

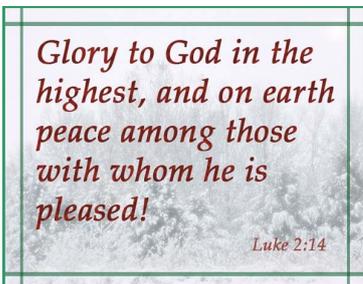
Dear Parents and Carers,

The week has not gone according to plan - the weather situation has intervened. We wanted to open the school as soon as possible, and our site team were working throughout Monday and Tuesday to ensure the site was safe. A real 'thank you' to Mr Robins and Mr Morris who were moving snow from paths around the buildings. Mr West and I also joined in, especially on Wednesday morning when I met some of you at the school gate while still in my wellies. The playgrounds have continued to be too icy, so we have used our wet break and lunchtime arrangements. I appreciate that the footpaths have remained very slippery, and that pupils have partly walked and partly 'skated' to school.

Unlike other Christmases, we have not walked to The Bridge Church for the college services due to the state of the footpaths. However, our Chair of Governors, Fr Glenn and our Chaplain, Mrs Deakin, were able to lead the events in the school hall.

Thursday and Friday have been our Deep Days, where the pupils work in their tutor groups on material around the Christmas story. For example, Cleeve College looked at 'The Lowly and the Royal', considering the difference in gifts of the shepherds and the kings (or wise men, depending who you ask), while Abberley looked at the journey that Mary and Joseph would have had to take.

Sorry that our Carol Service had to be cancelled on Tuesday. However, the choir represented the school at the annual concert at the Hindlip Police HQ, where they were superb.



Please take note of the box to the right which tells you about the dates for the end of this term and the start of the next.

May I wish all our readers a joyous Christmas!

Rev C Leach
Principal

Last day of term:
Tuesday 19th December 2017

First day of term:
Thursday 4th January 2018

Next Edition of The Insider:
Friday 12th January 2018

Dear Lord,

We thank you Oh Lord, as we remember that you sent your Son Jesus Christ down for us.

At this time of year we remember that he was and is a gift to us, that we may now live having a relationship with you.

We thank you that even though we don't deserve it, you choose to bless us with the greatest gift of all, your love.

May your love and presence be among us over this Christmas period.

In your name, Amen.

This week's theme was:
Global Christmas

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1: 1-5

Whole School Attendance – 83.42%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

04.12.17—08.12.17

Year 5 — 85.33%

Year 6 — 83.33%

Year 7 — 82.43%

Year 8 — 82.17%



For the week ahead



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| The Fruit of Faith is: | Aspiration | Oh listen, dear child—become wise; point your life in the right direction. <i>Proverbs 23:19</i> |
| The tutor group virtue: | Perseverance | We rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. <i>Romans 5: 2-5</i> |
| The assembly theme: | Global Christmas | In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <i>John 1: 1-5</i> |

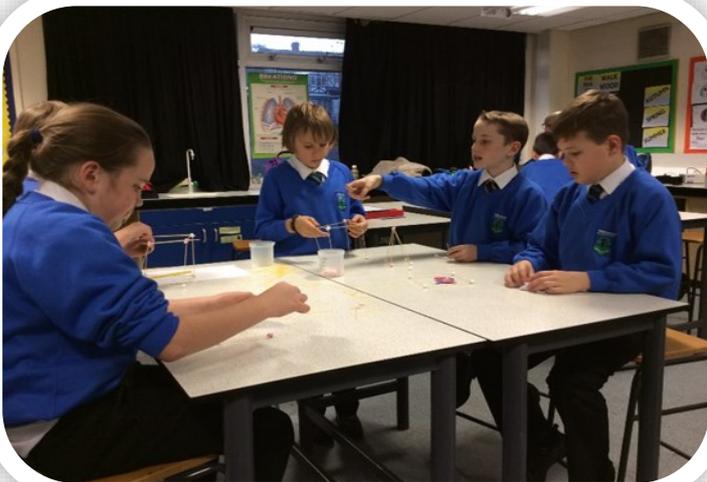
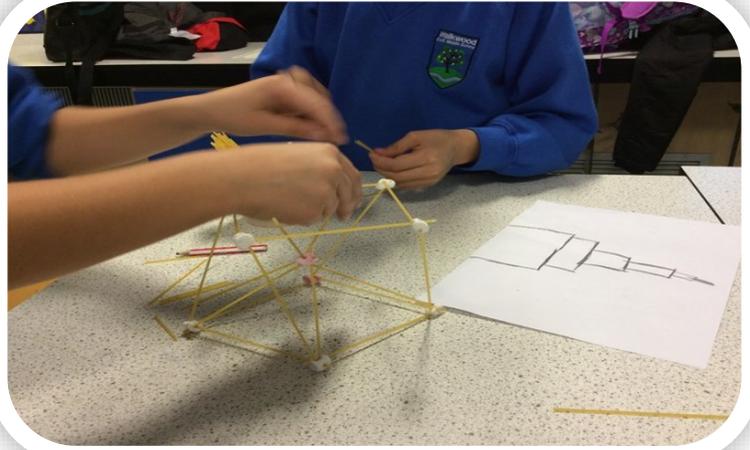
We ask your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

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| The weekend | volunteers in homeless centres. | Monday | priests and faith leaders who are especially busy at this time of year. |
| Tuesday | pupils who are anxious at the start of the holidays. | Wednesday | the safety of our pupils during the holidays. |
| Thursday | the roadside assistance organisations during the festive season. | Friday | peace for the world. |



Science Club

Science Club this week looked at STEM **Science**, **Technology Engineering** and **Maths** - an organisation which is dedicated to raising young people's engagement in one or all of the above.



The children made towers - the criteria was the tallest and the strongest.

This presented the children with the opportunity to work as a team and be innovative.

Science Club will recommence on Tuesday
16th January 2018.

Mrs Haldane and Mrs Shepherd



Music News



So, for the first time ever, we had to cancel our school Christmas concert due to the snow and unfortunately it was not possible to rearrange which was a huge disappointment to everyone who has worked so hard to learn their music over the last few weeks. However, everyone's efforts have not been entirely wasted because the orchestra have been accompanying the Christmas Carols in the college services and some of the choir performed at Hindlip on Thursday evening with the West Mercia Police Brass Band.

Here are the choir, in their seats, just before the concert started. They were marvellous and received many compliments on their fabulous singing. I was extremely proud of them all. Thank you very much indeed to all the singers, to those parents who came to support us, and to Ms Tomes, Mr West and Reverend Leach for transporting and helping.



Mrs C Griffiths





Just checking . . .

The last day of term is **Tuesday 19th December**, when school will finish at our normal time.

The first day back will be **Thursday 4th January 2018**.



School applications for September 2018



worcestershire
county council



DEADLINE
15th January

Applications for places at **middle schools** must be submitted to Worcestershire County Council by **15th January 2018**. The same date applies for **first school applications** too.

If you wish to make a preference for a pupil to begin at a first or middle school in September of next year, please ensure that applications are submitted on time.



Festive Jumpers



On the last day of this term, **Tuesday 19th December**, pupils and staff are invited to replace their usual jumpers with a Christmas version. The rest of the Walkwood uniform is to be worn, please, as it is not a non-uniform day.

£1 donation to Save the Children.

This is not compulsory! There will be pupils and adults who will be in their usual attire.

School will finish at the usual time of 3.30pm—ho, ho, ho!



Music tuition



As we allow parents to spread the payment cost over the term, the finance office would very much appreciate it if you could work to the payment deadline. If payments have been missed, please 'top up' as soon as possible.

If you have any queries or problems with payments, please contact Mrs Wood, our Finance Manager, or Mrs Griffiths, Head of Music. We are always happy to help, and can usually find a solution to the problem.





Top Readers for 14th November 2017 - 14th December 2017

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Enya Hussain (Year 7 - BCLO) - who has read an incredible 856,687 words

Top Boy

Jack Anderson (Year 5 - AECO) - who has read a fantastic 1,035,458 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>



Hair styles

Thank you to all those parents/carers who get in touch with support or suggestions. These help us to improve both the academic and life experiences that your child receives while they are at our school. You can be assured we are constantly reviewing all aspects of our school to ensure your child receives the best possible education.

In support of this, the school has a number of policies which set out the levels and standards we expect for attendance, uniform, behaviour and homework. Copies of these are available on our website, www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/. In depth uniform guidance is also outlined in the pupil planners as well as on the website.

The majority of our pupils respect and follow these policies. However, in recent weeks we have noticed that a small number of pupils are attending school with hairstyles which we do not consider appropriate within the policy, which makes us mention that we do not allow extremes of hairstyles in school. To avoid any confusion, all hairstyles need to adhere to the following guidelines:

- No parting lines, patterns or tramlines should be shaved into the hair or eyebrows.
- Hair should not be shaved shorter than a grade 2.
- No undercuts.
- Colouring is only allowed if it appears natural.
- Hair bands must be plain and only blue, black or grey in colour (no other hair accessories should be worn).
- Hair extensions are not permitted.

Please note that should a Walkwood pupil be found not to be adhering to the above, it may be that they are withdrawn from their normal timetable whilst parents are contacted and the issue rectified. In some cases it may be necessary to send a pupil home to make the necessary adjustments, before returning to their learning. The school's decision in all matters is final.





Trips and Visits

2017 - 18



| DATE | ACTIVITY | LOCATION | OPEN TO | COST | LEADER |
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| 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 |
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| 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, ACO)</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>KS3 Dance Club (KRE/HTR)</p> |



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



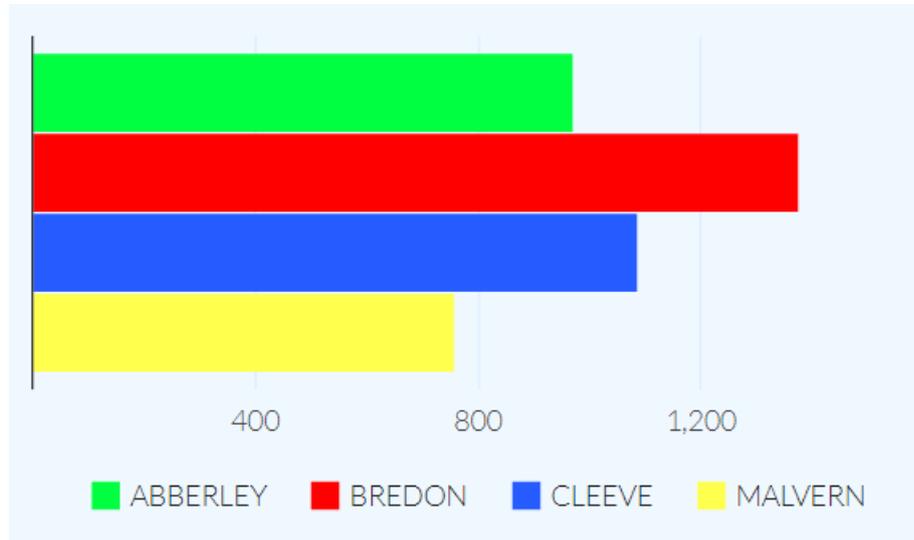
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| Thursday | Homework Club Library | Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR) Languages Club 1.00 pm in Room 15 (NHU) To start after October half-term Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 – if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI | Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm Seussical the Musical Rehearsal 3.30-4.45pm Hall (TTO, CGR, ACO) |
| 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. 🍌 Olivia MacHado-Edwards (BLBO) (26)
2. 🍌 Lexi Chaney (BLBO) (22)
3. 🍌 Abbie Harland (BLBO) (21)
3. 🍌 Caitlin Harland (BLBO) (21)
3. 🍌 Charlie Guthrie-Higgins (BLBO) (21)
6. 🍌 Eddie Webber (BLBO) (20)
7. 🍌 Joseph Leaver (ARMA) (19)
7. 🍌 Sophie Rowe (BLBO) (19)
9. 🍌 Jacob Smart (BLBO) (18)
9. 🍌 Libby Greenhouse (BLBO) (18)



Looking ahead



| | Date | Event |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 2017 | 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 4.00—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 | |



Looking ahead



| | Date | Event |
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| 2 0 1 9 | 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 |