

Dear Parents and Carers,

The big event this week has been Open Evening on Wednesday which was superbly attended by parents and carers of current year 3 and 4 pupils. In fact, you may have been there too!

The feedback that was shared with me and other staff was overwhelmingly positive. Our pupils acted as guides for families so there was the chance to see the displays and presentations, but also the opportunity to ask pupils about the school itself. I feel it is important that our greatest ambassadors, our pupils, have a distinctive voice. We had just over a quarter of our pupils helping in some way or other, which is a testament of their commitment to their place of learning, as well as their loyalty to their staff.

Thank you very much to the many of you who allowed your youngster to participate in the Open Evening, and for acting as a taxi to and from school, when Feckenham Road was chock-a-block. Your support is really appreciated!

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
From Psalm 67

Football success: our Year 5 girls have won the district competition, as have the Year 7 boys (we have match reports next week). Well done to both teams, for their victories and the manner in which they were achieved.

On Thursday we welcomed colleagues from The Vaynor First School and Crabbs Cross Academy, who were part of a small project we are carrying out across the three schools. We are looking to yet further improve the learning journey of the children, as well as the professional understanding between teachers. It has been really valuable, as was the visit to The Vaynor last term, and I am looking forward to being part of the visit to Crabbs Cross Academy in November.

This evening will see our choir taking part in the Primrose Concert, along with the Primrose Choir and the Alcester Victoria Silver Band. For health and safety, I shall not be allowed to sing!



Rev C Leach
Principal

Dear Lord,

Our hope is in you alone.
We pray that the joy you give to us is everlasting, that we may not lose faith in the dark days, but grow closer to you. We pray that you will pour your blessing onto us and gift us with gladness. We know that you alone can satisfy our hearts and souls. Lead us to the place you want us to be so that we can be filled with your joy and learn to be content with all we have.
Amen

This week's theme was:
What brings happiness?

I pray that God, who gives hope, will bless you with complete happiness and peace because of your faith. And may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope.

Romans 15:13

Letters this week:

Whole school Attendance—95.72%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

02.10.17—06.10.17

Year 5 — 97.53%
Year 6 — 96.67%
Year 7 — 95.26%
Year 8 — 92.61%



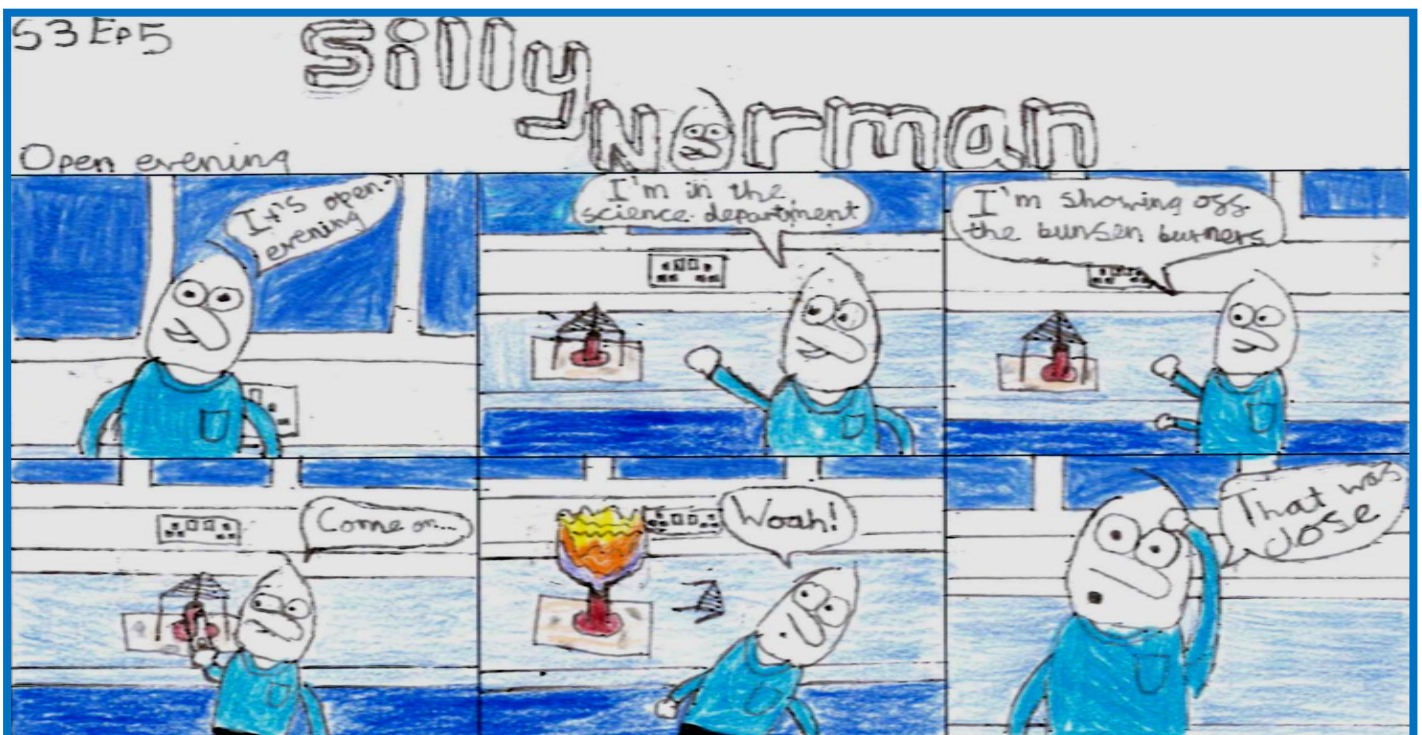


For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Friendliness	When others are happy, be happy with them, and when they are sad, be sad. Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people. Don't mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others. <i>Romans 12:15-17</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Happiness	Trust the Lord and live right! The land will be yours, and you will be safe. Do what the Lord wants, and he will give you your heart's desire. Let the Lord lead you and trust him to help. Then it will be as clear as the noonday sun that you were right. <i>Psalms 37:3-6</i>
The assembly theme:	Harvest	For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. <i>Deuteronomy 8: 7-10</i>

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

The weekend	pupils and parents who are deciding on their school preferences.	Monday	those who have lost touch with their origins and roots
Tuesday	the local food bank and the people it serves.	Wednesday	pupils and staff of Feckenham Church of England First School.
Thursday	people whose lives lack aim, purpose and direction.	Friday	our pupils as they begin half term.





Dear Parent/Carer,

It's that time of year again!!

As part of both the PE Curriculum and intra-school competition, your child will be taking part in a 'College Cross-Country Run' during their normal timetabled PE lessons during the days of Friday 13th October to Thursday 19th October.

Not only do the children gain points for their college in taking part but it helps us to identify pupils that will be invited to compete in the Redditch Schools District Cross Country after half term.

Date	Lesson	Classes
Friday 13 th October	2 &3	6E
	4&5	8E
Monday 16 th October	2 &3	7C
	4&5	6C
Tuesday 17 th October	2 &3	8C
	4&5	5E
Wednesday 18 th October	2 &3	5C
Thursday 19 th October	4&5	7E

We can't predict what the weather will be like next week so we ask that your child could bring the following to their next timetabled PE lesson:

- Walkwood PE kit.
- A towel.
- A carrier bag to put dirty shoes in.
- Football boots to run in. (Optional but recommended)
- An old T-shirt/top to run in, to avoid white PE tops getting stained.



If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure they have their inhaler with them, clearly labelled.

Every pupil is expected to take part but if your child is unwell and unable to take part, please provide us with a letter excusing them. However, they must still come with PE kit as they will take part in an officiating role down on the field.

Miss K Reeves
Curriculum Leader of PE



Sports News

Autumn college matches finish for another year and with great success. With boys competing in football and the girls in benchball or netball, our pupils have demonstrated great sportsmanship attitude along with team worker, self-manager, communication and effective participator skills. We have been so proud of the effort and positivity shown by all our pupils demonstrating the 'Walkwood Way values.' We would like to thank our year 7/8 pupils who helped to lead and umpire the games and the support of staff - without which none of this could take place successfully.

It has been a very competitive year and congratulations go to all who took part. Next to the cross-country run in pupils' PE lessons next week where they can collect more points to go towards their college's total.

College	Total	Position
Bredon	250	1 st
Malvern	250	1 st
Cleeve	190	3 rd
Abberley	170	4 th





A plea!!!

As the winter weather approaches, are you renewing, any wellington boots or waterproof coats?

If yes, please send in your old/too small, useable wellingtons or waterproof coats, to Mrs T Griffiths, for use during outside school projects with our pupils.



Very much appreciated

Mrs T Griffiths

Top Readers for 5th September 2017 (start of term) - 12th October 2017



Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Millie Tomlin (CCMI Year 7) - who has read an outstanding 763,523 words

Top Boy

Tom Seaton (BCJO Year 7) - who has read a fabulous 655,070 words

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU





Homework Club

Walkwood Homework Club is for pupils who find it easier to complete homework in school, or who require extra support from a staff member at Homework Club.

Homework Club is in the school library. Pupils are encouraged to ask for help. They have access to the school computers, the internet and printing facilities.

If pupils attend Homework Club and do not have any homework to complete, they are required to sit quietly and read/revise.

Pupils need to be respectful to their peers or members of staff who are working around them.

Morning Homework Club starts at 7.45am. Pupils can go out onto the playground at 8.30am. Pupils who remain inside will be asked to pack away at 8.40am ready to leave the library on the bell.



After school Homework Club starts straight after school. Pupils will be asked to pack away at 4.25pm, ready for Homework Club to end at 4.30pm.

Parents must not enter the library to collect their child; this is a Safeguarding issue.



If you are collecting a pupil and arrive before 4.15pm, please go to the reception and the receptionist will phone through to the library to inform the staff that you have arrived. Once informed, the pupil will be sent to you. After 4.15pm, the reception is closed and all remaining pupils will be escorted to the front gate at 4.30pm.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Pupils gain ePraise points for attending Homework Club.



CHARITY NEWS



The following group of pupils organised a charity stall for Cancer Research.

Ella Barr (MLA)
Shannan Ebanks (RMA)
Georgina Stroud (CMI)
Nicole Huxley (RMA)
Sophie Jones (LWA)
Amy Weston (PJE)
Anya Harrison (TPO)



CANCER
RESEARCH
UK

They raised a wonderful **£77.30** for Cancer Research.

The Parliamentary Review
A YEAR IN PERSPECTIVE

<https://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/editions/secondary-education/west-midlands>



Walkwood CofE Middle School

Enabling every child to be the best they can be
regardless of background, challenge or need



Brian Lamb

Sonia Blandford

Brian Lamb OBE (Chair) & Professor Sonia Blandford (Founder and CEO)

July 2017



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 Autumn Term 1



Day	Before School 7:45am—8:45 am	Lunchtime 12.35-1.20 p.m.	After School 3.30 pm—4.45 pm
Monday	<p style="color: #0070C0;">Homework Club (Library)</p> <p>Orchestra (Music Room) 8.45-9.30am (CGr)</p>	<p>KS3 Art Club Starting 18th September (ECO)</p> <p>Choir (all year groups) 12.50-1.20 pm Music Room (CGR)</p> <p style="color: #0070C0;">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</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Kurling and Boccia Club (invite/sign up only) (NFO/DPA) 3.30-4.45pm</p>
Tuesday	<p style="color: #0070C0;">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 style="color: #800080;">Year 5 & 6 Science Club 3.30-4.30 pm LAB1 (JHD) Starts 12th September (not on 17th October, 31st October, 12th December and 19th December)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Year 5/6 Netball—(HTR/KRE)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Years 5, 7 & 8 Football (RMA, CHU, SWA)</p>
Wednesday	<p style="color: #0070C0;">Homework Club (Library)</p>	<p>Signing Club (All year groups) (Textiles Room) (JHa)</p> <p>Silent Reading Club Room 19 (LBa)</p> <p>Colouring and Drawing Club for Mindfulness and Relaxation (12.50—1.20) Room 9 (MMG and PC) (limited places available)</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30-4.30pm</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Cooking Club 3.30-4.45pm (DSL) (rota of when you are cooking will be confirmed)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Girls Football 5/6—7/8 (RMA/HTR/NFO)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">KS2 Boys Hockey (DPA)</p> <p style="color: #800080;">Cross Country Club Field (NRO)</p>



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Thursday	Homework Club (Library)	Choir (All year groups) Music Room—12.50- 1.20pm (CGR) Languages Club 1.00 pm in Room 15 (NHU) To start after October half- term Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 pm—if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm Year 7/8 Rugby—(PJE/SWA) Year 7/8 Netball—(HTR/KRE) Year 6 Football—(NSA/DPA)
Friday	Homework Club (Library)		Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm Rec Football - (SWA, NFO, CHU, DPA, RMA)



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College

Top Ten Points Scorers

1. James Hollinshead (AMLA) (27)
2. Harry Bonner (CTPO) (24)
3. Niamh Campbell (CHTR) (24)
4. Katrina Forrest (AAGA) (23)
5. Georgie Pace (CCHU) (23)
6. Sim Powles (MDSL) (22)
7. Benj Whitehouse (ALBA) (22)
8. Charlotte Meekins (AAGA) (21)
9. Isobel Laight (BCJO) (21)
10. Eva Greenway (AAGA) (21)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2017	Friday 20 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 23 – Friday 27 October	Half-Term
	Wednesday 1 November	Y5 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Thursday 9 November	SATs Information Evening 7 pm
	Monday 4 December	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Tuesday 12 December	Christmas Concert 7.30 pm
	Tuesday 19 December	End of Term
2018	Wednesday 3 January	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 4 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 15 January	Parent English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 1 February	Y6 & Y8 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Wednesday 7 February	Y6 & Y8 Parents' Evening 4—7 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
	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—7 pm
	Wednesday 13 June	Y5 & Y7 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Monday 9 July	Parent Focus group 6 pm
	Tuesday 24 July	End of Term