

Dear Parents and Carers,



There are two school events in parts of the world that have probably been overlooked this week, both taking place on Wednesday. In the Brazilian city of São Paulo, two gunmen who opened fire at a school in killed at least five students, and two staff members. The attackers were former pupils. Then, at least 10 people have died after a building containing a school collapsed in the Nigerian city of Lagos. The school, which was on the top floor of the four-storey building, had more than 100 pupils. In our own business around school, we do well to hold in prayer the children and teachers who have been affected by these events.

Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

In assembly this morning, we looked at how Comic Relief came out of the Live Aid concerts on Saturday 13th July 1985. Those actions came from the news reports that the BBC reporter, Michael Burke, brought back from Ethiopia, where the combination of three consecutive years of failed harvests, and a civil war, had brought “a famine of Biblical proportions”, he said. The first Red Nose Day was in 1988, with a second following the next year before the fundraising was scheduled for every two years. Let us hope that today’s events continue the good work.



Before half term, Gladstone Wilson came in to do group singing with Years 5 and 6. He is very cool, even more so than I am 😊 As I write this, the sound of Year 7 singing away is coming through to my room, and I am hoping that Year 8 will be equally as bold this afternoon. It is a joy to hear the pupils take part, as Gladstone chooses ‘pop’ songs which their children will know but which are appropriate for them.

Thank you to all of you who have collected pupils later on after the day’s end as they have been preparing for the forthcoming Arts Evenings. The two dates are Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April, where the show will start at 7pm. Tickets will be on sale from Monday.

**Arts
Evenings
2019**

Rev. C. Leach

A Prayer for Poverty

Dear Father God,

We pray for those who are less fortunate than us. For families struggling for the most basic of things. We pray that your love is with them and that they will not be discouraged. That you will bless them abundantly. We pray that they can teach us to understand how blessed we are by what we do have.

Amen.

This week’s theme was:
Poverty

Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31:9

Whole School Attendance – 96.43%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

04.03.19—08.03.19

Year 5 — 97.26%

Year 6 — 96.38%

Year 7 — 97.28%

Year 8 — 94.72%



For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Thankfulness	You are my God, and I will give thanks to you. <i>Psalm 118: 28</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Gratitude	I call to witness the gratitude of the people that is to come, whose children rejoice with gladness; though they do not see me with bodily eyes, yet with the spirit they will believe the things I have said. <i>2 Esdras 1:36-37</i>
The assembly theme:	Philanthropy	The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against such things. <i>Galatians 5:22</i>

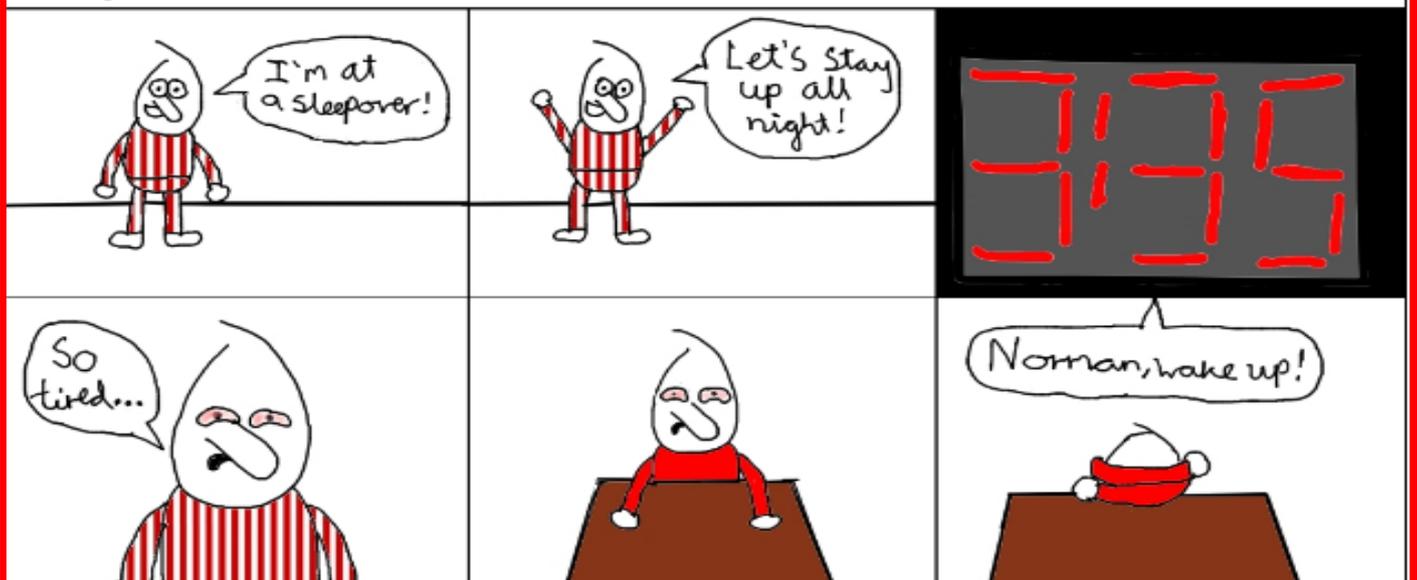
We ask for your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

The weekend	Those affected by the plane crash in Kenya	Monday	The prime minister
Tuesday	Public services	Wednesday	The local churches and community centres
Thursday	Pupils, parents and staff of the San Paulo school	Friday	The teachers and support staff of Vaynor First School

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Silly Norman

Sleepover





Ski Trip 2020 - Zauchensee, Salzberger Sportwelt, Austria



Thank you to those keeping to the payment schedule for the ski trip. Just a reminder that £290 should now have been paid. The remaining instalments are due as follows:

- By end of February 2019 - £100
- By end of March 2019 - £100
- By end of April 2019 - £100
- By end of May 2019 - £100
- By end of June 2019 - £100
- By end of July 2019 - £100
- By end of August 2019 - £100
- By end of September 2019 - £100
- By end of October 2019 - £100
- By the end of November 2019 - £100



All pupils who come on the trip are required to have their own passport. Although not needing to be done at this time, the application process for passports does take time and we urge you to complete it as early as possible. Last year confirmation of our flights was delayed due to passport information not being given to me by parents/carers on time.

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

Mrs Louise Cull
Assistant Principal/Trip Organiser



PE Rehearsals

Between the dates of Monday 1st April - Friday 12th April there will be no PE extra-curricular clubs on. This is due to Arts Evenings and the rehearsals which coincide with it's preparation. The following dates have PE specific rehearsals:

Monday 1st April 3.30-4.45pm:

- Year 7 'The Road' dancers
- Year 8 'School Routine' dancers
- Year 6 'Toy Soldiers' dancers
- KS2 and KS3 'This is me' dancers.

Tuesday 2nd April: 3.30-4.45pm:

- Cheerleading squad
- Please be available for a final practice.

Thank you to parents for your continued support.

PE Department.



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Achievement
Aspiration

After success at the District 7-a-side competition the Year 6 Girls Football Team progressed through to the County Finals held at South Bromsgrove.

The team went feeling confident but also weary that this was another step up as they were competing against schools from all across Worcestershire. The girls started really well winning their first game in style and remained in control of the game throughout. This success continued throughout the competition with the Walkwood Team winning all their games, topping the table and qualifying for one of the 4 regional finals! An amazing achievement.

On Saturday 9th March the girls travelled to the Regional Finals in search of a place in the Danone Cup National Finals!



Again the girls started well in the group stages, grinding out a well deserved win in their first game and this set the tone for the rest of the competition. In a very competitive group the girls managed to go through second in the group and if it wasn't for goal difference were unlucky not to top it with some stubborn performances and hard work.

Up next was the semi-finals, again it was a very tough match and we had to battle back from a goal down to eventually win the game via a penalty shoot out! Amazing perseverance.

With this win it meant the girls had qualified for the National Finals and could go into the Final knowing their hard work had paid off. The Final was decided on penalties with the girls narrowly missing out after a dominant display in the game! Nonetheless what an achievement, National Final second year running! Well done girls amazing job!

Sports News



Hockey and Rugby College Matches

The PE department run college matches twice a year, where pupils participate in a sporting activity against the other colleges in the school. Points are awarded to teams and these then go towards the college sports total at the end of the year.

College matches take place during lesson time where a whole year group will come down to PE at once. This may mean your child has two PE lessons that week and so will need to bring their kit in on two days.

Tuesday 19th March – Lesson 2 and 3 – all of Year 8

Wednesday 20th March – Lesson 2 and 3 - all of Year 5

Thursday 21st March – Lesson 4 and 5 - all of Year 7

Due to a class with Year 6 English lessons Year 6 will play matches within their normal lessons.

Please can you make sure pupils have correct PE kit and equipment for the following days.

Thank you for your support.

PE Department

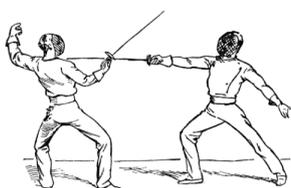
William Allardice – Fencing



I did it, I won Gold!

I am now the West Midlands Region Under 12 Boys Sabre Fencing Champion.

This also means that I qualified to represent the region in Sabre at the British Youth Championships in May and having already qualified for Foil last month, I'll be competing with both weapons.





Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School



Arts Evenings 2019

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th April

Show begins at 7pm

Tickets £4

Clubs and Activities

Spring Term 2 2019



	Before School 8:00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	<p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p> <p>Orchestra Music Room 8.45 - 9.30am CGR</p>	<p>KS3 Art Club starting 18th September ECO</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Indoor Sports Club (range of different activities each week including hockey, bocchia, kurling, dodgeball etc) All years welcome. 3.30 - 4.45pm PMC</p> <p>Year 7/8 netball club - tour teams only to start with</p>
Tuesday	<p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p>	<p>Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room JHA</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Cheerleading Squad Training 3.30 - 4.45pm LMO/KRE (9th Jan)</p> <p>KS2 Science Club - no longer on</p>
Wednesday	<p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p>	<p>All years Silent Reading Club Room 19 LBA</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm DSL (when you are cooking will be confirmed)</p> <p>Gymnastics Club (starts 16th January) 3.30 - 4.45pm RMA/CHU/KRE</p> <p>First Aid Club Room 2 3.30 - 4.45pm KMI</p>
Thursday	<p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p>	<p>Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm CGR</p> <p>Science Club Invite only session Lab 2 JHD</p> <p>Eco Schools Club Week 1 Room 21 (Lab 3) MBI First meeting Thursday 20th September 2018</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>KS3/KS2 Dance 3.30 - 4.45pm LMO/KRE (starts 16th January)</p> <p>KS3 Girls Rugby Club 3.30 - 4.45pm RMA</p> <p>5/6 Girls Netball Club 3.30-4.45pm KRE</p> <p>KS3 Boys Rugby Club 3.30 - 4.45pm PJE</p>
Friday	<p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p>		<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p>

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

cumulative

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 14th February 2019 — 14th March 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Ashleigh Morris (Year 7 CAMI) - who has read an incredible 370,086 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (Year 6 CMBI) - who has read a fantastic 480,932 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



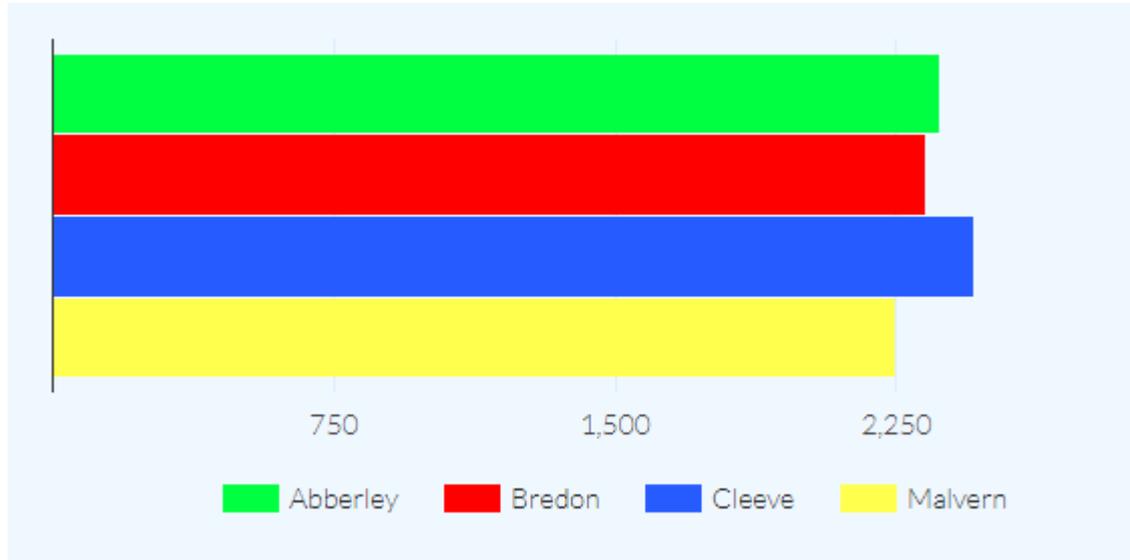
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 17—Mon 20	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Thurs 20— Sat 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7 & 8	£ 315	Mr West
Fri 21— Mon 24	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 170	Mr Macdonald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



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🟡 Evie Barnish (BHMA) (37)
2. 🟠 Elis Potter (ALWA) (26)
2. 🟠 Emily Natrass (ALBA) (26)
2. 🟠 Kasey Court (ALBA) (26)
2. 🟠 Cameron Banks (BRCO) (26)
6. 🟡 Niamh Campbell (CLBK) (25)
6. 🟠 Sophie Hands (MDSL) (25)
8. 🟠 Queenie Butler (CLBK) (24)
8. 🟠 Sam Curtis (MDSL) (24)
10. 🟠 Beth Haigney (AAGA) (23)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2019	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
2020	Friday 25 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November	Half Term
	Friday 20 December	End of Term
	Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
	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