

SELWOOD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

16th Nov - Parent tutor evening

17th Nov - Children in need - Mufti Day

20th Nov - Year 8 coffee morning

1st Dec - Christmas fair

7th Dec - Christmas Panto

8th Dec - Christmas jumper day

8th Dec - Christmas dinner day

11th Dec - SEND coffee morning

12th Dec - Carol service

13th Dec - Yr 5 nativity

14th Dec - Yr 5 nativity

15th Dec - 12.05pm finish - end of term

If you wish to find out more about what your child is learning, please look at their curriculum map on our [curriculum page](#) on the school website.

If you want to know about each subject in more detail, please visit each [subject page](#).

We would like to congratulate our Assistant Academy Business Manager, Miss Presley on the birth of her baby boy! We wish her well during her maternity leave!

Senior Business Assistants, Miss Smith and Mrs Larman will be fulfilling some of the responsibilities during her maternity leave and we also welcome back Mrs S Pickford for a fixed term period as an Interim Business Assistant to assist during this period of time also.

Although there have been some changes within the Business Team, we ask that all queries are directed to selwoodacademy@selwood-academy.co.uk in the first instance, which will then be forwarded to the appropriate member of staff.

Mr Owen is setting up two working parties and would like parents to register their interest in joining these.

They are: '**Significant Change Working Party**' and '**Improved Parental Engagement Working Party**'. Please fill out the [google form](#) by the 24th November to sign-up!

Following the Macmillan coffee morning, we have several food containers without names on. If your child brought cakes in a container and you would like it back, please ask them to speak to Mr Owen. Any containers not claimed by **17 November 2023** will be donated to our Food Tech department.

Children in need

On Friday 17th November we are holding a mufti day for children in need.

Pupils can wear their own clothes for a donation to be made on ParentPay, please.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Severe Weather Arrangements

Now that we are coming into the winter months we need to remind you of the procedure for school closures.

- A decision to close the school will be made at 7am.
- We will post a closure message on the front page of the website and our school Facebook page, this will be updated throughout the day.
 - Parents will be contacted by text message

For information regarding school transport please see <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/school-closures/>

- Please listen to BBC Somerset Sounds
- Please do not ring the school for information unless absolutely necessary

It may be necessary to close the school early; please ensure care arrangements are in place. If pupils cannot be sent home safely they will remain in school until they

Selwood Community, we would like your help!

In school we are hoping to create two new displays. The first is a 'Courageous Advocacy' display bursting with all the wonderful things our pupils get up to outside of school. If your child supports, champions or speaks up for a cause that is important and meaningful to them in order to make a difference, please let us know. We would love to celebrate these achievements in school so please email in and tell us all about it.

The second display is going to be about our 'Our Global Family' to highlight and explore all our wonderful links with different cultures. If your child or members of your family have links with other cultures and countries, please let us know. Once finished, the display will allow pupils to respect and celebrate diversity locally, nationally and globally.

If you have information for either of our displays, please email luci.hooper@selwood-academy.co.uk

Thank you in advance for your support.

PARENTPAY

A big THANK YOU to the 96% of our parents who have set up their ParentPay accounts! Your support in using ParentPay helps us to manage the school income efficiently and provides you with a worry-free, convenient way to pay for items and activities.

If you still wish to set up your account but have misplaced your activation codes please just send a quick email to the school to request this. Once you have set up your account we are also able to issue activation codes for secondary payer accounts for additional parents, carers or family members. This can be also requested from the school.



Selwood Academy use a third party catering service to provide the best service possible for the school community. We hope that all pupils will enjoy our range of healthy food options. Choices are varied, nutritious and continue to offer excellent value for money.

We are committed to purchasing good quality produce with an emphasis on local suppliers. We work closely with suppliers and producers to ensure wherever feasible, we provide our customers with fresh, local, nutritious foods. Information about allergens and the Medical Diet form can be found on the Clever Chefs website by [clicking this link.](#)

STAFF UPDATE, THANK YOU & REMEMBRANCE

Unfortunately our incredible SENDCo Mrs Hughes will be moving to a role within the SEND team for the Wiltshire local authority as specialist advisory teacher for SEN-Communication and Interaction. However we are delighted to announce that from January Mrs Cook will return to us in the role of SENDCo part time, until we make a permanent appointment. Many of you will be aware that Mrs Cook retired in the summer following an exceptional career as SENDCo and senior leader across several schools. We are delighted to welcome her back and know she is incredibly excited to begin working with our pupils and families again.

Our Head of Year 5, Mr Pipe will also be leaving us to join local first school St Johns as a Key Stage 1 Class Teacher. This has provided an exciting opportunity for us to update our structure and therefore I am excited to announce that Mrs Hooper will be moving from her role as Head of Year 6 to Head of Key Stage 2 with oversight of years 5 and 6. This will take effect from January 2024.



We want to say a huge thank you for your generous donations for our members of staff who completed the Bath Half marathon for We Hear You.

An amazing £1214 was raised, which will help fund 22 counselling sessions for families affected by cancer or other life threatening condition.

Thank you all and well done to the staff team for this amazing achievement!



Selwood pupils acknowledged Remembrance on Wednesday 8th November with a 1 minute silence and a memorable assembly from Mr Sage.

Wreaths were then laid and a flag was raised.

Well done to our pupils for remembering such an important day in history!

SUBJECT NEWS



THE ARTS



Year 7 have been working on physical theatre this term with a specific focus on the use of Trestle masks and incorporating the drama technique of The Seven States of Tension.



DRUM KIT TASTER SESSIONS

15 minute taster lessons available for those interested in learning drums.

Please email

emily.hampson@selwood-academy.co.uk

to book your child's free taster session.
First come first served basis. Lessons with our new drum teacher who will be starting soon!

Year 8 - We are finishing our unit on Area and Volume which includes looking at surface area and converting different types of measures.

Using the digits 1 - 9 only once, complete the snake (colons are division signs)

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SUBJECT NEWS



ENGLISH



Year 5 - This term, Year 5 will begin learning about story structure by studying a novel - these include 'Cloud busting' by Malorie Blackman and 'Jamie' by LD Lipinski. 'Cloud busting' includes themes of friendship and identity, while being told through the medium of poetry. 'Jamie' looks at identity and belonging.

Year 6 - This term Year 6 will be studying 'Windrush Child' by Benjamin Zephaniah, learning about the Windrush generation, their impact on Britain and themes of belonging and discrimination.

Year 7 - Will be continuing their study of Oliver Twist looking at writing topic sentences and finding evidence to support their ideas.

Year 8 - Will be continuing Sherlock Holmes, studying the stories 'A Scandal In Bohemia', 'The Red-Headed League' and 'The Blue Carbuncle'. They will be learning how to pick out effective quotations and structure an analytical paragraph.

Congratulation to 5En/CAI who made the most progress this month, with 54% improvement in their Bedrock scores.

Students should be aiming to complete their Bedrock each week aiming for 20 points. Please contact your class teacher if you need a reminder of your child's username, password or parental access code.

Book of the month: The Ballad Of Songbirds and Snakes - Suzanne Collins.

A prequel to the ever-popular Hunger Games series, this book follows the man who will eventually become president of Panama: Coriolanus Snow. Set 64 years before the events of the first Hunger Games novel, Snow is a mentor in the tenth annual Hunger Games. When he is given a tribute from District 12 though he worries that his chance is over. With their fates intertwined, they will now have to do whatever it takes to survive.

Happy Diwali to anyone celebrating this weekend.



SPORTS NEWS



Over the week of 4th October we took our year 5 pupils on an outdoor and adventurous activities trip as part of this terms' PE theme of team building. The activities, led by the Mendip Activity Centre team, included a variety of team building games and an unforgettable caving experience! It was fantastic to see so many pupils push themselves outside their comfort zones.

This was the end of the year 5 team building and social skills unit of work in PE and the pupils have definitely started to show signs of togetherness and pride in their tutor groups.

Thank you to all the staff for giving up their time to make this a trip one that I am sure the pupils will never forget.



On Monday 2nd October our year 7 boys played in the first round of the ESFA Small Schools' Cup against Sidcot school of Winscombe. It was a very evenly contested match with lots of chances for both teams but Archie's hatrick was enough to see Selwood emerge as 3-1 winners and progress onto the next round. A massive well done to all of the boys involved!



Massive well done to three Year 8 students - Myla-Rose G, Ava C and Lilly-Rose H who played for Somerset County Football Team. We are extremely proud of the girls and wish them luck playing for Somerset.

CHRISTMAS MENU



This year the Christmas Lunch for pupils will be held on Friday 08 December 2023. The deadline for placing your order and paying for the lunch is Friday 17 November 2023. Please see the menu from Cleverchefs for your information. You must complete the Google form (<https://forms.gle/mSVAcBeiFjLWuRPW7>) to place your order by the deadline - no late orders can be accepted due to the ordering of food supplies.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals they will be allocated a free meal but you must still fill in the Google form by the deadline to confirm their choice of food.

If you pay by ParentPay the cost of the meal will be £3.30 and must be paid for on ParentPay by the deadline.

PLEASE NOTE - this will be the only meal available at lunchtime on the day. Pupils will need to bring in a packed lunch if they do not require the Christmas lunch.

CAREERS UPDATE



At particular points, we aim to pass on some career information and in particular potential future examples of education and career pathways.

Film or TV producer

Film or TV producers manage the process of a production from start to finish. They have the initial idea and source the financial backing to fund the project. The producer commissions the director and other key members of the team, and draws up schedules and budgets.

The production team gives support with finance, locations, equipment, casting, transport, catering, etc. They also handle the advertising, promotion and distribution of the production. Production assistants and runners carry out admin tasks under the direction of the production manager and producer. Producers ensure that the film or TV show is completed on time and within budget. The work often involves time pressures, anti-social hours and the need to work away from home.

What it takes	Day to day
<p>Skills and knowledge you'll need:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • knowledge of TV and film industry production and financing • the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure • leadership skills • to be thorough and pay attention to detail • the ability to use your initiative • to be flexible and open to change • patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations • the ability to monitor your own performance and that of your colleagues • excellent communication skills • the ability to organise your time and workload • business management skills relating to managing a budget 	<p>Your day-to-day duties might include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deciding which projects to produce, or creating programme ideas yourself • reading scripts • securing the rights for books or screenplays, or negotiating with writers to produce new screenplays • identifying sources of funding and raising finances • working out what resources are needed • checking and approving locations • pitching to television broadcasters to commission your programme • planning filming schedules • hiring staff, cast and crew • managing cash flow • making sure the production stays on schedule and within budget • working with marketing companies and distributors

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iWWjMjNXIY>

You will need

- A-Levels (or equivalent vocational qualifications)
- A GCSE (4+/A*-C) (or equivalent) in English
- A GCSE (4+/A*-C) (or equivalent) in maths
- Extensive experience in media production

You may need: A degree



Nurse

Adult nurses work with sick and injured people or with people who have physical disabilities in a variety of settings including hospitals and the community. They are part of a team of health professionals who support individuals and their families. Nurses assess, plan, implement and evaluate the care needed for individual patients and keep a record of their progress. They also use counselling, managing and teaching skills when working with patients to help them to improve the quality of their lives. In their daily routine, they check temperatures, take blood pressure, clean and dress wounds, give drugs and injections and use a range of equipment. It is possible to develop in a specific area of health work and career progression can lead to further training as a nurse practitioner. Nurses are caring, compassionate and empathetic; they are organised and have the ability to set people at their ease.

What it takes	Day to day
<p>Key skills required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sensitivity and understanding • the ability to work well with others • a desire to help people • knowledge of psychology • to be thorough and pay attention to detail • customer service skills • the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure • patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations • excellent verbal communication skills • thinking and reasoning skills • the ability to understand people's reactions • knowledge of medicine and dentistry • counselling skills including active listening and a non-judgemental approach • leadership skills • the ability to work well with your hands • concentration skills • a good memory 	<p>In this role you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • take temperatures, blood pressures and pulse rates • help doctors with physical examinations • give drugs and injections • clean and dress wounds • set up drips and blood transfusions • use medical equipment • monitor patients' progress • update patient records and handover information to colleagues at the end of a shift • work with doctors and other healthcare professionals to decide what care to give • give advice to patients and their relatives <p>You could work in an NHS or private hospital, at a health centre, at a hospice, at an adult care home, at a client's home or in a prison. You may need to wear a uniform. Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding.</p>

You will need:

<https://www.morrisby.com/career-of-the-month/nurse>

- An A-level (or equivalent) in maths, physics or biology
- An A-level (or equivalent) in chemistry
- A GCSE (4+/A*-C) (or equivalent) in English
- A GCSE (4+/A*-C) (or equivalent) in maths
- GCSEs (4+/A*-C) (or equivalent) in at least 2 science subjects (or double science)
- A GCSE (4+/A*-C) (or equivalent) in chemistry (or double science)
- A degree in biochemistry and biotechnology





SELWOOD ACADEMY
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CAN YOU HELP?

Do you or someone you know have your own business and can donate a prize to our Christmas Raffle?

Tickets will be sold at our Christmas Fair on Friday 1 December and we will mention your business on our Facebook page.

Please contact us if you can help.

All money raised will go towards projects in school to benefit our pupils.

Selwoodacademy@selwood-academy.co.uk

Christmas Raffle

WIN A CHROMEBOOK for Christmas!

We are delighted to be able to offer the fantastic prize of a Lenovo Chromebook to one lucky winner!

Thanks to a generous donation by Apollo Technology we are holding a raffle at our events throughout Term 2.

Tickets will be available to buy at our events with the winning ticket drawn before the Christmas break. **£2.50 per ticket**

All money raised will go towards projects in school to benefit all our pupils.



www.apollotechnologyco.uk

Upcoming Events

**8 Nov - Yr 5 Phonics
Coffee Morning**

**16 Nov - Parent/Tutor
Evening**

**20 Nov - Yr 8 Coffee
Morning**

1 Dec- Christmas Fair

12 Dec - Carol Service

13/14 Dec - Yr 5 Nativity

*Parents/carers will
receive an email
invite to events.*

*Tickets also available
from Reception*



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

David Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site 1080Games and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including 101 and TechRadar.



Source: <https://www.kidslineuk.com/young-gamers-need-0001-20-come-highlighting-predatory-gaming.aspx> and <https://www.whointheforum.com/question/any-one-warn-about-behaviour-gaming-00001> <https://www.eurogamer.net/eu-european-council-united-for-better-regulation-of-lot-bases-following-new-reps>



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PRICE LIST

Nachos	1.00	Panini	1.80
Popcorn	1.00	Bagels	1.80
Hash browns	1.20	Wraps	2.30
Waffle fries	1.20	Toast	0.50
Chips	1.20	Crumpets	0.50
Small pizza	0.80	Simple sandwich	2.20
Pizza	1.20	Sandwich	2.30
Toasties	1.50	Fruit	0.45
Sausage rolls	1.50	Fruit pots	0.75
Hot dogs	1.50	Main meal	2.20
Bacon and cheese puff	1.50	Main meal deal	2.85
Sweet waffles	1.50	Pasta and filling	1.60
Doughnuts	1.20	Extra filling	0.40
Chocolate croissant	1.50	Jacket potato and filling	1.60
Sweet pretzels	1.50	Burger	2.00
Large pretzel	1.80	Drinks	0.80
Cakes	0.75		



YMCA BRUNEL GROUP

BATH / BRISTOL / WILTSHIRE
MENDIP / SOUTH SOMERSET

Frome Youth Club WINTER WARM SPACES SESSIONS

Fridays from 7pm - 9pm

- 3rd November
- 10th November
- 17th November
- 24th November
- 1st December
- 15th December
- 12th January
- 19th January
- 26th January
- 2nd February
- 9th February
- 23rd February

Open for all
young people
ages 10-19, Free
activities & hot
meal



Routes, 1A Palmer Street, Frome BA11 1DS

For more information or to book a space, contact:
ChiaraDocherty@ymca-bg.org

*Events open to all young people; you don't have to currently attend Frome Youth Club. A parental consent form will need to be completed.

