

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first of the Consultation Evenings for Year 6 and Year has taken place this week. I hope the conversations with the subject staff have proved useful, and that actions which have been suggested feel attainable. Don't forget about the workshop sessions for Year 6 (see inside). I look forward to speaking with the remaining parents and carers this coming week, or at least making a hot drink for those who require one.

Uniform has always been a matter of pride here at Walkwood, and we are able to be flexible when the weather (eventually) improves. If ties go astray, then we are able to lend them from the College offices. We try to get named items back to pupils promptly, including those items that end up in someone else's bag at the end of PE. If you have any items of uniform that you no longer need that we can make use of here at school, then we would welcome them gladly - I'm on the cycle for washing any such clothing (there's a pun there, for which I apologise).

Punctuality is another matter that we are so pleased about. Our gates open at 8.30am and we need pupils to be on site for 8.45am when the first bell goes. When the second bell rings five minutes later pupils are expected to be sat in their tutor groups and the register is taken. If the 'parent taxi' is delayed due to traffic on a rare occasion, that is different from pupils who are walking slowly to school. We are taking the names of those who are turning up after the second bell and sanctions may need to be applied in due course. If there are matters that we need to know about, do get in touch—details on page 5.

Thanks for keeping up to date with trip payments where these apply - information about such dates are included in the following pages.

Always be humble and gentle. Patiently put up with each other and love each other. Ephesians 4:2

Rev C Leach
Principal

This week's theme was:

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

Matthew 13: 10 - 11

Whole School Attendance – 94.61%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

22.01.18—26.01.18

Year 5 — 95.47%

Year 6 — 94.21%

Year 7 — 95.32%

Year 8 — 93.02%



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:	Book of Proverbs	These are the proverbs of King Solomon, David's son: He wrote them to teach his people how to live—how to act in every circumstance, for he wanted them to be understanding, just, and fair in everything they did. <i>Proverbs 1: 1 - 3</i>

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

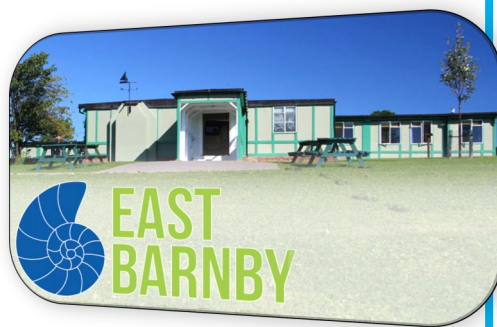
The weekend	the residents close to our school.	Monday	the cast rehearsals for 'Seussical the Musical'.
Tuesday	the staff who are leading the preparations for the school production.	Wednesday	those that are participating in sports representing the school.
Thursday	a successful Parents' Evening.	Friday	the refugees that have settled in the West Midlands.



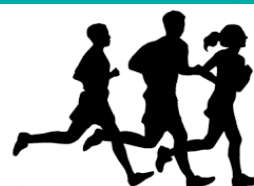
Y6 Yorkshire Trips

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



Hereford and Worcester Schools' Cross Country



On Saturday 20th January, Evie Floate, Charlotte Rees, Alex Coldicott and Leo Merrit went to compete in the Hereford and Worcester Schools' Cross Country at Sanders Park. We ran against many other schools from Worcestershire, representing Redditch. The first race was the Junior Girls (Year 8 and 9) at 11.00 am. Walkwood had three competitors in this race including Evie Floate, Charlotte Rees and Alex Coldicott. At 11:20 am, the Junior Boys (Year 8 and 9) raced where Leo Merrit ran. Overall Walkwood did very well in the competition.

Football News

The Year 6 football team were privileged to have had the opportunity to play in the Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament at Worcester University.

We were in a group of five and won every game which saw us go through to the Quarter Finals. We played with an amazing team spirit and showed passion to score some amazing goals.

We beat Northleigh to progress to the semi-finals where we would meet Aston Fields for a chance to reach the final.

After going behind early on, we got back on level terms and had chances to win it. Unfortunately we conceded in the final minute to lose 2-1 to Aston Fields who went on to win the final too.

We know we were very unlucky and we have an amazing Year 6 Team here at Walkwood. Next up is our County Cup Semi-Final at home to Witton. We will do everything we can to win it to keep our unbeaten District and County record and progress to the final where Ridgeway await the winners.



On behalf of myself and all of the Year 6 team, we want to thank Mr Sanders and Mr Macdonald for all their time and support.

Jackson Preece (AECO)

Year 8 Wales Trip to Snowdonia

[22nd-25th June 2018]

Thank you to all parents/carers for paying the £50 deposit for the Year 8 Wales Trip and for those parents who have paid more than the £50 deposit required.

Just to remind you that the following payments need to be made:

2nd payment of £100 required by Friday 9th March 2018.

Final payment of £120 required by Friday 4th May 2018.

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, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Nearer the time I will be holding an information evening where you will be given a kit list and all other necessary information.

Mr P Jenkin
(Trip Organiser)



We have said 'farewell' to Mr Peace. There have been temporary staffing arrangements during this week and we are looking to bring long term solutions for the classes within the smallest timescale possible.



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>



Worcester University Trip

On the 25th of January, nine Year 8 female students went on a trip to Worcester University organised by the Institute of Physics. The aim of the event was to encourage girls to go into STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) careers.

We started the day with a short meeting about the day and what groups we would be in with other schools. In our groups, we went around to many different experiments such as: exploding rockets, UV beads, expanding marshmallows and many more. After a short break, we had an assembly all about presentation skills as in our groups we had to choose an experiment to present to the other groups. Each group chose a different experiment. We had to work together and get to know each other to make things work. We made the presentation and it was evaluated by the other adults in the room. These included STEM ambassadors who actually have STEM careers. Then it was the end of a very successful day and we had all learnt something new.

Thank you Dr Mijovic for a great day.

By Alannis Barnes, Zoe Winspur and Zaynab Noor Year 8.





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



Tuesday 6th February – WHOLE CAST – EVERYONE

(End of Act One)

Thursday 8th February – WHOLE CAST - EVERYONE

(End of Act One)



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 5 and Y7 Academic Reports

As of last academic year, we no 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:

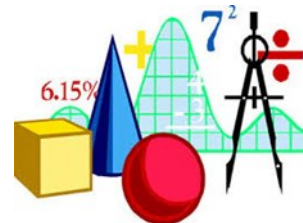
<https://insight.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk>

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.



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 1st January 2018 - 1st February 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Enya Hussain (Year 7—BCLO) - who has read an incredible 968,037 words

Top Boy

Thomas Seaton (Year 7 - BCJO) - who has read a fantastic 471,342 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>

Netball News



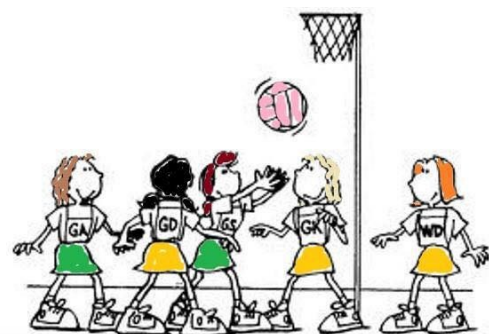
On Tuesday 30th January, the Year 7 Girl's Netball Team (Frankie Griffiths, Izzy Laight, Charlie Robinson, Charli Pollard, Lily Aston, Rebekah Levy, Alex Lawrence, Caryn Porter and Chardae McKenzie) all went to Woodrush to take on Birchensale and Woodrush's own teams.

The girls came out with a nervous start to the game against Birchensale. This was due to us not communicating enough and being unable to find any space to pass to the shooters. However, the defence worked hard to bring the ball down the court.

In the next game, all the girls pulled themselves together using all of the court and working impeccably as a team. We ended up winning against Woodrush 9-0 which meant the team will now go through to the next stage of the tournament with high hopes.

All of the girls should be proud of their achievements!

(Frankie Griffiths and Izzy Laight)



WORCESTERSHIRE

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)



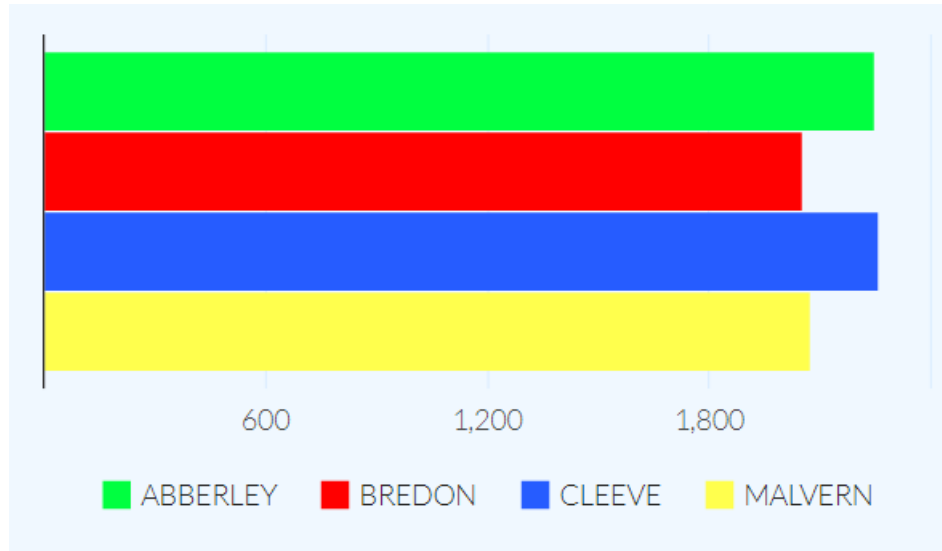
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR) Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 – if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm Seussical the Musical Rehearsal 3.30-4.45pm Hall (TTO, CGR, ECO)
Friday	Homework Club Library	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. 🍌 Joseph Leaver (ARMA) (25)
2. 🍌 Adrian Lyszcz (CCMI) (24)
3. 🍌 Thomas Cacciottolo (ARMA) (23)
4. 🍌 Milly Chatterton (ALWA) (21)
4. 🍌 Sean Hill (MPJE) (21)
4. 🍌 Charlie Mason (CCMI) (21)
4. 🍌 Lewis Wilkinson (CCHU) (21)
4. 🍌 Jamie Knight (CAMI) (21)
4. 🍌 Isaac Denston (CAMI) (21)
4. 🍌 Skye Shovell (CCMI) (21)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2018	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