

# SELWOOD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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We hope that all  
Pupils, Parents and  
staff have a wonderful  
summer break!

Please note: Pupils will  
finish at 12.45pm on  
Wednesday 19th July  
2023

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Friday 14th July**– Yr 8 prom

**Wednesday 19th July**– Early closure 12.45pm

**Monday 4th September**– Inset day

**Tuesday 5th September**– Inset day

**Wednesday 6th September**– Back to school



Pupils will return to  
school on Wednesday  
6th September 2023

Well done to our very own Mr Sage who has been awarded a Certificate of Excellence for Lifetime Achievement by Pearson National Teaching Awards! Mr Sage has been teaching at Selwood for 19 years and has always shown dedication to teaching and an ability to inspire pupils and staff. During his years at Selwood he has always been a popular teacher, with current and former pupils and staff contributing to his nomination for this award. We are very proud of you Mr Sage!

# SAYING GOODBYE & NEW STARTERS



It is always a sad time at the end of an academic year when we have to say our goodbyes to well loved staff and pupils who are moving on. We wish all our Year 8 pupils every success in their next schools, they have been a fantastic year group and we will miss them.

We are saying goodbye to:

Mr M George - Teacher

Mr C Barker - Teacher

Mrs J Pearce - Teacher

Mr N Proud - Teacher

Mrs L Cook - Deputy SENCO/Teacher

Mr J Chalk - Site supervisor

Mrs T Linton-Moon - Head Chef (who served 22 years at Selwood Academy!)

Miss L Martin - Cover supervisor

Thank you to them for inspiring Selwood pupils and we wish them all the best for the future!



We will also welcome a number of new staff to our community.

We are incredibly excited about what they will bring to Selwood Academy!

Please welcome:

Mrs K Mead- Teacher

Mr B Collishaw - Teacher

Dr L Bacon - Teacher

Mr D Somers - Teacher

Mr M McElya - Teacher

Mrs B Lawson – Pastoral Assistant

Mrs C Gibb - Teaching Assistant



# UNIFORM POLICY



## Academy Uniform

We take great pride in a high standard of uniform. We know that for our children it promotes a sense of pride and belonging in our community. The cooperation of parents and carers to ensure that their children are wearing the correct uniform is greatly appreciated.

Our uniform consists of:

- \*Royal blue, V-neck jumper, with the Academy logo.
- Formal white shirt.
- \*Blue/gold striped tie. This can be a choice of clip-on or proper tie.
- Black school trousers or skirt.
- Trousers must not be cords, chinos or skinny jeans/skinny drainpipe trousers.
- Skirts must be knee-length.



Optionally, you can wear tailored shorts (mid-knee length) or culottes (knee-length) also.

Leggings are not an acceptable alternative for skirts or trousers

- Dark or white, ankle or knee-high socks. If wearing tights these must be dark.
- Sensible leather-type plain black shoes or trainers.



Must not have logos or any colour showing. Plimsolls/canvas type shoes will not be acceptable. Heels must be no more than 1in. In adverse weather, boots may be worn on the way to school and then changed upon arrival.

It is recommended that a warm, weatherproof coat should be worn if the weather warrants this.

No alternatives such as hoodies/sweatshirts or zip-up sweatshirts/fleeces please.

# YEAR 6 SATs RESULTS



Despite national news in relation to the high level of challenge in this year's SATs papers and schools still working to fill gaps in learning following the pandemic, Selwood Academy are celebrating record breaking results, further building on their huge successes last year. As a year group there were a number of huge successes, with a record breaking number of pupils achieving the expected standard across Reading, Writing and Maths.

A group of notable performances include Sam B, Callum J, Douglas L, Lotty M, Lucy R (pictured) and Dylan T who achieved greater depth in all available areas, which is an incredible performance.

Head teacher Dan Jeffries noted *"these results are a testament to the incredible efforts of our staff and pupils, they have truly let their light shine and I couldn't be more proud of them. We know our pupils put everything they had into these assessments and therefore deserve to be full of pride, and most importantly that they absolutely did the best for them. These results reaffirm our reputation for exceptional Academic performance. We had so many exceptional performances including pupils who moved from pre key stage to age related and those that despite extended time in hospital still achieved greater depth! We know that the care, support and nurture that we have given our pupils have really prepared our pupils to face this challenge"*

He then continued *"these results wrap up another incredible year at the Academy; from the strong OFSTED inspection a year ago, the incredible trips the children have undertaken, our sell out production of Mary Poppins at the Merlin, our block buster summer concert as well as our incredibly popular taster days which saw over 200 year 3 pupils experience a day at Selwood. I am so proud of the children and the whole community and I am full of hope and excitement as I know next year will provide even more opportunities for our pupils to flourish!"*



# PLANNED TRIPS & PURCHASES - 2023/24



Year 5	Term	Estimated cost
Caving	1	£50
Church Visits	2	£20
Harry Potter Studios	3	£50
Disneyland Paris	4	£415
Swimming		£55
Year 6	Term	Estimated cost
Residential Trip	6	£225
Portsmouth Harbour visit	5	£40
Ski Trip (every other year – starting March 2025)		£1500
Year 7	Term	Estimated cost
Theatre Trip	1	£50
Places of worship trip	3	£30
Disneyland Paris	4	£415
Black country museum	4	£50
Ski Trip (every other year – starting March 2025)		£1500
Year 8	Term	Estimated cost
First world war play at the Merlin Theatre	1	Free
Theatre Trip	4	£50
Lyme Regis	5	£20
Normandy	6	£420
Thorpe Park	6	£50
Prom	6	£20
Leavers hoodies		£20
Whole school	Term	Estimated cost
Panto		£5-7



# UPDATES & THANK YOU



We are delighted to congratulate the pupils below who have been awarded pupil leadership roles following an interview with the Headteacher:

Head Boy - Wilson T

Head Girl - Olivia C

Deputy Head Girl - Daisy D

Deputy Head Boy - Alfie B

We are confident they will represent our school in the best way, in whatever they do!

Thank you to all the pupils who put themselves forward for these roles.



A big thank you to Clink Evangelical Church in Frome for presenting our year 5's with their own personal bible as a way to celebrate their first year at Selwood.

Pictured are: Amelia, Rosa, Eowyn and Maddison.



# A TEAM GB DEBUT!



A year 8 pupil at Selwood Academy competed for Great Britain at the Scalabis Cup in Portugal and managed to strike gold in the under 14's team and bronze individually in the same event!

This was her GB debut and quite an achievement for her and the school!

A big well done to Izzie and her team mates!



# STUDENT TAKEOVER

## A small guide for comedians not written by a comedian

**A few good jokes and a lot of dad jokes to be funny and annoying.**

"What's the best thing about Switzerland? "I don't know, but the flag is a big plus."

"I don't trust stairs. There always up to something"

"How do you get a squirrel to like you? Act like a nut"

"I don't trust those trees. They seem kind of shady"

"Where do boats go when they are sick? to the boat doc."

### **Now some good jokes**

Why do we tell actors to "break a leg?" because every play has a cast.

Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his scrabble letters on the road. I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"

Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut? He just needed a little space.

Why don't scientists trust atoms? Because they make up everything.

A man tells his doctor "Doc! help me! I'm addicted to twitter!" The doctor replies "Sorry, I don't follow you..."

Written by Oli S

## Chess termly

It is chess weekly but you have to wait longer.

The Pirc defence is an opening that many grandmasters use most frequently. It starts with e4,d6.Then white plays d4, knight (not called a horse) f6.then white plays knight c3and finally black plays g6.this link will help you practise [chess.com](https://www.chess.com)



Next the Grunfeld defence a German defence.it starts d4 knight f6,c4 g6, then knight c3 for white d5 then there is the possibility pawn captures on d5.If so black captures with knight on d5.Then white plays e4 giving white an imposing central pawn duo. [For chess nerds!](#)

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# STUDENT TAKEOVER

## Carnival In Frome

Our carnival club is called cheeky monkeys JCC.

This was last year when we did Alice in Wonderland. We had lots of fun!

Everyone can do carnival but you don't have to if you don't want to. I did my first carnival at the age of five months old.



Allan Curtis

On the 21st of January 2023, at the age of 83, Alan very sadly passed away. He was chairman for 14 whole years and continued to help our carnival improve, he will be sadly missed. You can donate at [illuminatedcarnival.co.uk](http://illuminatedcarnival.co.uk) to help the carnival, even a single pound could make a big difference so please be generous! It will help us to continue carnival!



## Climate change

Climate change is to do with temperatures and weather patterns, this is a natural part of life. However, climate change is causing the ocean to get warmer and the temperature is rising which means the polar-ice-caps are melting which is bad for polar bears.

Climate change affects everything from geopolitics to economies to migration.

*In the past decade is likely to have been the hottest period in the last 125,000 years. For about 100,000 years, we have been oscillating between glacial (ice ages) and warmer interglacial periods like the one we currently live in. Yet, this is also the warmest multi-century period we have had in this*

How you can help:

- Make your voice heard!
- Eat less meat and dairy
- Cut back on flying
- Reduce your energy use
- Cut consumption and waste



# SUBJECT NEWS

## Maths

Year 5 - We are finishing our final topics based around position and direction including reflection and translation.

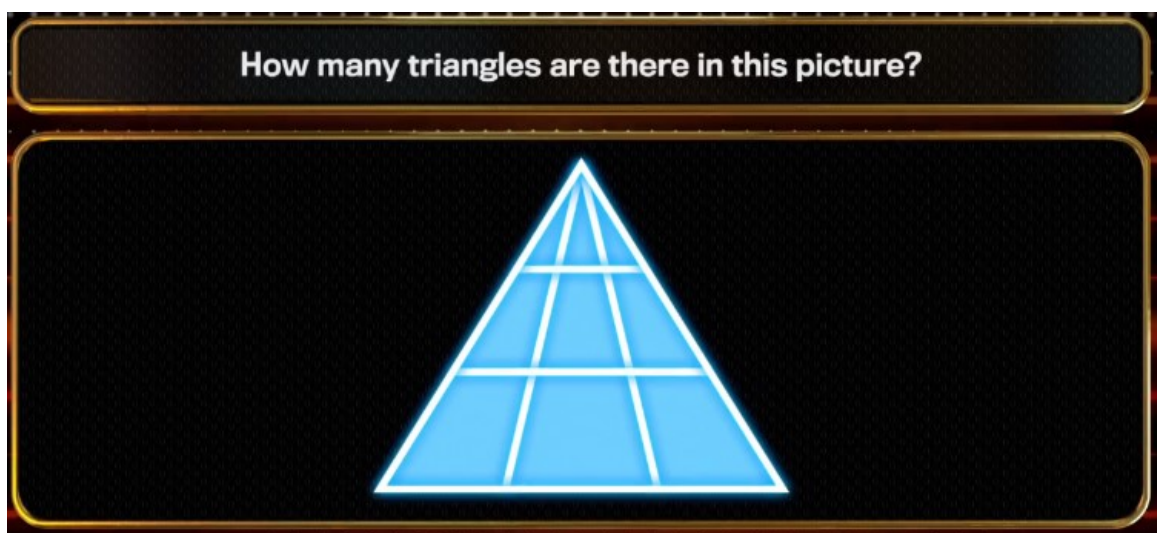
Year 6 - We are completing a project on tours looking at climate, accommodation, currency conversion and budgeting.

Year 7 - We are continuing to look at our final two units of sequences and graphs and transformations

Year 8 - Also continuing to look at our final topics of graphs and fractions, decimals and percentages

All year groups may also complete one off lessons such as Mr March's firm favourite 'Pirate game' before the end of the year.

Parent challenge question:



# A SHORT STORY BY LOTTY



## The Haunted Holiday House by Lotty (Year 6)

Why didn't I listen to the warnings? I'd heard the rumours long before we arrived at the holiday home but I didn't believe in ghosts until this one night. My parents and I were hoping for a relaxing month in Scotland in a nice, little house. We knew about the stories but it wasn't a problem for us as we didn't believe in such nonsense.

My friends had warned me (my family members too), even the old librarian gave me books warning me about the stories. Normally, I wouldn't open books, let alone look at them but I was curious to see all the made-up madness. The story had explained that a young girl had once lived there with her family, she was about six, it was night when the mystery took place, everyone was asleep until her parents had heard screaming from Annabelle's (the girl's) room. That night she was found dead in her room, how she died was unknown but people say you can hear her screams every time you enter her room.

'She was supposedly murdered then' I thought to myself. Unfortunately, the room I was staying in (you can see where this is going) was Annabelle's room.

"Lizzie!! We're heading out now!" shouted my Mum.

Ugh, my parents had gone out for a stupid drink with their friends in the town, so I was by myself...or so I thought.

"Okay!!" I shouted back, waiting to hear the door slam shut.

"I'll see you later! There's food in the fridge, if you need anything just call!!"

The door quietly shut, a locking sound coming from outside. Sliding down the bannister into the kitchen, I hoped to get something to eat. Walking into the kitchen and smelling the pollenated flowers, I licked my lips, opened the fridge and grabbed some fresh fruit before heading to the living room.

I got to the sofa slumping back, grabbing the remote, turning on the TV. Suddenly, a shiver ran down my spine crawling to my legs. I had never felt that sensation before so I got up to close the window, which wasn't open; that was weird. The shiver didn't disappear though. I didn't think much of it until my stomach was tingling, something I had never felt before.

Without warning, the lights started flickering, the feeling of someone or something behind my shoulder. Quickly, I turned around but there was nothing to see; the surprise in my heartbeat was definitely noticeable, my eyebrows lifted, palms clammy and shaking. "H-hello..?" I whispered, waiting for a response.

'Knock'

'Knock'

'Knock'

A loud sound came from upstairs...in Annabelle's room... With my mouth agape, I felt my body stand up and start to walk around, I wasn't wanting to move? It was like my body was being controlled, I was the puppet and my master...?...Was Annabelle.

"Hehe"

"Heh"

"Heh"

I could hear a little girl's voice laughing, I was being pulled around not being able to move. Annabelle was waiting, I knew she was. She wanted someone, a little toy to play her mischievous games.

Being pulled by thick, invisible strings, I was put in front of the stairs; slowly I looked up the stairs, water dripping from my hazel orbs. At the top of the stairs stood a shadowy figure staring into my soul.

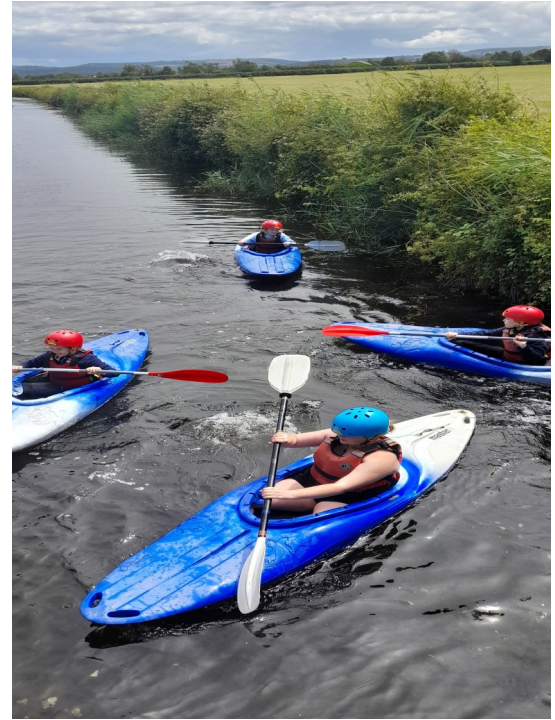
She was floating side to side, her two pigtails swishing in sync. Her thick, pink nightgown went down past her knees, she was clenching what looked like a teddy bear.

"A-Annabelle?" I quietly shouted, terrified what would happen next. I never thought I would communicate with a ghost because I don't or well didn't believe in them. "You'll be a good puppet!" her raspy voice whispered, smiling creepily.





# YEAR 6 MENDIP RESIDENTIAL



Over the week of July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup>, we took 2 groups of year 6 pupils on an unforgettable trip to Mendip Activity Centre.

All pupils had the opportunity to push themselves out of their comfort zones through a range of exciting activities. These included: kayaking, an assault course, rock climbing, and abseiling.

Our pupils seemed to really enjoy themselves throughout this unique experience and the food was delicious!

# SPORTS NEWS



On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June the Year 8 Rounders Team travelled to Hugh Sexey School to play 4 other Schools in a Rounders Tournament.

They won all their matches against - Hugh Sexey, Fairlands, Crispin and Oakfield to be year 8 Rounders Champions.

Well done to the whole team, Player of the Match awarded to - Lily R, Ottilie M, Tia D and Robyn J.



22 Year 8 pupils were invited to the Merlin Theatre on Wednesday 28th June to take part in a Dance Workshop hosted by the Head of Dance and Year 10 Students from Frome College. They learned 6 different dances which was led by the College students. We also watched some outstanding dance performances from the Year 11 GCSE class.

This has really inspired the students to take part in dance in Frome College. Thank you to Frome College and the Year 10 Dance Leaders.



# SPORTS NEWS



25 Year 7 Girls took part in 'Project Rugby' for 5 weeks with Bath Rugby Foundation. All the girls developed their rugby skills including, contact, rucking, line outs and tackling. Coach Lana from Bath Rugby Foundation was really impressed with the group and awarded Lilly, Mollie, Tegan and Ruby gifts for the most improved players. We are excited about the Year 8 Girls Rugby team next year.



On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June we hosted our annual school Sports Day. The school field was buzzing with activity and excitement! Pupils seemed to really enjoy competing in a wide range of events despite the poor weather. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came down to support the event!



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**SASP & Somerset Cricket Foundation**

**SUMMER  
HOLIDAY FUN  
FOR CHILDREN  
ON FREE  
SCHOOL  
MEALS**

## **CRICKET, GAMES AND LUNCH**

**9 – 11 YEAR OLDS**

**9TH & 10TH  
AUGUST**

at Frome  
Cricket Club  
10am - 2pm



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

### PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

### FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

### TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## Frome CHILDREN'S Festival

**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY**  
**10AM TO 4PM**

AT THE  
**CHEESE AND GRAIN**  
THROUGH TO  
**WELSHMILL PARK**



**FREE FAMILY FUN**  
WITH MORE ACCESSIBLE ACTIVITIES

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