

SELWOOD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



DIARY DATES

June

**16th - Year 5
Mindfulness Workshop**

**17th & 18th Royal Navy
Visit - Year 8**

19th - Careers Day

20th - Sports Day

**24th & 25th - Year 3
Taster Days**

PAYMENT DEADLINES

- Year 5 Swimming – 18th July**
- Ski Trip 2026 Deposit 3 – 4th July**

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REMINDERS

HEALTH NOTICE - HEAD LICE

We have been notified of a few cases of head lice among pupils. While head lice are not dangerous, they can be bothersome and are spread through close contact. We kindly ask that all families check their children's hair regularly and treat promptly if lice or nits are found.

Thank you for your continued support.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Steven R Lee Property Consultants for their generous sponsorship. We're delighted that they have chosen Selwood to receive copies of the Stepping Stones Road Safety booklets. These booklets help us promote road safety among our pupils.

END OF TERM - EARLY FINISH

On Friday 18th July 2025 pupils will finish early at **12.05pm**.

REMINDERS

LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR LEAVERS

If your child is leaving Selwood Academy at the end of the Summer Term 2025 we would like to provide you with important information about using up any balance that may be left on their lunch account before their final day.

Please log in to ParentPay to check whether your child has a balance on their account.

We highly recommend that any balance is used up before your child leaves as it is not transferable to their new school.

As an alternative we do have the facility to transfer any balances to younger siblings/relatives who will be staying at Selwood Academy (this does not include new pupils starting at the school). If you would like to do so, please contact the school by Friday 11 July 2025 to request this; any requests received after that date may not be possible to action.

If you need any further help or information regarding this, please don't hesitate to email the school.

PUPIL SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

Part of being well organised means bringing all of the equipment needed for the school day. It is important to check the timetable and ensure that the correct equipment for the next day is all packed the night before. Your child will need:

Mandatory equipment:

Pens - 2 blue and 2 black ink
A pencil, ruler, sharpener and eraser
Reading book - we encourage reading at every opportunity

Suggested equipment:

Glue stick
Whiteboard pen
A set of colouring pencils

Sensible bag, ideally a rucksack with two shoulder straps so that the load can be spread evenly. We recommend that PE kit is brought in a separate bag

SPORTS NEWS

Year 6 are Mendip cricket champions

On 3rd July we took our Year 6 boys' and girls' cricket teams to the Mendip Area Championships in Glastonbury. A total of eight teams took part in the competition, and our pupils truly shone on the field. Both our girls' and boys' teams performed exceptionally well, with the girls winning their competition and the boys securing victory in the mixed competition. It was a wonderful display of skill, teamwork, and determination from all players.

Throughout the event, all of our pupils demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm, making us proud of their positive attitude and respect for others. There were some impressive moments of bowling and batting, and everyone had a lot of fun participating in the matches.



We would like to extend a big thank you to Paul Lovett who supported the fixture and helped umpire/score. We now look forward to progressing to the county finals to face tough competition for the title of Somerset county champions

Congratulations to all of our players!

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RECENT EVENTS

Year 5 Bible Presentation

On Thursday 5th June during Act of Worship, Year 5 pupils were presented with their bibles on behalf of Clink Church. Mr Short spoke to the pupils about the importance of faith and the Bible's role in their lives. He also presented each pupil with a personal copy of the Bible, a thoughtful gesture that was met with great enthusiasm. We are grateful to Mr Short for sharing his time and insights with our pupils.



Victoria Park Trees to be replaced

During the Summer of 2021 Selwood pupils and staff planted cherry trees around Frome as a mark of kindness and as a legacy to the community of Frome. Sadly the trees in Victoria park were recently cut down in an act of vandalism. As a result of a Facebook post shared by Frome residents, a fundraising page was set up with the target being reached in just 4 hours! Frome Town Council are working to replace the trees and are likely to be replaced in September. Fantastic news, and thank you to all who contributed.



RECENT EVENTS

Battlefields Trip

Despite a delay on the return journey, this year's Battlefields Trip was a fantastic experience. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff and volunteers for making it possible, and well done to our wonderful Year 8 pupils who represented the school with maturity and kindness. It was a memorable trip that will be remembered for years to come.



Look out for a full update in our next newsletter!

Year 7 Sports Leaders

On Wednesday 11th June, some of our Year 7 pupils took on the role of Sports Leaders for the morning. We welcomed several local first schools for the Mini Olympics, an exciting event hosted by IG Sports.



A big well done to all involved!

HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS... IS BACK FOR SUMMER!

Exciting activity clubs for children aged 5 - 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals across Somerset

**12 SESSIONS
PER CHILD
ONLY**



**GET A
BOOKING
CODE FROM
YOUR
SCHOOL**



**BOOKINGS
OPEN ON
23RD
JUNE**

**FOOD
INCLUDED!**

Find and book **FREE** local activities by visiting:
www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays
or scan the QR code!

SCAN ME



Key information for Happy Healthy Holidays Summer!



Need help with booking?
Watch this video



Bookings open on
Monday 23rd June at 10am



Login to Playwaze
(same login as used at Easter)



Enter the code your school
has given you

12

12 sessions of provision per child only



Need help? Call or email our
HHH team

hhh@sasp.co.uk 07843 816168 / 01823 653992 (Open 9am - 1pm)

Key information for Happy Healthy Holidays Summer!

- Before bookings go live take a look at our 'how to make a bookings video' using this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7flnPPFjSbU>
- Bookings open on Monday 23rd June at 10am which you can access <https://www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays>
- To book onto activities you will need to login into Playwaze, and enter the code your school should have given you
- Your Playwaze login is the same you used for the Easter programme, if you have forgotten your password you can reset it by clicking the reset button
- Book your desired activities, you can book up to 12 days of provision per individual child
- If you need assistance you can email our HHH team or call between 9am-1pm Monday- Friday

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We are a friendly and welcoming support group for families of children with additional needs. We offer monthly meet ups offering support and advice

2025 Dates

May 9th 9am
June 13th 9am
July 11th 9am
Sept 12th 9am
Oct 10th 9am
Nov 14th 9am

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Lounge

Come along for a cuppa, make new friends and share experiences.
We look forward to welcoming you.

Email - fromeautism.adhdparentforum@gmail.com

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (👤) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌵 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥👤 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET -

The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

- 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around
- 😏 (Smug face) Cool, stylish or ruthless
- 😍 (Heart eyes) Intense attraction or excitement
- 😐 (Stone face) Stone-faced, unbothered
- 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying': as in doing great
- 🙏 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
- 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
- 🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
- 😎 (Smiling face with sunglasses) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
- 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag: a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

- 🍷 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
- ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine
- 🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use
- 🍂 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
- 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse
- 🌵 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
- 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
- 🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
- ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
- 🍲 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



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