

Dear Parents and Carers,

I extend apologies to any of you who have needed to get into school and have been challenged by our security gates at the front. Regrettably, they have been carrying out their task too well, for they are being overly secure; actually, they will not open! A new part is on order, so please bear with us.



"I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure."

Psalm 40: 1-2



We have had a very sporty school today, more than usual, even. There has been a profusion of football team kits or at least the shirts, and a variety of other combinations too. I was not the only one in our PE kit, and the colours of trainers is amazing. All the money raised from the donations today will be passed to Sports Relief, of course.

The sports teams have continued to do well this half term, and I have been pleased as to the commitment of our Friday sports participants, where we take part in less common sporting events. This week it was archery.

Tickets for Buggy are on sale, and the hall is beginning to be turned into an extended stage and scenery is being painted. Props are being collected and costume fittings have been going on. Thank you to those of you who have offered items of varying sizes.



Sunday 22nd March is Mothers' Day. It has been a tradition for about 30 years for a local charity to come into school and for pupils to purchase flowers if they wished. Consequently, next Friday Where Next? are in school, and details are inside.



The following week, that of 23rd March, will have college matches and pupils will know when and how these are taking place. For Year 6, these will be contained within PE lessons. The College system is one of the strengths of our school, with the pastoral care that is always in action, as well as the competitive elements through ePraise points and, of course, sport.

Rev. C. Leach, Principal

A prayer by St. Patrick

Dear God, I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me from snares of devils, from temptation and from everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near. Amen.

This week's theme was:

St. Patrick

If I have any worth, it is to live my life for God so as to teach these peoples; even though some of them still look down on me.

St. Patrick

Whole School Attendance

95.51%

Whole School Target

95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 02.03.20

ATRA

CLBK



For the week ahead

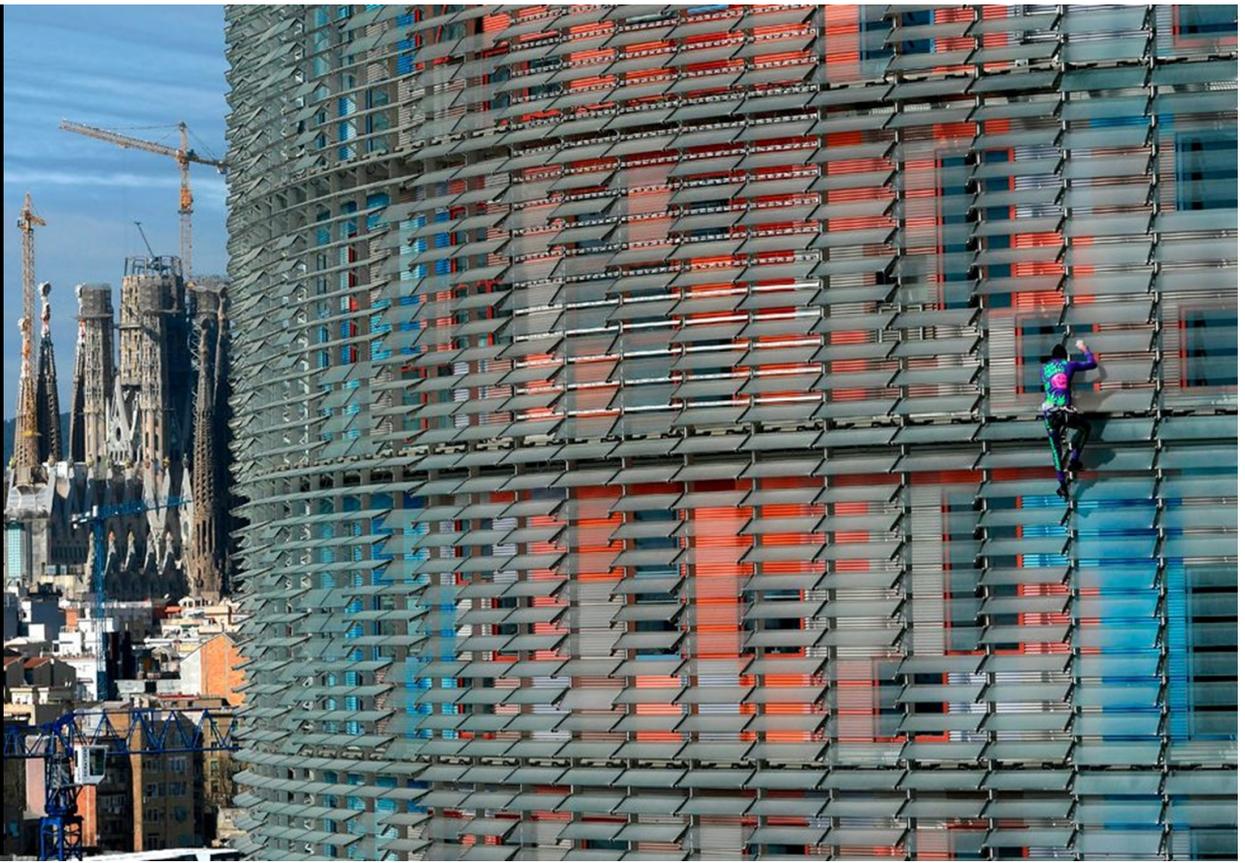
The Fruit of Faith is:	Tolerance	Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another. Ephesians 4:2
The assembly theme:	Prejudice	My friends, as believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, you must never treat people in different ways according to their outward appearance. James 2:1

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

The weekend	Professionals who are managing contagion	Monday	Sports staff at our school
Tuesday	Confident rehearsals for the school production	Wednesday	The teachers and support staff of Vaynor First School
Thursday	The lives of those with life-threatening illnesses	Friday	The local politicians of Redditch

Picture of the Week

French skyscraper climber Alain Robert, climbs the Agbar Tower in Barcelona, Spain. To the left is the *Basílica de la Sagrada Família*, started in 1882 and still unfinished.





Week Commencing 16.03.20

Music Rehearsals (Lunchtime in Music Room)

Monday – 12:35 – Tallulah (Tallulah)

12:55 – Everyone except main lead characters and girl singers

Tuesday – 12:55 – Girl Singers (Bugsy Malone)

Wednesday – 12:35 – Lena Marelli (Show Business)

12:55 - Everyone except main lead characters and girl singers

Thursday – 12:35 – Bugsy, Blousey (I'm feeling fine)

Friday – 12:55 – Everyone except main lead characters and girl singers

Acting Rehearsals (Lunchtime in Room 10)

Tuesday – Smolsky, O'Dreary, Leroy, Bugsy, Babyface (Pg53-55)

Wednesday – Blousey, Bangles, Tillie, Dotty, Loretta, Bugsy, Smolsky, O'Dreary (Pg35-38)

Thursday – Dandy Dan, Fat Sam (Dandy and Sam scenes)

Friday – Tallulah, Bugsy (Pg26-27)

Afterschool Rehearsal (3:30-5.30pm in Hall)

Tuesday and Thursday for the whole cast

Remember to bring in your costumes in a bag with your name on and a hanger. Take them to Mrs Belson in the tech block if you haven't already.

Walkwood
Church of England Middle School



Bugsy Malone



Tuesday 31st March

Wednesday 1st April

Thursday 2nd April

7.30pm

All tickets £5



Rugby and Hockey 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 24 th March	Lesson 2 and 3	Year 8
Tuesday 24 th March	Lesson 4 and 5	Year 5
Thursday 26 th March	Lesson 4 and 5	Year 7



Year 6 will have their college match in their normal PE lessons so not to impact English and Maths lessons.

Please can you make sure pupils have correct PE kit for the following days. It is also highly recommended that boys have boots, gum shields and girls have shin pads.

Thanks,

PE Department

Mothers' Day Price List 2020

Where Next

Potted Primroses	£1.00
Gift-wrapped Kalenchia	£4.00
Gift-wrapped Chrysanthemums	£6.00
Gift-wrapped Potted Rose	£7.00
Gift-wrapped Azalea	£6.00
Hydrangeas	£6.00
Gift-wrapped Jasmine	£8.00
Gift-wrapped Camelia	£10.00
Gift-wrapped Calla's	£10.00
Orchids	£10.00
Gift-wrapped Herb Tree	£10.00
Various other Gift Sets	£5 to £15

All plants/flowers subject to availability

All prices include VAT and are subject to change

Where Next is a charity working with adults with learning difficulties nurturing their potential. We are very grateful for your support.

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

zealot

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 12th February 2020 — 12th March 2020

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Lottie Duke (Year 8 ALWA) - who has read 742,584 words

Top Boy

Ethan Skinner (Year 5 MPJE) - who has read 1,043,139 words

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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU





Trips and Visits

2019 - 2020



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 15 - Mon 18	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Wed 17 - Fri 19	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 19 - Mon 22	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7	£ 320	Mr West
Fri 19 - Mon 22	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 173	Mr Macdonald/ Mrs Cull

"Show your wonderful love. Your mighty arm protects those who run to you for safety."

Psalm 17: 7



Keeping children safe

The following information concerns how we continue to ensure that pupils are cared for within our school:

Early help: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/19c6-Early%20Help%20Offer.pdf>

E-safety: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/E-Safety>

Anti-bullying: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/f2c9-Anti-bullying%20Policy.pdf>

Attendance: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/53d7-Attendance%202018.pdf>

Prevent: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/25a5-Prevent%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Safeguarding: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection>

<https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/a297-Safeguarding%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Relationships and Sex Education: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/9ca0-Relationships%20and%20Sex%20Education%20Policy%202019.pdf>



Clubs and Activities

Spring Term Part 2, 2020



	Before School 8.00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library Orchestra Music Room 8.45-9.30am (CGR)		
Tuesday	Homework Club Library	Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club - DT Block 3.30 - 4.30pm Year 5, 6, 7 Netball Training 3.30 - 4.45 pm (KRE) Production Rehearsal - Hall 3.30 - 5.00 pm (TTO/CGR)
Wednesday	Homework Club Library	Colouring Club Room 15 (RSH) Silent Reading Club - Room 19 (LBA) KS3 Science Ambassadors - Lab 2 12.50 - 1.20pm (JHd)	Homework Club - DT Block 3.30 - 4.30pm KS2 Science Club - Lab 2 3.30 - 4.30pm (JHd) Cooking Club 3.30 - 4.45pm (DSL) Cheerleading Squad 3.30 - 5.30pm (LMO/KRE)
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) - Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club - DT Block 3.30 - 4.30pm Production Rehearsal - Hall 3.30 - 5.00 pm (TTO/CGR)
Friday	Homework Club Library		



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🏠 James Swinnerton (BRCO) (28)
2. 🏠 Rhys Edmonds (ALBA) (23)
2. 🏠 Stanley Coyle (BLWO) (23)
4. 🏠 Luke Moisy (MDSL) (22)
4. 🏠 Alfie Bonehill (BRCO) (22)
4. 🏠 Aleeza Naveed Ata (BRCO) (22)
4. 🏠 Kaysan Yapp (BRCO) (22)
4. 🏠 Allisia Coles (BRCO) (22)
4. 🏠 Millie Payne (BRCO) (22)
10. 🏠 Dolce Durber (BLWO) (21)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 0	Wednesday 18 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm
	Tuesday 31st March	Bugsy Malone Production
	Wednesday 1st April	Bugsy Malone Production
	Thursday 2nd April	Bugsy Malone Production
	Friday 3 April	End of Term
	Monday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 6 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 8 May	May Day bank holiday
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	Half Term
	Thursday 4 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 10 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 17 July	End of Term
	Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 September	Staff Development Days
	Thursday 3 September	First day of the Autumn Term
Friday 23 October	Staff Development Day	
Monday 26 to Friday 30 October	Half term	
2 0 2 1	Friday 18 December	End of Term
	Monday 4 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February	Half Term
	Thursday 1 April	End of Term
	Monday 19 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	Half Term
	Wednesday 21 July	End of Term