

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our sports teams have been doing particularly well of late. In particular, the Year 6 girls footballers have won the local premier league round and are now through to the regional competition—we are so pleased for them, especially as they have been playing in a way that is in the best example of sport. The teachers who accompany the various teams have been juggling dates and times to ensure we can continue in events. There will be a half term summary in next week's Insider.

The ski trip will leave school at just after midnight today (or technically, tomorrow morning) so they can get to the airport in time for their early flight. We hope they have an enjoyable time away, especially as there has been plenty of snow at their resort.



God protects his loyal people and rescues them from trouble. *Psalm 97: 10*



A group of pupils attended a concert by the National Youth Jazz Orchestra on Tuesday at the Palace Theatre in Redditch. The band leader explained some of the aspects of the style of music - groove, swing, melody, rhythm - and the orchestra demonstrated with some excellent pieces. Later in the week, some Year 8 pupils attended the Pop Idol rehearsal at St. Augustine's, so were able to experience a very different musical genre.

I admit that I am to music what Donald Trump is to Olympic bobsleigh, so it is fortunate for Walkwood that we have Mrs Griffiths. She has taught our pupils the worship song "10,000 reasons", which I have used in assemblies, and so many pupils thought it was a good song. If you have never heard of it, I commend the following link to you: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtwIT8JjddM>. When our former Year 8 pupils finished their talent show in the summer term, about half of them decided to perform this new hymn by karaoke from You Tube. Alleluia!

Rev C Leach
Principal



Father God,

We thank you for your wisdom.

We ask that you can give us the wisdom to know what to do and how to live a good life.

We pray for your wisdom in this school for the best decisions for each and every one of us.

Thank you that we have the Bible to turn to in order to help us in our lives to live in the way that you want us to.

Amen.

This week's theme was:

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.

Proverbs 1: 1-3

Whole School Attendance – 94.83%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

29.01.18—02.02.18

Year 5 — 94.25%
Year 6 — 95.17%
Year 7 — 96.3%
Year 8 — 93.18%



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:	The NHS	Pity me, O Lord, for I am weak. Heal me, for my body is sick, and I am upset and disturbed. My mind is filled with apprehension and with gloom. Oh, restore me soon. <i>Psalms 6: 2-3</i>

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

The weekend	The people campaigning for equal pay across all occupations	Monday	Single-parent families
Tuesday	Those we know that are unwell	Wednesday	Public services
Thursday	Those preparing for high school	Friday	Those who struggle with their mental health





Year 8 Rugby v Tudor Grange Academy [Worcs] - 31/01/18

The Year 8 Rugby Team took on Tudor Grange in Phase 2 of the County Rugby Tournament on Wednesday 31st January. This match was played in challenging conditions due to all the recent rainfall. It was also very cold on our field!

Tudor Grange started strongly, retaining possession with some good rucking and strong running by their forwards. By the time the Walkwood players had woken up we were three tries down!

However, Walkwood began to tackle and turn over the ball at breakdown, finally being able to show their attacking skills. Good interplay between forwards and backs resulted in our first try. Another two tries by the visitors followed resulting in a half time score of Walkwood 5-25 Tudor Grange.

Playing down the hill after the interval, the Walkwood lads showed a big improvement in terms of intensity, support play and courage when tackling. They began to dominate both territory and possession, scoring four quick tries to bring the scores level. Credit to Tudor Grange for scoring a great length of the field try to put them 30-25 ahead with 5 minutes to play. Despite wave after wave of attacking pressure we just could not get over the opposition try line and the final whistle blew.

Final score:

Walkwood 25-30 Tudor Grange

It was a fantastic game of rugby, played in the true spirit of the game. The boys can be very proud of their efforts and it bodes well for the District Rugby Tournament later this term.

Mr P Jenkin
[Rugby Coach]



Unnamed Uniform

Could you please ensure that you name all of your child's uniform and school belongings - therefore if the item does go astray it makes it easier for us to get it back to the pupil as soon as possible.





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

Tuesday 13th February – WHOLE CAST – EVERYONE

(End of Act One/ Start of Act Two)

Thursday 15th February – WHOLE CAST - EVERYONE

(Start of Act Two)



Rehearsals for Seussical continue apace, with students trying hard to learn their lines and the lyrics to the many songs featured within this musical. Rehearsals have seen everything from acting out specific scenes, to perfecting vocals and trying to piece everything together. It has even seen characters practising being in a tree or a bath! Preparations have started on scenery and props as well as the cast being briefed on their costumes. I am sure there is already lots of rummaging through wardrobes going on at home. All pupils are being encouraged to know their parts as well as possible by the end of half term as we will then be banning scripts!! Apologies if, as parents, you have all the Seussical songs stuck in your head from pupils practising at home.

Important Information/Dates:

- After half term, Tuesday and Thursday afterschool rehearsals will finish at a slightly later time. **Tuesdays and Thursdays will both finish at 5:15pm. This will start the first week back.**
- There will be an important final rehearsal for everyone to attend on **Sunday 25th March. This will start at 2pm and finish at approx 5:30pm.** This will be for a final run through of the whole show. Other information for the cast will be given out to them after half term.

Performances/Tickets:

- Performances are on Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March at 7:30pm.
- Tickets cost £5.00 each.
- Tickets will go on sale to CAST MEMBERS on Monday 26th February. Ticket sales will then be opened up to anyone the following week.

Tickets are available at lunchtimes from Mrs Cull/Mrs Timmins in the Humanities area or by contacting the school office.

Production Team

Mrs C Griffiths. Ms Tomes, Miss Cowles.

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)



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>

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 second 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



World Book Day!

As many of you will know, Thursday 1st March 2018 is World Book Day and to celebrate it, all staff and pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a fiction or non-fiction book. Last year the atmosphere was excellent, with so many staff and pupils making a fantastic effort to celebrate their reading preferences. During lessons, students will experience a heightened focus upon reading across all subject areas, be it fiction or non-fiction. Also, storyteller Phil McDermott will visit school for the day to work with a selection of Year 6 and 7 pupils. How exciting! Let's hope the atmosphere this year is just as excellent as last year's!

Mrs Johnson
Curriculum Leader for English



NYJO Concert

The National Youth Jazz Orchestra stopped off in Redditch this week as part of their current tour and a group of our Walkwood musicians were fortunate to have the opportunity to attend a short concert at the Palace Theatre on Tuesday afternoon, along with pupils from some of the other local schools which had been arranged by Severn Arts.

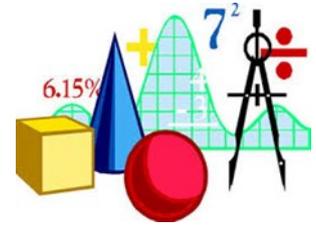


We heard some fabulous music and inspirational playing which demonstrated different musical features and styles – Walkwood pupils were mesmerised by the sound and playing quality, as well as the array of instruments: saxophones, trumpets, trombones, piano, guitar, bass and bass guitar, drums and percussion, and also a vocalist. All the musicians we saw were in their late teens and early twenties and they just loved playing jazz and big band music. The pieces they played for us were *Sing, Sing, Sing*; *Half The Fun*; *Under My Skin*; *Known No More* and *London's Burning*. The National Youth Jazz Orchestra feature on plenty of YouTube clips – check them out!

Finally, a special thought for all our instrumentalists: all these fantastic musicians would have started out with having instrument lessons at school and playing in their school orchestra or band it's time to do some practice, I think!

Mrs C Griffiths





Maths News

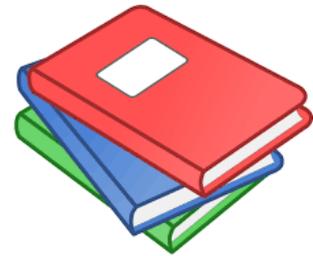
Mathematician of the Half-Term Awards

Congratulations to all our amazing mathematicians for last half term 😊

Pupil		Nominated by	Reason
Krystian Jarocki	Year 8	Mrs Cull	Works hard during every lesson. Takes an active role in lessons. Works well independently and challenges himself. Beautifully neat book work.
Grace Nolan	Year 6	Mr West	For working extremely hard in lessons and out. Grace is always completing extra work and as a result is getting better and better.
Louise Till	Year 5	Mrs Lomas	I have chosen her for her fantastic oral participation in lessons, showing good understanding of the work taught.
Ruby McAfee	Year 6	Ms Tomes	Improved massively on her arithmetic and is trying really hard. She has changed her attitude towards the subject and has a much more positive, can do attitude now, even when she finds things tricky.
Jaydan Houghton	Year 8	Mr Sanders	A fantastic attitude and work ethic. Plus, a real asset in the classroom when supporting other pupils.
Jasmine Jeynes	Year 6	Mr Walsh	Incredible progress from her October to January assessment score. Also a lot more confident in sharing her answers.
Zaynab Noor	Year 8	Mr Jenkin	Zaynab's attitude to learning is fantastic and she always contributes well in lessons, plus she achieved highly in the last assessment. Her book is immaculate too!
Amber Norris	Year 5	Dr Mijovic	For her excellent attitude to learning. Amber is always ready to challenge herself and this has resulted in great progress in Maths. Well done!
Dominic James	Year 6	Mrs Thurston	Fantastic effort during the lessons and trying hard to show the correct methods.
Aaron Bayley	Year 5	Mrs Manzur	Aaron has been a superstar, working very hard especially on difficult problem solving tasks!
Evie West	Year 6	Mrs Brotherhood	Evie always has a positive attitude and works extremely hard. Evie never gives up and this has resulted in her making very good progress in her arithmetic scores.

Can you be one of next half term's amazing Mathematicians?

Keep up the great work! Mrs Cull and Mrs Thurston



We are hosting a children's Book Fair from Travelling Books.

The Book Fair will be open in school Library from **Monday 26th February until Friday 2nd March.**

A timetable has been created to allow all pupils time to view and buy books.

Leaflets with a small selection of the titles available will be sent home.

There are hundreds of titles to choose from so please browse the full selection, on www.travellingbooks.co.uk.



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

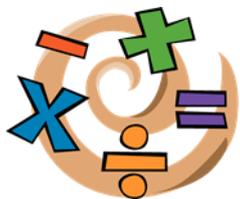
As of last academic year, we no longer send home paper copies of children's school reports. Instead, you will be able to access your child's report via Insight. School reports for Years 5 and 7 will be available to view on Insight by 4pm on Thursday 15th February.

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

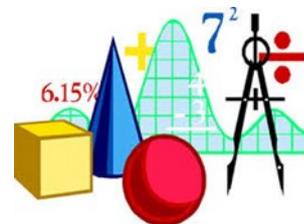
<https://insight.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk>

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 8th January 2018 - 8th February 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Enya Hussain (Year 7 - BCLO) - who has read an incredible 1,208,832 words

Top Boy

Thomas Payne (Year 7 - BJHY) - who has read a fantastic 538,356 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

This week we made fire extinguishers using Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate, Aluminium Sulphate and some good old H₂O.

Most of the action is on video - regrettably the few photos we do have don't really capture the moment.



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 3.30-5.15pm (after half term) 3.30—4.45 pm (before half term) 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)



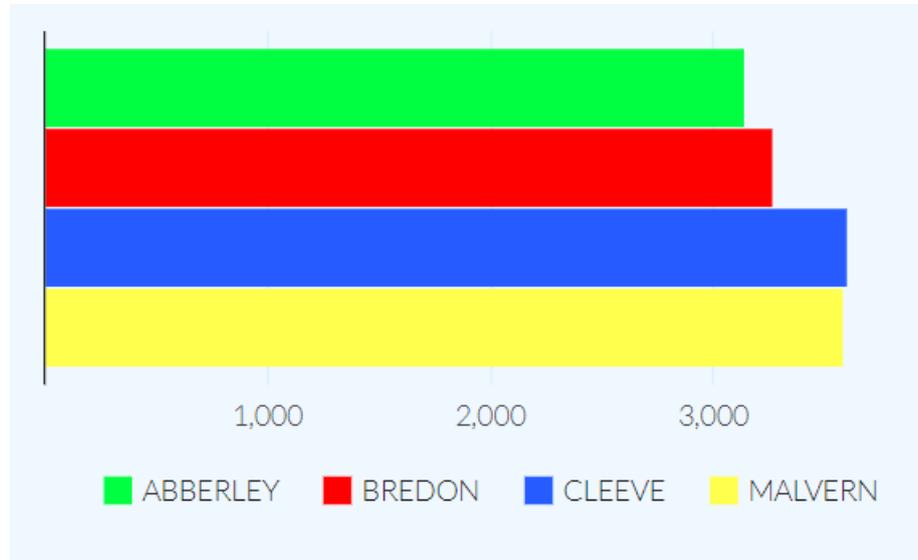
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR) Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 – if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm Seussical the Musical Rehearsal 3.30-5.15pm Hall (TTO, CGR, ECO)
Friday	Homework Club Library	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. 🍌 Alannis Barnes (BCJO) (22)
1. 🍌 Hope Gorton (MHBA) (22)
3. 🍌 Emily Fergie (MKRE) (21)
3. 🍌 Adam Beech (AAGA) (21)
3. 🍌 Sean Hill (MPJE) (21)
6. 🍌 Harry Rose (BCLO) (20)
6. 🍌 Kyla Russell (BCLO) (20)
6. 🍌 Faizah Parveen (CMBI) (20)
6. 🍌 Jack Williams (ALBA) (20)
6. 🍌 Sophie Allen (MNSA) (20)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2018	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