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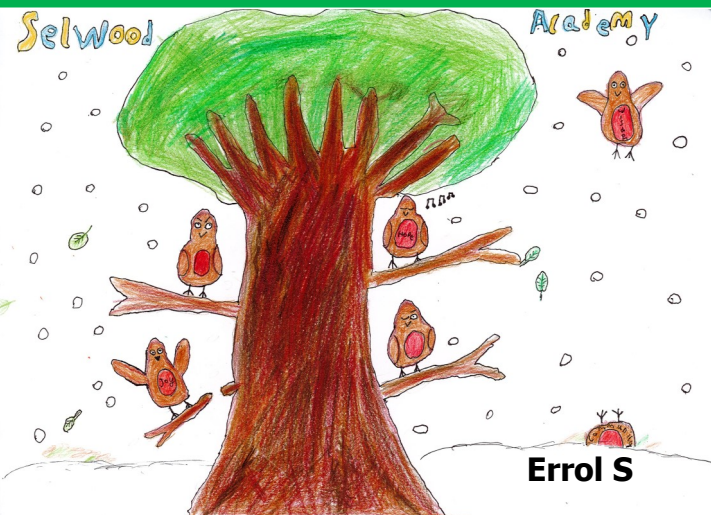
Newsletter

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Once again this year our Christmas Card Competition produced some lovely designs, making it very difficult to choose winners.

Congratulations to: Errol S, Yr 5, Oliver A, Yr 6, Lily Rae N, Yr 7 and Charlie N, Yr 8. Their designs will be made into cards to send from Selwood to other schools and local businesses.

Also well done to the runners-up: Lexi M, Sophie C, Kitty W, Rose N, Emily T, Teddy H, Leah P. Commended were: Jaelin B, Nate W, Ryley Jay C.



Errol S

Oliver A



Charlie N



Lily-Rae N

"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.



We were delighted to see so many parents at our recent Year 5 & 6 Phonics Coffee Morning.

Keep an eye out on our website and your emails for more opportunities to come into school and meet with staff at these very popular events.

LOST PROPERTY

Unfortunately the problem of lost property is one that every school faces. Please remember that any items brought into school remain the responsibility of your child. We recommend that children do not bring items of value into school.

Named items are far more likely to be reunited with their owners so please remember to **name everything!**

Our lost property cage is available for pupils and parents to look through during the school day and staff are usually able to help with this.



As you are aware our Christmas Fair is being held on Friday 2 December, 5 - 7pm in the school hall. This is always a very popular event with all money raised going to benefit pupils across the school.

There are lots of ways in which parents and carers can help at our Christmas Fair:

- **Book a stall** - Do you have things to sell? A stall costs £15 + a raffle prize. Great for selling crafts, gifts etc. Click here to book: <https://www.rocketfund.org/p/christmas-fair>
- **Donate an item** - We are looking for donations of bottles, cuddly toys, gifts, sweets, chocolates, raffle prizes. Please bring any donations into school from 21 November.
- **Volunteer** - Can you spare some time to sell raffle tickets or help us run a stall? If so please contact us on selwoodacademy@selwood-academy.co.uk
- **Come along** - We would love you to join us as we start the festive season. This is always a popular event with lots to see and do for adults and children. Father Christmas will make a visit too!



English:

Year 5 are currently reading the novel 'Cloudbusting' by Malorie Blackman (written entirely in poetry), as well as studying story structure.

Grammar focus: Functions of sentences.

Spelling focus: Endings which sound like /ʃəl/

Year 6 are looking at myths and legends from around the world. They will be studying story structure and will be creating their own myth.

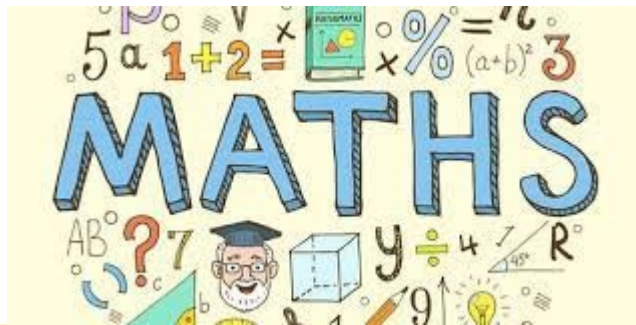
Grammar focus: Revision of word classes.

Spelling focus: Understanding how to identify homophones (words with the same sound) and words which are similar.

Year 7 Continue with 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 learning about genre and focusing on dystopian fiction. They will be looking at a range of extracts from dystopian fictions, studying the rules for a dystopian text and then creating their own dystopian pieces of writing.



Maths:

Year 5 – In Year 5 this week we continue to look at our number skills with topics including multiples, factors, prime numbers and square and cube numbers.

Year 6 – In year 6 we are starting to look at Fractions beginning with finding equivalent fractions and being able to compare and order them.

Year 7 – In year 7 we are finishing off our unit about expressions, functions and formulae and being able to substitute values into formulas so we can solve them.

Year 8 – In year 8 we are completing our unit on area and volume which includes the volume of cubes and cuboids as well as finding the complete surface area.

Well done Years 5 & 6 athletes for competing in the Sportshall Athletics at Frome Leisure Centre. All pupils were great ambassadors for Selwood and worked brilliantly together, every athlete performed at their best and should be proud of what they all achieved. Well done!



Today, Friday 11 November, Selwood observed two minutes silence as a mark of remembrance for those who have fallen. This followed a week of remembrance assemblies. Robyn, Head Girl and Ethan, Deputy Head Boy laid the wreath for our act of remembrance.



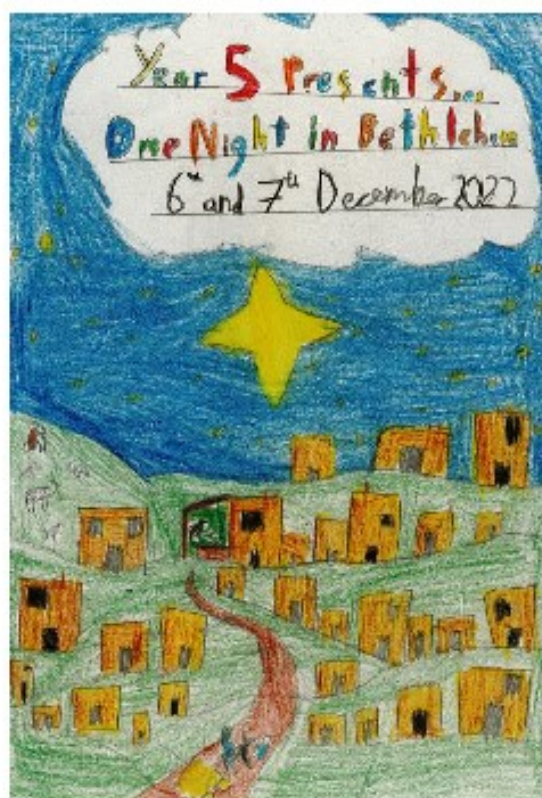
Year 5 pupils made Fruit Salad last week - here's Mia-Rose in 5F showing us hers!
Looks delicious!

Year 5 Christmas Performance

Please come and watch Year 5 perform

'One Night in Bethlehem'

Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th December at 2pm



Please let us know how many people are coming using the sign up link below.

<https://forms.gle/g5tUGdAkrwezdcqs5>

There will be refreshments afterwards which everyone is welcome to stay for.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Great Selwood BAKE OFF



A massive thank you to all pupils who entered 'The Great Selwood Bake-Off' We had over 40 entries and really enjoyed trying all the amazing cupcakes. 10 finalists were selected from all year groups: In Year 5 Georgie, Eddie and Bea. In Year 6 Meredith. In Year 7 Harvey and in Year 8 Amelia, Leah, Cecilia, Oli and Otilie. They completed the bake-off on Tuesday afternoon in the Food and Cooking room. We were so impressed with the high standard of biscuits that were made and the judges happily munched away! A huge congratulations to Meredith in Year 6 for her winning creations, the cow biscuits. The judges said that not only did they look completely uniform and professional but they tasted delicious.



Left: Some of the cupcake entries



Right: The final Bake Off



Left: The judging



Right: Some of the finalists' biscuits



Left: The 10 Finalists



Right: Congratulations to the winner, Meredith

Upcoming Events and Diary Dates

November

- 17 Tutor/parents evening, more details to follow
- 18 Children In Need Mufti Fundraiser
- 21 England V Iran, 1.00pm kick off
- 22 Year 8 Coffee Morning, 11.15am



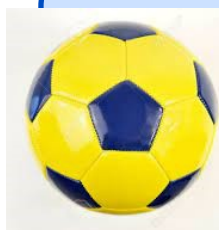
December

- 1 All Years Flu Vaccinations
- 2 Christmas Fair, 5 - 7pm
- 6 & 7 Year 5 Nativity, 2pm
- 8 Year 5 & 6 Panto
- 9 Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper day



Things to do this week:

- ⇒ *Make a donation to Children In Need Mufti* - [ParentPay](#)
- ⇒ Book an appointment for Parents Evening - <https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/parents/useful-information/parent-s-evening-booking>
- ⇒ *Complete this form if you would like to attend the Year 8 Coffee Morning* - <https://forms.gle/fCjzPgK2v6ZGM2nn6>
- ⇒ Complete the Flu Vaccination consent form. See the letter on our website - <https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/parents/letters>
- ⇒ *Pay for the Yr 5 & 6 Panto* - [ParentPay](#)
- ⇒ Let us know if you will be attending the Year 5 Nativity by completing this form - <https://forms.gle/wiXordcCV3GEQanm6>



On 21 November England will be playing Iran in the World cup, 1:00pm 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.



We would like to say 'Thank You' to the family of Leo N in Year 5 for their generous donation of 2 copies of *The Climate Book* by Greta Thunberg.

Leo is pictured here with our Librarian Rachel Parker and Headteacher Dan Jeffries at the entrance to our Library with it's newly installed artwork!



Parents and Carers are being advised to keep an eye out for head lice and nits, as this common problem usually affects school-aged children and their families.

Though head lice and nits may be a nuisance, they don't cause serious illness or carry any diseases and can be treated at home with a fine tooth comb or over-the-counter medication. See [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk) for more details.

The deadline for placing your order and paying for the Christmas Lunch is Friday 11 November. Please see the menu [here](#) for your information. If you have not already done so, you must complete the Google form to place your order by the deadline - no late orders can be accepted due to the ordering of food supplies.

<https://forms.gle/sKPE4AsNKjkdZv8v5>

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals - All pupils entitled to FSM will be allocated a free meal but you must still fill in the Google form to confirm their choice of food, etc.

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

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 a Christmas lunch.





Pupils from a range of schools including Selwood Academy were recently involved in the Shakespeare Schools Festival at the Merlin Theatre.

All attend Drama Karma a Frome based drama group run by Kevin Ross and Chloe George.

An amazing and very talented bunch of kids!

Selwood Reception

Our reception is currently 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, busy site which means we cannot guarantee that we can get a message to your child, especially after 2pm.

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.



Free or low-cost food available

	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7
Mon	Frome Library									
	Trinity Church				Food at Five ☒					
	Talking Café									
Tues	Frome Library									
	Trinity Church			The Good Heart ☒						
				The Bridge Café ☒						
				Active Tuesday						
Weds	Frome Library									
				The Good Heart ☒						
				The Bridge Café ☒		Food at Five ☒				
Thurs	Frome Library									
	Trinity Church			The Good Heart ☒						
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Fri	Frome Library									
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				The Bridge Café ☒						
Sat	Frome Library									
				The Good Heart ☒						
Sun				The Good Heart ☒						

WARM SPACES

If you would like to get out of the house for a while, you can spend time in these spaces with no obligation to spend money.

Food at Five locations:

Mon: Key Centre, BA11 5AJ

Weds: Cricket Club, BA11 2AH

Thurs: Trinity Church, BA11 3DE

Talking Café locations:

Mon: Cheese & Grain, BA11 1BE

Thurs: Coffee #1, Westway, BA11 1BS

Active Tuesday - Active & In Touch:

Masonic Hall, North Parade, BA11 1AU

The Good Heart:

7 Palmer Street, BA11 1DS

Bridge Café:

43 Selwood Rd,
BA11 3BS

Facilities vary by venue - please contact the spaces if you would like to check what's available.

Frome
TOWN COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY WARMER

Available every Wednesday in November!



CLEVERCHEFS
Creative Minds