

**21<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: End of Term 1**

As we reach the end of this first half-term at Selwood Academy, I want to take the opportunity to congratulate all of our Year 5 pupils on a truly outstanding start to their time with us. Our school vision, *Let Your Light Shine*, has been beautifully reflected in the way the children have approached this new chapter with enthusiasm, courage, and determination. It has been wonderful to see how well they have settled into life at their new school.

The transition to a new school is always a significant milestone, and our Year 5 pupils have shown great resilience as they've navigated their way around a new and much larger school site. It's been a pleasure to witness them exploring new subjects and thriving in their lessons. Their curiosity and willingness to try new things have really shone through, and they should all be very proud of what they've achieved so far.

A special highlight of the term was the Welcome Service at St. John's Church. The children worked incredibly hard to rehearse, and their performance was truly special—a wonderful way to mark the beginning of this exciting new chapter in their learning journey. The pupils performed with such confidence and grace, it was a wonderful way for them to shine, both individually and as a group.

Additionally, our trip to Cheddar gave the children an exciting opportunity to explore the caves and immerse themselves in hands-on learning outside the classroom. Their sense of adventure and teamwork throughout the trip was a real credit to them.

I would also like to thank you, as parents and carers, for your continued support throughout this half term. The children's success and positivity wouldn't be possible without the strong partnership between home and school.

As we approach the half-term break, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable time, filled with autumnal adventures, Halloween celebrations, and time to relax and recharge. We look forward to welcoming the children back after the holiday on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**, refreshed and ready for all the exciting opportunities ahead.

Yours Sincerely,



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**Head of Key Stage 2**

*'Let your light shine before others'* Matthew 5 v 16  
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