



SELWOOD ACADEMY
ANGLICAN/METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOOL



N e w s l e t t e r

YEAR 5 CAVING TRIP



Well done Year 5 for all conquering your fears on the caving trip. You were all amazing and were great ambassadors for Selwood!

"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.

SEND Update

To enhance the learning experience of our SEND pupils, Selwood Academy arranged for Internationally recognised SEND consultant, Gareth Morewood, to visit the Academy.



The visit took place on the 15 September when Gareth undertook Learning Walks, meetings with the SEND Team and looked over provision across the school. Gareth complimented the learning environment, saying that, ***At Selwood Academy there is clear evidence of a calm, focused learning environment. The Academy are committed to creating a safe, happy and enriching environment and this was evident from talking to staff and young people.***

Gareth was particularly impressed with the extra-curricular opportunities and creative lessons that he watched, offering a holistic education for children, including those with SEND at Selwood Academy.

We are further enhancing our provision for SEND pupils. This half term we have offered a range of after school training for teachers and teaching assistants, increased our parental engagement across the school, developed a digital system for the communication of information across staff and focussed on SEND in our Teaching and Learning Briefings.

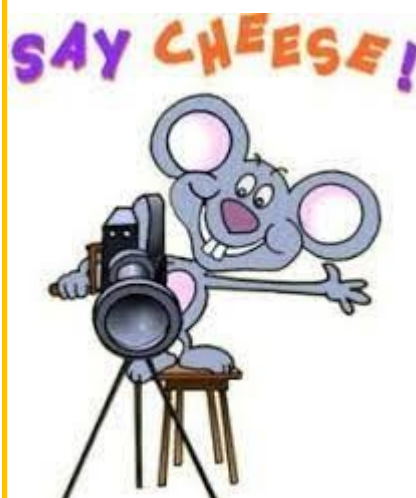
The renewed emphasis on SEND has a sharp focus and plans are being well developed in conjunction with suggested made during the visit.

At Selwood we are committed to providing the best education possible for all our pupils.

Year 5 & 7 Photos - Friday 21 October

Tempest photographers will be in school on Friday 21 October to take pictures of all of our pupils in Years 5 and 7.

You will receive the child's proof print on the day of the photographic shoot with information on how to order more copies. You will be able to view and order pictures via the Tempest website using the unique reference number on your proof. This system is completely secure with no names published and only you will be able to access your child's picture.



Selwood Reception

Our reception is open between 8.30am and 3.30pm.

Please ensure that your child knows their after school arrangements, including if they have a club, before they come to school in the morning.

Selwood is a large site and we cannot guarantee that we can get a message to your child, especially after 2.30pm.

Also it is difficult to get forgotten items to children during the school day, so please ensure they have everything they need each day.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Food, Nutrition & Cooking

This term the students in 7F, 7R, 7S, 7L, 7E, 8F, 8M, 8S & 8E will be cooking in their double Food Technology lesson. The recipes will be in the pamphlet given to pupils. They can also be found on the school website by clicking this link:

<https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/curriculum/subjects/design-and-technology>

If you have difficulties please email Mrs Bell.

Please send your children to their lesson with a label on all containers with pupils name and tutor group, so we can return anything left behind. Don't forget a large container to take the final products safely home. If you receive a school container, could we please ask for it to be returned so there is one for next time.

Please let your child weigh their own ingredients and leave them to chop it in school as this is part of the leaning process.

We are always looking for plastic containers such as takeaway pots or big chocolate containers, and are always pleased to accept donations.



FINANCE INFO

92% of our parents and carers have now signed up to ParentPay. If you are having problems setting up your child's account or adding a secondary payer, please contact the Finance office.

Also, can we remind you to complete the finger print consent form on our website.

[Click here](#)

Please see our website to read our updated esafety policy:

<https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/about-the-school/policies>

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

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

FOOTBALL AT SELWOOD

Our football teams have been busy with tournaments over the last couple of weeks. Well done to all year group teams, only winning one match but showing that Selwood is not easily beaten and we keep going!

Pictured are Year 7 Girls, Year 7 Boys and Year 8 Boys.



English:

Year 5 are currently looking at non-fiction writing and autobiography. Following their fantastic caving trip, they will be writing an autobiographical entry about this experience. **Grammar**

focus: Conjunctions

Spelling focus: Endings which sound like /jəs/ spelt -cious or -tious

Year 6 are also looking at non-fiction writing but are focussed on magazine writing and the different styles of articles they can create. They will be preparing for their final assessed piece over the next two weeks. **Grammar focus:** The subjunctive.

Spelling focus: Words containing the letter-string ough

Year 7 Have started a new course called English mastery. This term will be split into three strands:

Literary Heritage (reading Oliver Twist this term). Writing mastery. Reading for pleasure.

Copies of the abridged version of Oliver Twist, used in lessons, will be made available in lessons.

However, if parents wish to purchase a copy for their child individually, they are welcome to do so. The ISBN for the particular copy is: 1402726651

Year 8 Are looking at non-fiction writing with a focus on how to speak out effectively. They will be studying a range of inspirational speeches, covering a variety of topics, looking at Aristotle's 'art of rhetoric' and then creating their own speech about a topic they care passionately about.

'Here be dragons' writing competition

- Are you the next Anthony Horowitz or Cressida Cowell?
- Want your writing featured for all to read?

The English department are launching a writing competition, looking for the best writers in the year group.

To enter: Create a piece of writing which has something to do with dragons.

- Entries must be no longer than a side of A4
- Must be submitted by 31st October
- Hand them to your tutor OR Mr Crook-Wynn
- Winners and runners up will win FABULOUS prizes



After School Clubs

We currently have spaces available on the following afterschool clubs. Click the link to book your child's place:

- ♦ Year 5 & 6 Rugby, Tuesdays, <https://forms.gle/PC4z9sYh7oB1FJ1QA>
- ♦ Year 7 & 8 Boys Rugby, Wednesdays, <https://forms.gle/1e7LEAZLkCYMSZdeA>
- ♦ All Years Running Club, Wednesdays, <https://forms.gle/4kdott6LBf8N9Uch8>
- ♦ Year 5 & 6 Hockey, Thursdays, <https://forms.gle/AjRtYMaedVWHPJUQ8>
- ♦ Homework Club, Thursdays, <https://forms.gle/jxUFs3p8yxDGw4c17>
- ♦ Year 7 & 8 Girls Football, Fridays, <https://forms.gle/R3QMQigLC3Y2to7C9>

Upcoming Events and Diary Dates

October

20	Year 6 Harvest Festival, 2.15pm, Click here for the letter
21	Year 5 & 7 Photos
21	End of Term 1, 3.10pm
31	Term 2 begins, 8.40am

November

3	Year 7 Coffee Morning, more details to follow
9	Phonics Coffee morning, more details to follow
17	Tutor/parents evening, more details to follow



On 21 November England will be playing Iran in the World cup, 1:30pm kick off. We will be making a few changes to the day to enable those that wish to watch the game together can do so at school. For those that do not wish to, they will be able to continue with curriculum based work. Full details will be released to pupils over the coming weeks.



Mary Poppins Jr

Rehearsals start next week for the School Production. If your child has a part please ensure you have completed the permission form vis this link:

<https://forms.gle/HGr2gdXcsPMPJQLo8>

The full rehearsal schedule is now on our website, [click here to view](#).

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.

What does LGBT mean?

LGBT is an acronym which stands for Lesbian (Women who love other women). Gay (Men who love other men). Bisexual (People who are attracted to more than one gender). Trans (People whose gender identity doesn't match the sex they were born with).



The
Great Selwood

BAKE OFF



To enter:

Bake **2 identical cup cakes** and decorate them **at home**.
They must be **your own creations** (some adult help may be given).

Bring them into the **Food Tech room** (F9) on
Tuesday 1st November.

We will then select 10 finalists to cook on
Tuesday 8th November in school.



FAMILY HOLIDAY



OCT HALF TERM 2022

Fun activities in Frome for families on benefits or free school meals, with additional needs or disabilities, or referrals.

Monday 24th October	10am to 12pm	Come and get creative in our arts and craft workshop	The Long Gallery in the Black Swan, 2 Bridge Street, Frome
Tuesday 25th October	10am to 12pm	Family cookery	Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Frome
Wednesday 26th October	10am to 12pm	Nature treasure hunt - get outdoors collecting and making!	Hayesdown School, Wyville Road, Frome

Free Fair Frome hot 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

Suggested donation of £1.50 per child per session

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

Family support workers available at all sessions.

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WILD IN EAST WOODLANDS

A WEEKEND OF ADVENTURES

Family shows, live music, forest crafts, delicious food and woodland walks.

EAST WOODLANDS VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd October
10am – bedtime



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It's FREE to come along, all events and meals are 'pay what you decide'.

Free shuttle bus from various locations in Frome.

www.wildinwoodlands.com



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