

Dear Parents and Carers,

The process for selection of applicants for Takeover Day has drawn to its close. I am aware that not every pupil who applied received an interview, nor that all of those interviewed were given a post. Many of you will know the process of applying for a job, and success is not always possible. This is part of the resilience that is needed in the wider world, and we have looked to be supportive when making choices. The planning for next week's day itself will get into gear now.



Thank you to Year 6 and Year 8 parents and carers for attending the evenings to talk with teachers. I hope the conversations have proved useful. The completed questionnaires shall be collated and comments considered, with the results published on the website shortly.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Psalm 32:8

At Walkwood, we continue to be committed to the education of the whole child, looking for pupils to **love to learn** the content of the curriculum, to **learn to live** through the **Superhero** learning skills, and also to **learn to love** through the outworking of our **Fruits of Faith**. The academic progress our pupils make through the four years here is excellent, with over three-quarters of pupils achieving beyond their age expectations by the time they leave us. Unlike some primary schools, we do not put our Year 6 pupils through an unrelenting diet of English and Maths, but allow a balanced curriculum. The SATs will come around again, and we shall do all we can to keep matters low key so that the pupils do not feel too pressured. Year 8 are a few weeks away from hearing which high school they have been allocated. However, the memory of Walkwood will be with them, as it is with so many who have left us in years gone by.

At our Church of England middle school, we want our pupils to develop a love of wisdom and a wisdom of love - a passion and delight for learning and living. Our lives are intertwined like the leaves of the evergreen Walkwood tree. The academic is important—Jesus was a teacher and learner. However, he was also a carpenter so would have been practical and creative. He grew as a whole person, and so should all the children of God.



Rev. Clive Leach
Principal

A Prayer for The Incarnation

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for all you have done for us. Thank you for the power of your work when you were on earth in human form. We praise your name, that you have been fully anointed with the power of God, that you can heal, and work in our lives, just as the Father does. We pray that you will continue to work in our lives from above, knowing that you are still here with us. We praise your name. Amen.

This week's theme was: The Incarnation

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
John 1: 1-5

Whole School Attendance – 94.35 %

Whole School Target – 95.6%

28.01.19—01.02.19

Year 5 — 94.13 %

Year 6 — 94.69 %

Year 7 — 96.39 %

Year 8 — 92.09 %



For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Inclusiveness	He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <i>Matthew 5:45</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Love	What if I could speak all languages of humans and of angels? If I did not love others, I would be nothing more than a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. What if I could prophesy and understand all secrets and all knowledge? And what if I had faith that moved mountains? I would be nothing, unless I loved others. <i>1 Corinthians 13</i>
The assembly theme:	St Valentine	Continue to love those who know you and to do good to those who are righteous. <i>Psalm 36: 10</i>

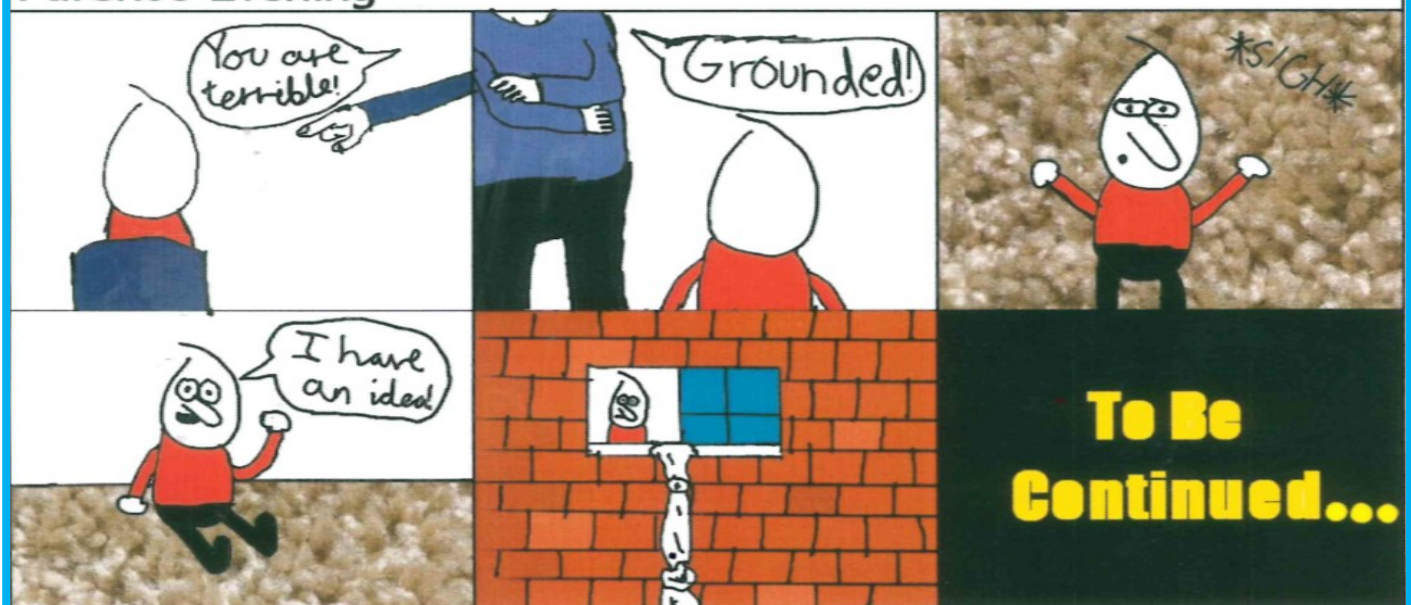
We ask for your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

The weekend	the country of Venezuela and its leaders	Monday	pilots and support personnel within the Royal Air Force
Tuesday	pupils and staff at Feckenham Church of England First School	Wednesday	His Holiness, Pope Francis
Thursday	those we love, be they near or far	Friday	our pupils who are taking over jobs within our school

S4 Ep19

Silly Norman

Parent's Evening





Access to School

A reminder to parents/carers & visitors to the school - could you access the main reception via the main Feckenham Road entrance only.

The Vaynor & Scott Road entrances are to be used by staff and pupils only. Thank you for your understanding.



Year 5 and 7 Academic Reports

As previously mentioned, we will no longer be publishing school reports to Insight. Instead, you will be able to access your child's report via the SIMS app.

At the end of last academic year or September 2018, you received an email from the school, which had a link allowing you to sign up to the SIMS app. As explained, you can link your account to your Facebook, Twitter, Google or Microsoft account to login. This email expired after 14 days of it being sent so if you did not download the app at this time then please email, Office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk stating [that you need to be re-invited to download the SIMS app.](#)

If you do not have an email registered or the email address we do have is out of date then you will not have received an invite so please email, Office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk to arrange for this to be rectified.

School reports for years 5 and 7 will be available to view on the SIMS app by 4pm on Thursday 14th February.

With this date fast approaching, I would recommend ensuring you have downloaded the SIMS app and that you are able to log in.

Takeover Day



This week saw pupils receiving their letters to confirm whether or not they had been successful in gaining one of the 56 jobs on offer for this years Takeover Day. This followed a week of interviewing, during which staff were very impressed with the professionalism of the pupils and the caliber of the answers given to some very tricky interview questions. Staff really did have a tough time deciding on who would be awarded the role. In fact the phrase “can we have all of them” was used quite frequently by staff, as I seem to recall.

For the successful candidates the preparation for their job now starts ahead of the day itself. Those gaining teaching responsibilities will now be busy meeting with teachers to discuss what they will be teaching and will be going away to plan their lessons.

We would like to congratulate every pupil who has taken part in this process... they can all be extremely proud of themselves. Now, as the preparation happens, we eagerly await the day itself ... Friday 15th February.

There will be a final briefing for all pupils involved on Wednesday 13th February at breaktime to discuss the running of the day and anything they need to be aware of.

Ms T Tomes
Malvern College Leader
Takeover Day Coordinator.

Clubs and Activities

Spring Term 1 2019



	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am Orchestra Music Room 8.45 - 9.30am CGR	KS3 Art Club starting 18 th September ECO Monday lunchtime DT Block Movie Club all years AMI starting Monday 17 th September	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm Indoor Sports Club (range of different activities each week including hockey, boccia, curling, dodgeball etc) All years welcome. 3.30 - 4.45pm PMC
Tuesday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room JHA	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm Cheerleading Squad Training 3.30 - 4.45pm LMO/KRE (9 th Jan) KS2 Science Club Lab 2 3.30 - 4.45pm JHD
Wednesday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	All years Silent Reading Club Room 19 LBA	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm DSL (when you are cooking will be confirmed) Gymnastics Club (starts 16 th January) 3.30 - 4.45pm RMA/CHU/KRE First Aid Club Room 2 3.30 - 4.45pm KMI
Thursday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm CGR Eco Schools Club Week 1 Room 21 (Lab 3) MBI First meeting Thursday 20 th September 2018	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm KS3/KS2 Dance 3.30 - 4.45pm LMO/KRE (starts 16 th January) KS3 Basketball Club (starts 16 th January) 3.30 - 4.45pm CHU KS3 Girls Rugby Club 3.30 - 4.45pm
Friday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am		Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

ensorcell

What word class is this word? Could it belong to more than one word class?

How many syllables does it have?

Write the dictionary definition(s) of this word, using your own words.

Are there any synonyms for the word?

Are there any antonyms for the word?

Write four sentences, each containing the word.

Challenge: vary the type of sentence each time: write one as a statement; one as a question; one as a command and one as an exclamation sentence.

For example, if the *Word of the Week* were joyous:

Statement: Xavier is feeling joyous this morning.

Question: Does that music sound joyous to you?

Command: Make yourself look a little more joyous.

Exclamation: What a joyous evening!

Show your tutor your notes on Word of the Week and receive a merit for answering the questions above!



Top Readers for 7 January 2019 — 7 February 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Ria Parker (Year 8 CSBK) - who has read an incredible 814,154 words

Top Boy

Arran Smith (Year 6 ALWA) - who has read a fantastic 796,994 words

Well done - 3 merits will be awarded to you both.

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU





Trips and Visits

2018 - 2019



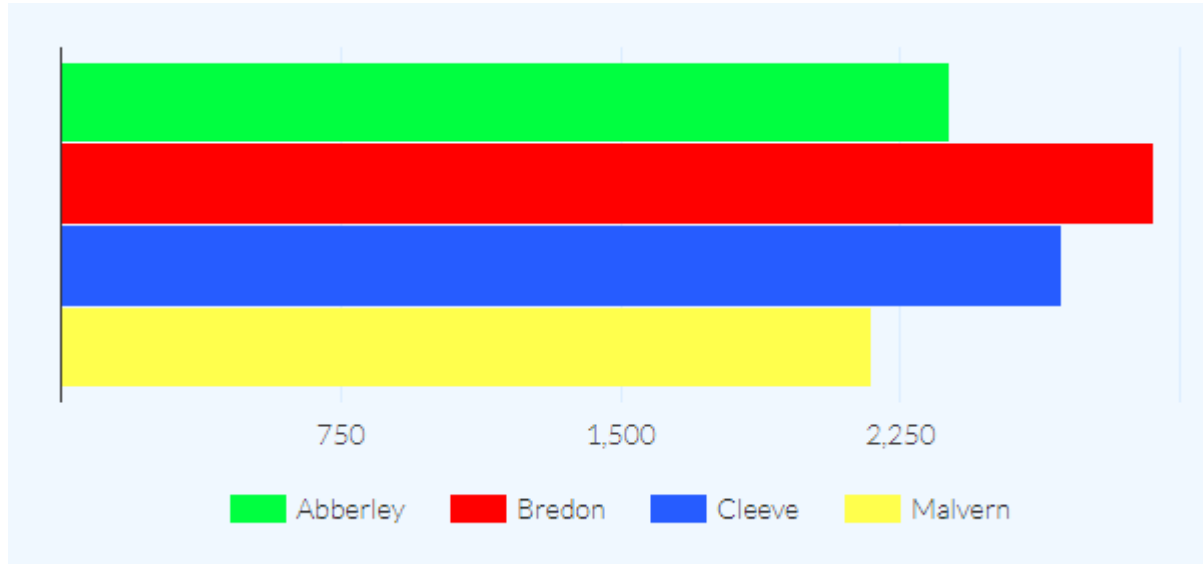
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 17—Mon 20	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Thurs 20— Sat 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7 & 8	£ 315	Mr West
Fri 21— Mon 24	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 170	Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Lily Vann (BCJO) (38)
1. Kurtis West (BJHD) (38)
3. Zahra Salih (BJHD) (36)
4. Ciaran Heritage (BCLO) (35)
5. Bella Guiden (CLBK) (33)
6. Oliver Croucher (BJHD) (31)
7. Jayden Barwick (CAMI) (30)
7. Madison Underhill (MNSA) (30)
7. Kieran Westwood (MNSA) (30)
7. Kaitlyn Hicks-Kenward (BCJO) (30)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 1 9	Monday 18 to Friday 22 February	Half Term
	Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April	Arts Evening Performances 7.00 pm
	Friday 12 April	End of Term
	Monday 29 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 8 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons Information Evening 6.30 pm
	Monday 27 to Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Thursday 6 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
	Wednesday 12 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
	Friday 19 July	End of Term
	Monday 2 & 3 September	Staff Development Days
	Wednesday 4 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Friday 25 October	Staff Development Day
Monday 28 October to Friday 1 No- vember	Half Term	
Friday 20 December	End of Term	
Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day	
Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term	
2 0 2 0	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February	Half Term
	Friday 3 April	End of Term
	Monday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	Half Term
	Friday 17 July	End of Term