

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are weeks in the school year when lots of things happen, but this week has been one where the focus has been in the classrooms and teaching spaces around the school. Pupils working hard, teachers having prepared lessons, and those who are in support roles ensuring that tasks are completed. That is, in fact, what a school should be about.

is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy, for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. So let it grow, and don't try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete.

James 1: 2-4

As you may have noticed in last week's Insider, we are running workshops in Maths and English for Year 6 pupils. I am determined that Year 6 do not get overly stressed as the weeks before SATs come and go. The outcome of these tests are for the school, and are not the be-all and end-all for individual pupils (whatever the media or government message may sound like). We shall be looking to keep things calm, and shall focus the pupils to be as confident and secure as they can be. Therefore, the workshops will be published each week so you know what support is on offer.

Also in regard to key stage 3 studies, I am glad that so many of the parents who attended our Parent Workshops found them useful. These were designed to complement the Maths sessions last term. Your feedback is appreciated.

We are able to offer feedback to you as parents and carers later this half term. There are Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings coming up for Year 6 and 8 on Thursday 1st and Wednesday 7th February. Appointment times to meet the teachers are to be booked electronically through Insight. Reports for the other year groups will be prepared for sending out, again via Insight, in the week before half term.

Rev C Leach
Principal

Father,
Thank you for the talents you have given us. Thank you that we are all different and can share our gifts with one another. We praise your name that we are able to help each other with our talents whatever they may be. We pray for those who can't see what their talent is and pray that you will reveal it to them and encourage them.
Amen

This week's theme was:
Talents

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

Romans 12:6

Whole School Attendance – 96.04 %

Whole School Target – 95.6%

08.01.18—12.01.18

Year 5 — 96.96 %

Year 6 — 95.90 %

Year 7 — 95.75 %

Year 8 — 95.35 %



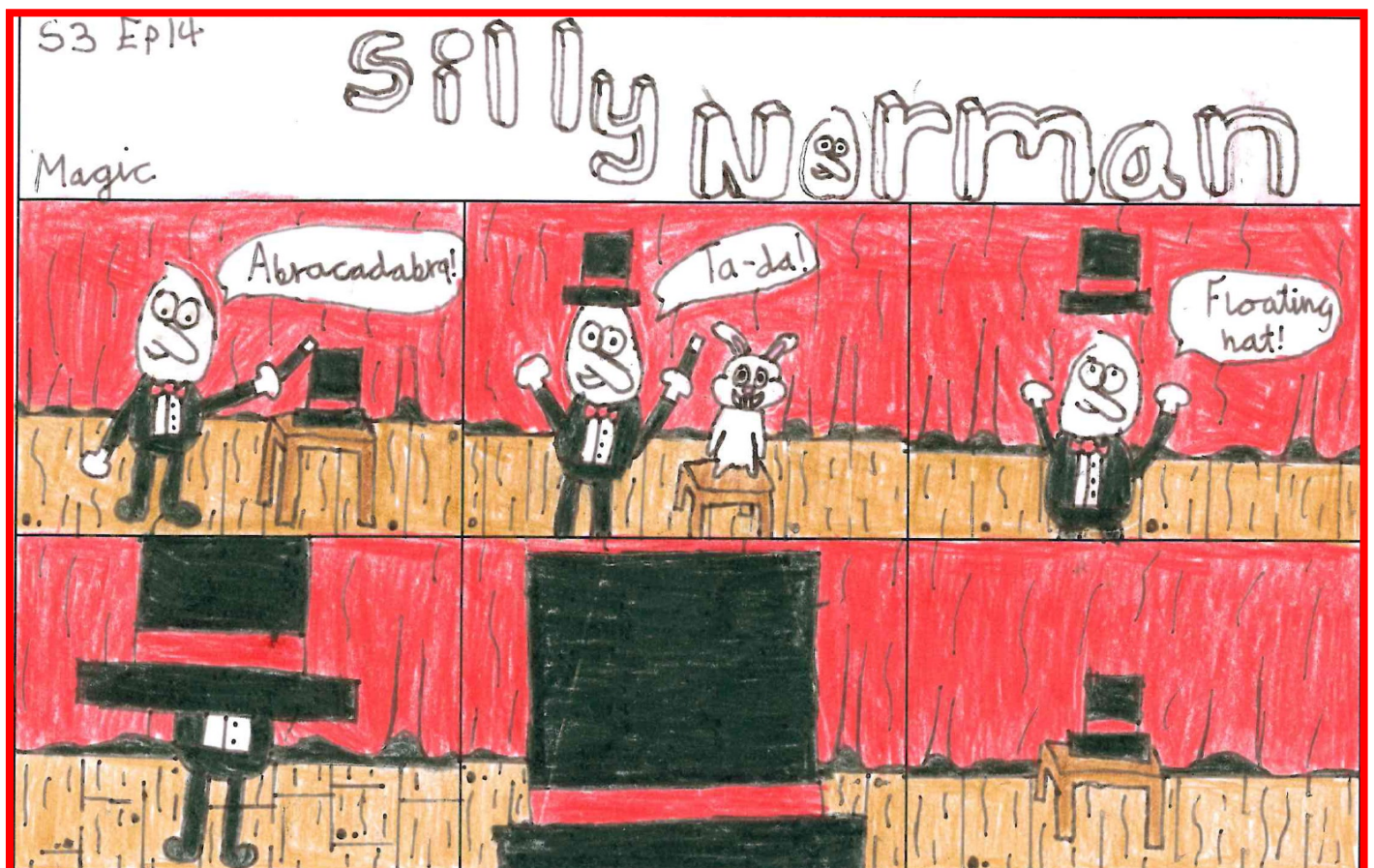
For the week ahead



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:	Creativity	God has filled [his chosen one] with his power and given him skill, ability and understanding for every kind of artistic workmanship. <i>Exodus 35:31</i>
The assembly theme:	Art	The Lord is urging him and Oholiab from the tribe of Dan to teach others. And he has given them all kinds of artistic skills, including the ability to design and embroider with blue, purple, and red wool and to weave fine linen. <i>Exodus 35: 34-35</i>

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

The weekend	those who carry out voluntary activities to the benefit of others.	Monday	pupils and staff at St. Luke's Church of England First School.
Tuesday	the provision of water in all places where there is human habitation.	Wednesday	pupils who take part in sport.
Thursday	children who are involved in learning in places other than school.	Friday	Her Majesty, The Queen.



Y6 Yorkshire Trips

Reminder:

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



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.



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 next payment of £50 is 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

Year 6 and 8 Subject Parents' Evenings

At the start of January you received a letter regarding the upcoming year 6 and 8 parents' evenings. As stated in the letter you are welcome to attend one of two parents' evenings on either Thursday 1st February or Wednesday 7th February. Both evenings will run from 4-7pm with each appointment lasting for a maximum of five minutes.

Teachers of the core subjects (Maths, English and Science) tend to be very busy and get booked up quickly, so I would encourage you to book your appointments as soon as possible, if you have not yet done so, to avoid disappointment.

To book your appointments, please login to Insight at <https://insight.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk>, and select the General tab > Parents Evening. On the right hand side, press the time under the teacher you wish to see, and the appointment will be booked. In the case of a shared group, both teachers are available to book with but I would suggest booking in with the teacher who teaches the group for the majority of the lessons. Please look at your child's timetable for this information.

Insight usernames and passwords were sent home last year when we began using this booking system. If for some reason you do not know your login details - please complete this form: <http://stbsupport.co.uk/insight-password-reset/>. Please ensure you select Walkwood Church of England Middle School in the drop down choices at the top of the form. Responses to username requests can take up to 48 working hours.

If you have your username, but have forgotten your password, please follow the forgotten password link on the Insight login page to reset your password. Responses to password re-sets are instant. If you do not have internet access you can phone reception who will be able to book appointments on your behalf. Please note that children will no longer be able to book in appointments with teachers as per the old system.

The booking system for the parents' evening on Thursday 1st February will close at 10am on Wednesday the 31st January and 10am on Tuesday the 6th February for the parents' evening on the 7th February. You will not be able to book appointments after these times.

We hope to see you all at one of the above parents' evenings.

Mrs L Cull
Assistant Principal



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

- Tuesday 23rd January** – **WHOLE CAST—EVERYONE**
(Oh the Thinks, Horton Hears a Who, Biggest Blame Fool, Here on Who)
- Thursday 25th January** – **Cat, JoJo, Mayor, Mrs Mayor, General Schmitz, Horton**
(Its Possible, How to Raise A Child, the Military, Alone In the Universe)

Unwelcome Visitors!!



It has come to our attention that there have been a couple of instances of head lice here at Walkwood and would like to inform you what the procedure is if you do find these unwelcome visitors in your child's hair - they will need to be treated straight away and for there to be no live lice left in their hair before they return to school.

Let us show them they are not welcome here!



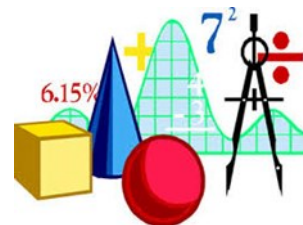
Contacting the School

You can contact the school via phone or by email through the website, but please allow 48 hours for staff to respond.





Year 6 Maths Revision Sessions

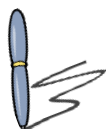


From January, the Maths department will be running revision sessions for Year 6 pupils to support them with their SATs in May. Pupils can decide which sessions they would benefit from. All Year 6 pupils have been given the timetable below so that they can select which sessions to attend.

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

Sports News

On Friday 12th January, Walkwood year 5 and 6 girls went to compete in a athletics competition at Arrowvale High School. The winner of this went to represent Redditch in the Worcestershire School Games. There were 10 schools altogether. We tried our best and amazingly, we came 2nd, however, we lost to Birchensale with only a few points in it. We competed in many events such as vertical jump, relay, chest push, over and under, standing long jump and many more. In one event, Lexi Robins and Georgie Coldicott competed in the 3x2-lap relay where they each did 3 laps but, Georgie had finished her 3 laps and one of the organisers told her to do another lap after she had finished, luckily she came 1st.

By Evie Floate, Fallon Hemming and Zaynab Noor





Top Readers for 18th December 2017 - 18th January 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Bailie Carr (Year 8 - CAMI) - who has read an incredible 825,072 words

Top Boy

Josh Dodd (Year 8 - CMBI) - who has read a fantastic 468,511 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>



Points Boosters



As you are aware during the Autumn Term we launched a brand new initiative called 'Points Boosters'. This has proved to be a huge success rewarding all pupils who have 100% attendance and those pupils who consistently uphold and adhere to the Walkwood Values.

How does it work?

Attendance Points Boosters

A 5-point booster will be awarded for every time your child has 100% Attendance for the period of the 2-week timetable- Week 1 & Week 2.

These points are automatically given out on the Friday of Week 2

Each time your child receives an Attendance Booster their name will be entered in to the Attendance College Prize Draw. See Below:

Spring Attendance College Prize Draw

echo dot



An Echo Dot to be awarded at each College Celebration Assembly

Zero Demerit Points Boosters

Again during the Spring Term, we will be rewarding all pupils who continue to demonstrate excellent focus and behaviour in and out of lessons and complete all of their homework on time.

Pupils will gain a 5-point booster for every time your child has Zero Demerits during the period of the 2-week timetable- Week 1 & Week 2.

Again, these booster points are automatically given on the Friday of Week 2.

As a school, we continue to evolve and adapt our systems as we search to motivate our pupils to want to attend school and give their best whilst they are here. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

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For further details



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>KS3 Dance Club (KRE/HTR)</p>



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



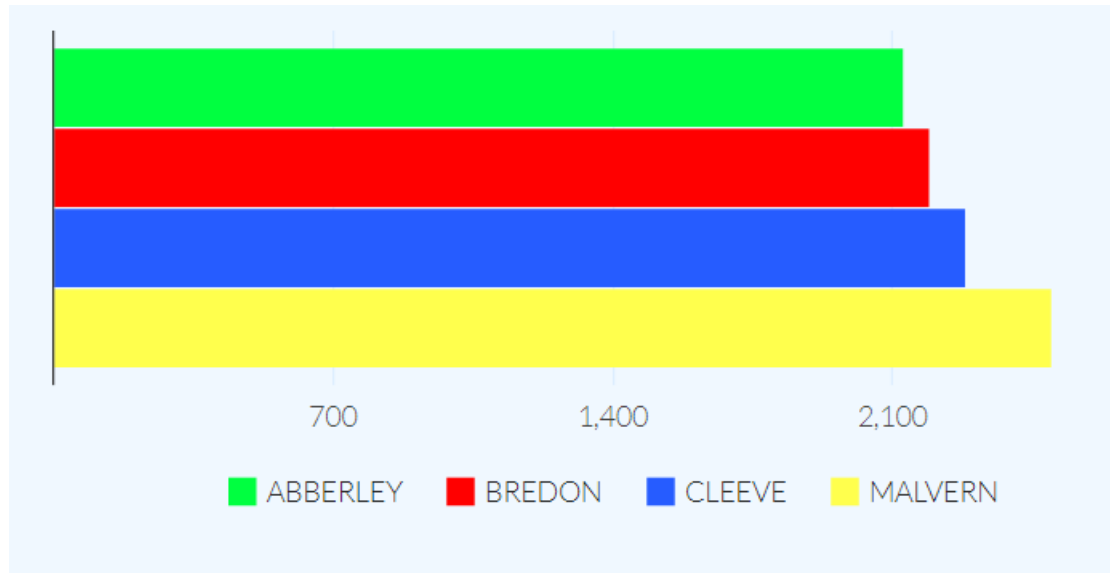
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR) Languages Club 1.00 pm in Room 15 (NHU) To start after October half-term Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 – if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm Seussical the Musical Rehearsal 3.30-4.45pm Hall (TTO, CGR, 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. 🍌 Evie Barnish (AEEO) (26)
1. 🍌 Jake Hemming (MDSL) (26)
3. 🍌 Alex Newey (MPJE) (25)
3. 🍌 Sophie Allen (MNSA) (25)
5. 🍌 Isabelle Doehler (CCMI) (24)
5. 🍌 Luke Shephard (MNSA) (24)
7. 🍌 Grace Savage (ALBA) (23)
8. 🍌 Archie Cooke-Hale (BCJO) (22)
8. 🍌 Thomas Cacciottolo (ARMA) (22)
8. 🍌 Abigayle Court (AAGA) (22)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 1 8	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	
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