

SELWOOD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Year 5 and 7 school photographs will be taking place on **Friday 18th October 2024**.

Just a reminder that sibling photos will not be available during this time.

Please also ensure your child/ren are in full uniform and presentable for their photographs.

Thank you.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

16th Oct - Year 7&8 author visit

18th Oct - Year 5&7 School photos

23rd Oct - Year 7 Theatre Trip

25th Oct - End of Term 1

If your child/ren currently attend any after school clubs, please can you ensure you have updated the school with their getting home preference i.e walking or being collected.

You can do this by calling or emailing us on:
selwoodacademy@selwood-academy.co.uk

Potential age range extension update

As we have received a number of questions in relation to this matter. We thought it would be useful to provide a quick update. As you are aware we have remained in discussion with all key stakeholders. Discussions have been very positive and we have an increasing certainty that our vision will be achieved in the future and will continue to work towards this, however it will not be immediate. We will of course keep you informed as significant updates become available.

To find out more about what your child will be learning throughout the year please see our curriculum page on the website which has a year group break down and the individual subject's progression if you wish to see in more detail. <https://www.selwood.somerset.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-overview>

YEAR 5 CAVING TRIP



On week commencing 30th September, we took 186 year 5 pupils on an adventure trip as part of their team building and social skills unit in PE.

The pupils went in tutor groups with their tutor and had a great time. They spent half the day participating in team building activities and the other half in Goatchurch Cavern discovering the amazing areas that are over 250 million years old.

They worked together superbly and helped others overcome their fears.

A great time was had by all and hope that all came out of the trip learning resilience and how to be part of a great team.

Thanks to all the parents for allowing your children to go on the trip and the excellent tutors and volunteers who helped staff the trip and give the pupils a great life experience.

AWARDS EVENING



Our annual Awards Evening took place on Wednesday 25th September 2024. This was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate all the hard work and efforts of our most deserving children whilst also recognising that this could not have been achieved without the hard work and dedication of all staff at Selwood. It proved to be a memorable evening for all concerned. A huge congratulations to all our main Award winners!

Avid Readers Award	Year 5- Elena T Rena H Year 6- Alexa J, Eva H Year 7- Liam A-F, Henry T Year 8- Ava M, Will H
Charitable Award	Lily P
Participation Award	Sasha S
Community Service Award	Anouk S-E Sarah R
Extra Mile Award	Ellis H
School Spirit Award	Minnie M
MFL Award	Ava V
Smart Art Award	Sasha S
Young performer Award	Poppy D
Triple Threat Award	Isla W
Handwriting Hero Award	Tabby H
STEM Award	Lewis W
Mathematician Award	Tommy S
Humanities Award	Poppy B
Creative Writing Award	Laura A
Sports Personality of the Year Award	Lilly Rose H
Academic Achievement Award	Tommy S
Head Boy and Head Girl Award	Liam R

WRAPAROUND CARE



SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE



Academic year 2024-25

Wraparound Care for SELWOOD ACADEMY

Before & after school care during term time!
Breakfast 7.35 - 8.35am (including breakfast)
After School 3.15 - 4.15pm or 5.15pm finish
Ofsted Registered with a range of activities.
Book via - www.premier-education.com



Based on over 20,000 reviews



Premier Education are honoured to be able to provide the wraparound care at your school from Monday 30th September!

Our aim is to deliver a top quality, Ofsted registered provision, with a range of stimulating activities in a safe, secure and fun environment, providing an outstanding service for busy parents. Parents can relax knowing their children are in safe hands as all staff have experience working with school children, have been DBS checked, and hold Emergency First Aid and Safeguarding certificates.

Wraparound care sessions are open to all children, with no deposit or registration fee required. A healthy breakfast is provided during breakfast club and please ensure your child brings a snack for after schools club.

We also offer 15% discount for siblings

So what's next? Please book via the link below and see attached a flyer with more details, each hour is £5.50.

Here's the link [Book Selwood by clicking this link](#)

If you have any questions, please call us on 01953 499040 or email us @ office-123@premier-education.com

CAREERS UPDATE



As part of our personal development offer at Selwood, Careers education and guidance is an integral part of this work. Every young person deserves good career guidance to make informed decisions about their future. At Selwood we recognise this is a necessity in helping our young people to be the very best they can be and allowing them to let their light shine. To this end we have been working alongside The Careers & Enterprise Company to implement The Gatsby Benchmarks. I am pleased to share that last academic we have successfully achieved 100% in all of the categories below and have been ranked as the number one leading provider from 54 participating Schools across Somerset.

The eight Gatsby Benchmarks of Good Career Guidance are:

- 1. A stable careers programme**
- 2. Learning from career and labour market information**
- 3. Addressing the needs of each pupil**
- 4. Linking curriculum learning to careers**
- 5. Encounters with employers and employees**
- 6. Experiences of workplaces**
- 7. Encounters with further and higher education**
- 8. Personal guidance**



For more information regarding our careers programme at Selwood Academy, please follow the link: [Information for Pupils and Parents | Selwood Academy](#)

SUBJECT NEWS



MATHS

Year 5 - We are continuing to look at our concept of Place Value including comparing and ordering numbers up to 1,000,000 and positioning numbers on number lines. We will also be completing Pixl Assessments next week.

Year 6 - We are now looking at our 'Four operations' concept where we focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division including decimal numbers

Year 7 - We are still working through our Place value concept and looking at finding the range and median from sets of numbers.

Year 8 - We are completing our multiplicative change concept where we have looked at scale drawings and maps and how to interpret them.

If you wish to explore further, please follow the link to our Maths web page which has lots more information: [Mathematics | Selwood Academy](#)

ENGLISH

The concept we are focussing on this term is writing styles - with Year 5-8 looking at a variety of different types of non-fiction writing.

Year 5 - Will be focussing on autobiographical writing, studying a range of different extracts from autobiography before writing their own.

Year 6 - Will be using the fictional novel 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold as a route into exploring persuasive writing and non-chronological writing.

Year 7 - Are looking at poetry, exploring a range of poems from past to present.

Year 8 - Will explore the art of rhetoric and learn how to craft and perform their own speeches.

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Author Visits

On Tuesday the 12th November, we will be joined by the fantastic author Hannah Peck to celebrate the release of her new children's novel 'The River Thief'. Hannah is the author of the 'Katie on the Case' series and has been nominated for both the V&A and the Alligator's Mouth book awards for illustration.

***The River Thief** - 'When Adderley discovers Ef - a being who seems part human and part fish - in the river by her home, she is drawn into an adventure that challenges everything she's learnt about the world. Ef is searching for a special stone that they say has been stolen from their people. Could this be the key to the drought that is destroying Adderley's home? Together, Adderley and Ef resolve to recover the stone and return it to its true home, but the river waters are not always on their side and the journey is filled with danger.'*

This event will take place during P3, for Years 5 and 6.

We've also teamed up with the fabulous Hunting Raven books (found on Cheap Street in Frome) to offer the book at the specially discounted rate of £6.99. Please see ParentPay for details.

That's not all for author events though as Year 7 and 8 will get a chance to hear from local author Fleur Hitchcock on 16th October. Fleur will be in to talk about her new book 'Murder At Wintertide' to Year 7 and 8. For year 7 their event will take place during period 2, while it will be period 3 for year 8. Copies of the book will be available to pre-order via ParentPay. Again, thanks to Hunting Raven, we are able to offer this at a specially discounted price of £6.99.

***Murder At Wintertide** - George and his family are celebrating Christmas by the sea. But when a body washes up on the beach, George can't stop thinking about the strange lights he saw on the cliff top... Neither can his cousin, Isla. Together, they follow the clues, and as they draw nearer to the truth, they step further into danger. On land, or at sea, someone is desperate to stop them, whatever it takes. And that someone may be closer to home than they realise...*

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Recommended reading for each year group:

Year 5 -

- The 'Skandar' series - A F Steadman
- The Night bus Hero - Onjali Q Rauf
- The Haunting of Avaline Jones - Phil Hicks
- Loki - Louis Stowell
- Malamander - Thomas Taylor

Classic

- The Demon Headmaster - Gillian Cross

Year 6 -

- The 'Skandar' series - A F Steadman
- Millions - Frank Cottrell Boyce
- The Middler - Kirsty Applebaum
- Nevermore the Trials of Morgan Crow - Jessica Townsend

- Boy in the tower - Polly Ho Yen
- After the War - Tom Palmer

Classic

- Moondial - Helen Cresswell

Year 7 -

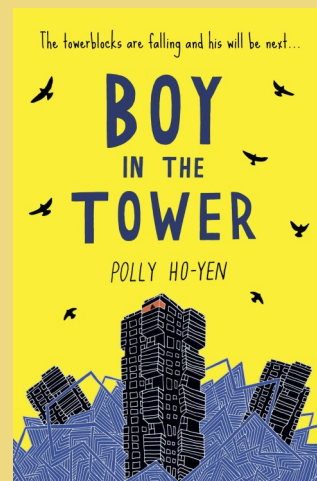
- The 'Skandar' series - A F Steadman
- Kick - Mitch Johnson
- The Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins
- His Dark Materials - Phgillip Pullman

Classic

- The Wolves of Willoughby Chase - Joan Aiken

Year 8 -

- The 'Skandar' series - A F Steadman
- Six of Crows - Leigh Bardugo
- Murder at Snowfall - Fleur Hitchcock
- The Maze Runner series - James Dashner



If you are struggling to find your child's next read, please don't hesitate to get in touch with either their English teacher or Mrs Parker in the library (rachel.parker@selwood-academy.co.uk) - We're always more than happy to offer support and recommendations



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ANGLICAN/METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOOL



Thank you to everyone who either made,
donated or brought cakes in to school on Friday
27th September!

The current total stands at £322.40 with money
still coming in!

A fantastic effort for a great cause.
Thank you everyone!

If you wish to donate, please scan
the QR code provided!

We thank you for your support for
our coffee morning!

