



SELWOOD ACADEMY

ANGLICAN/METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOOL



N e w s l e t t e r



Once again it's been a very busy term at Selwood, with shows, trips, sports matches & events, clubs, celebrations, fundraisers..... We hope you all have a lovely Easter break with your children, they have earned a rest! We look forward to doing even more next term!

Communication

As you are aware we now send the majority of our correspondence by email, and after Easter will extend this to Suspension, Attendance and SEND letters too. We will also be using our text messaging system to inform you if your child has not attended an after school club. We will need you to contact us when you receive the message so that we can be sure your child is safe. Please remember to keep checking our website, newsletters, Facebook and your emails for up to date information and ensure that we always have up to date contact details for you.

We want to say a huge thank you to all who made our recent school show possible. From the pupils themselves to the staff involved and the parents and carers for their support, we could not have done it without you. It was a real team effort and the results spoke for themselves. Those of you who were lucky enough to have tickets enjoyed an evening of wonderful drama, song and comedy. For more pictures, [please click here](#).



"Let your light shine before others" Matthew 5 v 19

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - Selwood Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

SATS support

Available now on our website. Click this link.
<https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/curriculum/sats>

With SATs just around the corner, we are happy to announce our revision sessions will be starting at the beginning of next term. These will be during lesson times and homework will be set daily – please don't worry, only Maths and English will be setting homework for this duration.

We are also inviting some students to attend workshops over the Easter break, at lunch times and after school with a team of specialists delivering fun and exciting activities in a relaxed environment.

Home learning revision packs will be coming home with your child by Friday and will be expected to be back in school during the first week so teachers can look through and check for areas for further development.

Here's hoping you all have a wonderful Easter holiday and we look forward to the new term ahead.



LGBT Hero - William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare wrote 38 plays, 150 poems and is Britain's most celebrated writer...and he was likely a bisexual.

In his Sonnets (love poems) – nearly half are dedicated to a man.

Many of his plays feature characters who some believe were intended to be gay.

Literacy tip of the week:

- A **fronted adverbial** is a word or phrase that goes at the **beginning** (the front) of a sentence. Hence the word '**fronted**'.
- It describes the **verb** in the sentence.
- It can tell us about **where**, **when** or **how** something happened.

For example:-

At the end of the street, the gang waited for the boy to appear. (**where**)

Yesterday, I met an alien on my way home from school. (**when**)

Quick as a flash, the dog snatched the sausages and vanished into thin air! (**how**)

A **comma** should follow a fronted adverbial!

Book Fair

Once again the Book Fair was a huge success! All pupils visited the fair at some point over the week and enjoyed browsing the selection of books on offer. A fantastic £886 was raised for the school to spend on new titles for the library. Many thanks to all who supported this, the pupils will benefit greatly from having new books to read.



Miss Farley took a group of 10 mixed aged pupils and went to the Cheese Show Field tree planting with Frome Town Council. Together they planted what will grow into a whole new wild fence around the edge of the play park. The children learnt how to dig down using hand trowels and shovels to plant the hedges. They got caught out with the weather and all ended up absolutely soaked and muddy (sorry to parents who had extra washing!) but it didn't dampen their spirits!



Selwood students in the community:

A massive well done from all at Selwood to Callum A and Lilly T who have both been praised by members of the public for their assistance with a woman who had collapsed in town.

SELWOOD ACADEMY CLUBS

The club list for the Summer Term will be sent to parents immediately after the Easter break. Clubs can be booked via the link which will also be sent. Look out for some new clubs; Journalism, Art Assassins and Mini Tennis are just a few. Spaces are limited, so keep an eye out for the email!



Year 7 Netball Workshop

Two mixed Year 7 Selwood Netball team went to Hugh Sexy School for a Netball Workshop with Griffin School. Both teams played some excellent netball and teamwork. We were placed first and third, well done to all of our players and captains.



Bath Rugby

Selwood had a great opportunity to be coached by Bath Rugby Coaches Maria and Hannah. Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed the Rugby Session and learnt some new skills. Our After School Girls Rugby Team also showed off their skills to the Bath Rugby Coaches. We look forward to having them back at Selwood soon.



Tag Rugby

On Wednesday 30th March, Selwood entered two year 5 and 6 teams into the Clive Lewis Tag Rugby Festival, an annual event held at Frome Rugby Club. Teams were selected based on the commitment these pupils had shown to the after school tag rugby club earlier in the school year.

It was the return of the festival following the pandemic and we are so pleased our pupils were able to attend and enjoy the event. Our pupils played some great rugby and scored some impressive individual and team tries. Players of the festival, as chosen by their teammates were Lilly C and Harry W.



English - What we are learning about:

Students in Years 5 are working on a non-fiction unit about climate change.

Year 6 are currently preparing for their SATs by focussing on exam questions, preparing for their SATs in May.

Students in Year 7 are reading either *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* OR *Raven's Gate*.

Please note: Although Year 7 are studying the novel 'Harry Potter' for their book study, we are exploring this as a work of fiction and in no way endorse the politics or point of view of its author when it comes to people's identity.

Year 8 students are learning about non-fiction speech writing by exploring a range of speeches and writing their own.



Selwood Pride Club's terminology of the week:

Each newsletter Selwood Pride Club will be exploring and explaining some of the terminology around the LGBT community to help parents and students better understand some of the terms they might hear.

Cisgender - Someone whose gender identity is the same as the sex they were assigned at birth. Non-trans is also used by some people.



Thank you to all pupils, parents, carers and staff who donated to our non uniform day. We raised a total of £354.10 which will be shared between the local Frome town council appeal <https://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/fromes-twin-town-ukrainian-appeal/> and also the red cross <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

Diary Dates - please remember that the school calendar on our website is updated regularly. [Please click here to view.](#)

April

8 End of Term 4, 3.10pm
25 Term 5 begins, 8.40am

May

2 Bank Holiday - School closed
9 - 12 Yr 6 SATs week
16 - 20 Yr 6 Residential
26 Yr 6 Height & weights
27 End of Term 5, 3.10pm



This newsletter and other letters from school are available to read on our website

<https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/>



FAMILY HOLIDAY



Activities for families on benefits or free school meals, with additional needs or disabilities, or referrals.

Monday 11th April	NATURE CRAFTS	Christ Church School
Tuesday 12th April	FAMILY COOKERY	Trinity Hall
Wednesday 13th April	BOULDERING	Boulder Rooms
Tuesday 19th April	FAMILY COOKERY	Trinity Hall
Wednesday 20th April	BOULDERING	Boulder Rooms
Thursday 21st April	GARDENING	Cricket Club

All sessions are from 10am to 12pm

Entry charge of £1 per child

Free Fair Frome lunch for everyone attending!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - contact lenkagrimes@purpleelephant.org.uk to book a place or ask your school or support worker to refer you

Adults to accompany and remain responsible for their children at all times.

Family support workers available at all sessions.

