream and a hat to wear. We shall rotate PE activities so pupils are outside for a limited amount of time.

Can you also please ensure that your son/daughter does bring in a water bottle/flask which he/she can re-fill in the water points around school.





Top Readers for 12th June 2018 — 12th July 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Enya Hussain (BCLO 7) - who has read an incredible 579,075 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (CMBI 5) - who has read a fantastic 579,067 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>

Year 6 and 8 Academic Reports

You should recently have received a letter to inform you that school reports for Years 6 and 8 would be available to view on Insight by 4pm on Thursday 5th July.

If you have been unable to view your child's report then please follow the instructions below by first loading Insight from this link:

<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.

Year 6 SATs results

As previously mentioned in the Insider and by personalised letter, SATs results for Year 6 will be published on Insight by 4pm on Friday 13th July. The results certificate and explanation will be located under the report tab on Insight.



Summer Concert

On Tuesday evening, the Choir and Orchestra performed a lovely concert for their families. The programme consisted of music and songs learned throughout the year. Several pupils had prepared solos or duets, and very ably demonstrated their skills in singing, on keyboard, violin, clarinet, saxophone and drum kit. Thank you to all our performers, who have worked hard and given their time to rehearse throughout the year and, as a result, have grown in confidence and have gained valuable experience in performing. Thank you, also, to everyone who helped – you know who you are and it was greatly appreciated.

Music Success

Congratulations to Joe Leaver, who recently passed his Grade 3 on drum kit.



Learn to Play a Musical Instrument

Would you like to learn how to play a musical instrument? In school, we offer lessons on violin, cello, flute, oboe, clarinet, brass instruments (trumpet, trombone, tenor horn), keyboard, drum kit, guitar and singing. New beginners groups will be starting in September – if you are interested, please collect an application form from Mrs Griffiths in the Music Room before the end of term, so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

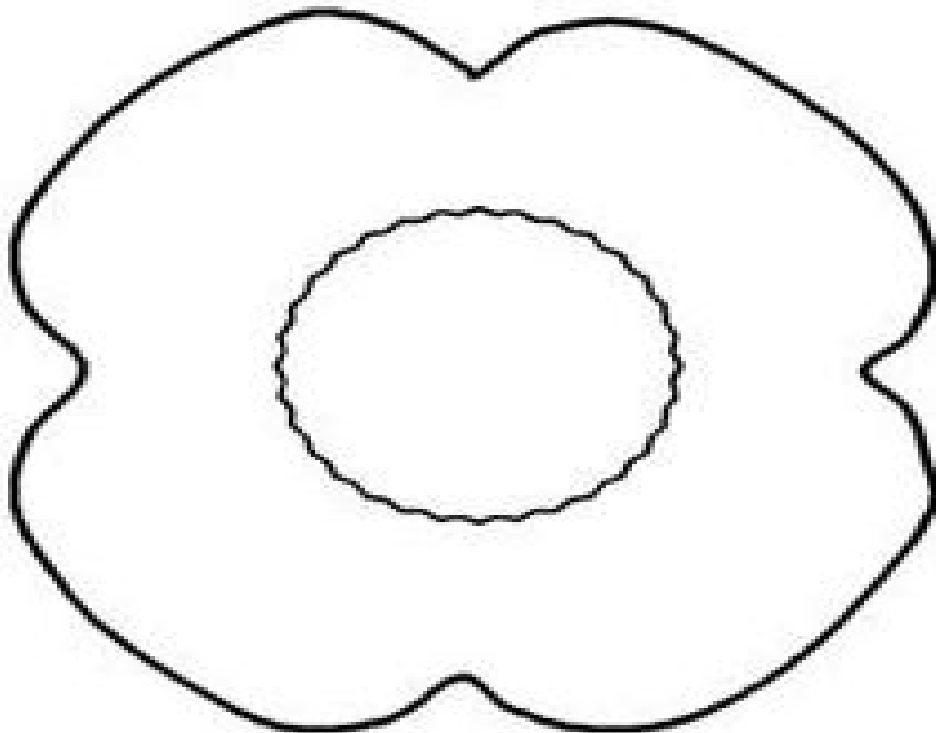




LEST WE FORGET

1918

2018



Do you have a family member that fought in WW1 and who you would like to honour and remember?

Walkwood is looking to create a display of WW1 Remembrance in July to mark the 100th year anniversary of the end of the Great War.

Please cut out the poppy template and write onto it your family member and pupil details (a photo if possible) and send into Walkwood FAO Mrs West or email into School on office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk



On Tuesday 3rd July Walkwood were lucky enough to compete at the school games. I was also lucky enough to compete and it was an amazing day – and I am going to tell you about what we did in archery. We started off with two fun practice games - the first game was that we had to try to get all 3 or 4 cones with our arrows. The second game was that we had to get our arrows in the middle of the set of cones. After we had finished those games it was lunchtime and after lunch we went back to the arena.

We had two more games; when you landed an arrow on a black piece of the board you got two beanbags, on the red you got three beanbags and on the yellow you got four beanbags - you needed a partner for this game, so the other person had to throw the number of beanbags of the score that their partner got - the hoop furthest away was worth 10 points - the closest was worth 1 point - I managed to score 39. The last game was normal archery which was very hard. When the scores were added together Walkwood came 3rd and took the bronze which was amazing and I think that the bronze looks better than the gold!



Request for Walkwood Uniform



Time is counting down for our Year 8 pupils - there is a week and a couple of days left. If, at the end of term, parents would be willing to donate old uniform items, such as jumpers, ties and PE kit, this would be very much appreciated.



Science Club

In Science Club, the children have been continuing with their STEM challenges.



Mrs. Haldane & Mrs. Shepherd decided to join in with the challenge this week.



STEM challenges provide young people with the opportunity to solve problems and improve their grades by providing answers that are more extensive.



Both adults and children enjoyed the peace and quiet of the quiet area plus the shade from the summer sunshine.

Please note Tuesday 10th July is our last Science Club of this academic year –thank you to all the children who attended Science Club.



Trips and Visits

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DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
June					
Mon 23 July	Rewards Trip	Drayton Manor	Y8	£ 25	Mr West



Clubs and Activities starting 23rd April 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>Card Making Club Room 3 (STA)</p> <p>Maths Club for KS2 and KS3 Room 6 (HBA and LTH)</p>	<p>Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm</p>
Tuesday	<p>Homework Club Library</p>	<p>KS2 Art Club Art Room (ECO)</p> <p>Card Making Club (invite only) Art Room (STA)</p> <p>Code Club Tech Block All years welcome (RMA/AMI)</p>	<p>Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Year 5/6 Science Club 3.30-4.30pm Lab 1 (JHD)</p> <p>All years Athletics Club (starts 1st May due to fixtures) 3.30-4.45pm (RMA/CHU/KRE/LMO/ HTR)</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 Wednesdays, 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>7/8 Boys Cricket 3.30-4.45pm (SWE and PJE)</p> <p>7/8 Rounders Club 3.30-4.45 pm (KRE/LMO)</p> <p>5/6 Girls Cricket Club 3.30-4.45pm (CHU)</p>



Clubs and Activities Spring Term starting 23rd April 2018

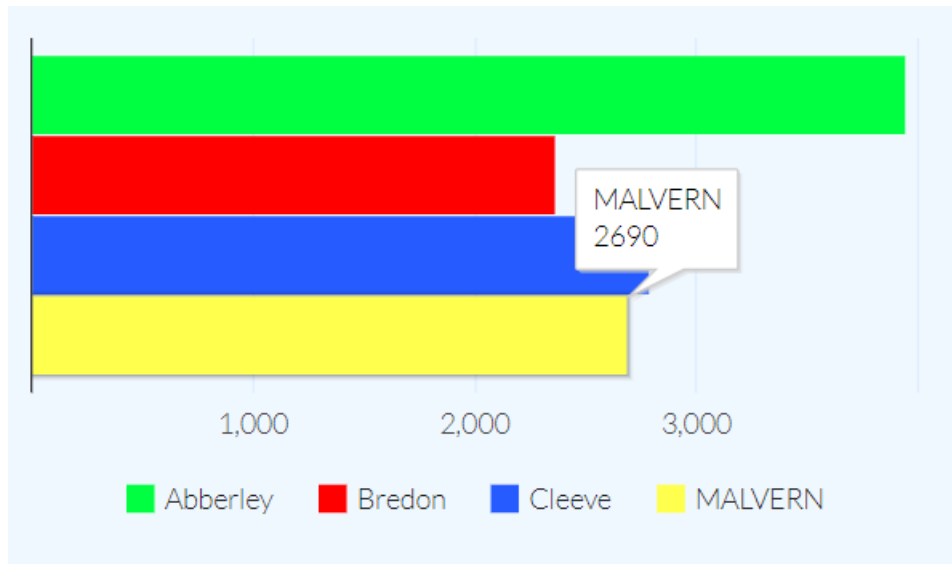


Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR) Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 – if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm 5/6 Girls Rounders 3.30-4.45pm (KRE/HTR/NFO) 5/6 Boys Cricket 3.30-4.45pm (SWA/CHU/DPA)
Friday	Homework Club Library	EAL club Friday lunch time (the first Friday of every month). In the LRC with ZBi For anyone who speaks English as an addi- tional language and your friends. Bring your lunch along.	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm All years Boys and Girls Tennis Club (DPA/NFO)



Epraise Update

Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🟡 Zac Abdullah (AMLA) (50)
2. 🟠 Ruby Savage (AMLA) (46)
3. 🟡 Freya Harley (AAGA) (45)
4. 🟠 Niamh Gibbs (AECO) (43)
4. 🟡 Eleanor Baldwin (AAGA) (43)
6. 🟡 Eva Greenway (AAGA) (41)
6. 🟠 Phoebe Tracey (AAGA) (41)
8. 🟠 Lauren Carrington (AAGA) (40)
9. 🟠 Amelia Pinfold (AAGA) (39)
9. 🟠 Ryan Arkell (AAGA) (39)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2018	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