

# SELWOOD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

1st April 2026 - Issue 12

## DIARY DATES

- 30<sup>th</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Paris Trip
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Last Day of School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Good Friday
- 20<sup>th</sup> April - Summer Club Bookings Open
- 20<sup>th</sup> April - Return to school - Week 2
- 21<sup>st</sup> April - Year 6 SATs Coffee Morning
- 21<sup>st</sup> April - Year 5 College Trip
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Year 8 Theatre Trip
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Author Visit
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Year 7 Black Country Museum Trip
- 27<sup>th</sup> April - 1<sup>st</sup> May - SATs Revision Week



## LOST PROPERTY

As we approach the end of term, our lost property contains a large number of unnamed items.

Please encourage your child to check for any missing belongings. It is important that items are clearly named to help reunite pupils with their belongings. Parents and carers are also very welcome to visit and look through items. Please report to reception on arrival. Any unclaimed items will be donated or recycled responsibly at the end of term.



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## ! Careers Day !

We are excited to be holding our Careers Day on **18th June 2026** and are keen to give our pupils the opportunity to hear from people working in a wide range of professions.

If you, or someone you know, works in a particular career or local business and would be willing to come into school to speak to pupils about your role, career journey and experiences, we would love to hear from you. Hearing directly from professionals is a fantastic way to inspire our pupils and help them learn more about the many opportunities available to them in the future.

If you are interested in getting involved, please do get in touch with the school.



## End of Term Reminder

The last day of term is **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**. The first day back will be on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. We will return on **Week 2**. We would like to wish all our families a happy and healthy Easter.

We look forward to seeing you after the Easter break. Enjoy this special time with your families, and we hope everyone returns refreshed and ready for another exciting term!

# UPDATE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

It is with great pride and energy that I begin my substantive role as Head of School. Having been a part of this community, I am thrilled to continue our journey together. I look forward to working closely with you all to ensure that Selwood remains the very best environment for your child (or children) to thrive, learn, and grow. This term has been a shining example of what we can achieve together, and I am honored to lead such a vibrant school.



What a whirlwind Term 4 has been! From international travels to show-stopping performances, the "Selwood Spirit" has been on full display. Here is a look back at the incredible opportunities our pupils embraced:

- The whole school took part in our second sports Interform of the year. The high energy and sportsmanship on show was fantastic and sets us up well for our whole school sports day in term 6.
- Our Year 5 and 7 pupils took their learning across the channel for an unforgettable trip to Paris. From the heights of the Eiffel Tower to the magic of Disneyland. As you will be receiving this newsletter they should be making their way around Disneyland. It has been a joy to see our pupils exploring new cultures and making lifelong memories.
- The Merlin Theatre was transformed into Victorian London for four spectacular, sell-out nights of Oliver! The talent and dedication of the cast and crew were truly world-class. Thank you to everyone who supported our stars and a big thank you to the staff who enabled this to happen.
- Year 7 performed a fantastic Easter Show, proving just how much creative spark we have in the year group.



A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils. They have shown incredible maturity during their Revision Week and Mock SATs week. Their hard work has been exemplary, setting a fantastic foundation for the term ahead.



The momentum continues as we look toward a busy and exciting Term 5:

- Year 7 History Trip: The entire year group will be stepping back in time at the Black Country Museum.
- West End Magic: A selection of Year 8 pupils will be heading to London for a hauntingly good performance of Phantom of the Opera.
- Year 6 SATs Week: We have no doubt that with their incredible attitude, Year 6 will show exactly what they have learned. Most importantly, to celebrate their hard work, an Ice Cream Van will be visiting at the end of the week! (Let's hope the weather stays dry!)
- Portsmouth Harbour: To round out the term, Year 6 will head to the coast for their school trip to Portsmouth Harbour. They are also fortunate that they will be receiving financial education this week from an external provider.



I have no doubt Term 5 will fly by. As always, thank you for your unwavering support.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Author Visit

Selwood School is thrilled to be welcoming back Ash Bond for the third year in a row on **Wednesday 22nd April**. With the third book in her fantastic Peregrine Quinn series, 'Peregrine Quinn and the Battle For Olympus' due out in April, Ash will be talking to students about her inspiration, her career as a writer and fielding questions from our students. If the last two books in the series are anything to go by, 'Battle For Olympus' will have our students hooked from page 1.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Summer Term After School Clubs

Please see the new club list and also the Important Information for Parents/Carers document in the Parents section on the school website. If you wish to sign up your child to any of the clubs you will need to do so via the **Arbor Parent App** or **Portal** in the **Activities** section. Access to the clubs will be opened up on the morning of **Monday 20 April 2026**. All clubs that are open for sign up and your child is eligible for will be listed.



## We Hear You Cake Sale



The We Hear You cake sale was a fantastic success, raising an incredible amount for a truly worthy cause. A huge thank you to everyone who baked, donated, and showed their support. Your generosity made a real difference in helping WHY reach their target.

## Spring Planting

The Student Council have been working hard planting pansies outside the library. The planters were made last year during a careers session, and more recently the Student Council stained them to ensure they are suitable for outdoor use. They look fantastic!



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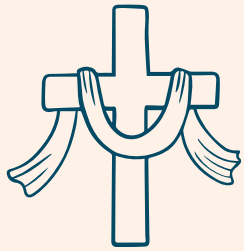
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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Easter Service

Year 7 put on a wonderful performance at our Easter service, showcasing their enthusiasm, confidence, and growing talents. Their thoughtful contributions and engaging delivery made the service both meaningful and uplifting for everyone in attendance. It was clear how much effort and dedication had gone into their preparation, and they should be very proud of what they achieved. Well done, Year 7!



## Year 8 Geography



Year 8 Geography pupils recently took part in the Shanty Home Team Challenge. Working collaboratively, they explored the challenges of informal settlements by designing and building model homes. It was great to see their teamwork, creativity, and thoughtful engagement with real-world issues. Well done to all involved!

## Odd Socks Day



We saw lots of colourful and wonderfully mismatched socks in school as we came together to support World Down Syndrome Day. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped celebrate individuality, raise awareness, and show that being different is something to be proud of.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Maths Update: Logic, Links, and Letters

The mathematics journey continues in our classrooms this week, with pupils refining their skills and moving into new, exciting topics. Here is the latest update:

- **Year 5** have been busy bridging the gap between different numerical representations. They are completing their unit on Equivalent Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages, learning to recognise that 0.5, 50% and  $\frac{1}{2}$  are all just different ways of looking at the same value.
- **Year 6** have successfully wrapped up their work on Ratio and is now making the exciting leap into Algebra. They have started exploring "function machines" where numbers go in and a rule is applied, alongside the skill of substitution, where letters start standing in for numbers.
- **Year 7** are finishing a challenging block on Directed Number. They have been applying the BIDMAS (Order of Operations) rules to calculations involving negative numbers, proving they can calculate answers even when the equations get complex.
- **Year 8** have returned to Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages with an extra challenge. They are currently tackling Percentage Change, calculating how values increase or decrease in real-world scenarios—a vital skill for understanding everything from interest rates to statistics.



### Parent Challenge Question

Since Year 6 is diving into Algebra and Year 7 is mastering BIDMAS, why not try this "Function Machine" puzzle?

The Rule: Multiply by 4, then subtract 7

1. If the Input is 5, what is the Output?
2. If the Output is 25, what was the Input?

Happy problem-solving!

# SCHOOL PRODUCTION

## OLIVER JR. WAS AN ABSOLUTE TRIUMPH!!!

Every single member of the cast and crew worked tirelessly, pouring their energy, passion, and talent into the performance and it truly showed in every moment on stage. What an incredible show it turned out to be!

We are beyond proud of each and every one of you. You should all feel so accomplished. What a fantastic achievement!!!



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# SPORTING NEWS

## Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Tournament

On Wednesday 18th March Selwood Academy proudly sent three teams of Year 5 and 6 pupils to a thrilling tag rugby tournament hosted by Frome Rugby Club. The event was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to showcase the skills they have been working hard to develop throughout the year.

The weather conditions were perfect. All three teams displayed incredible teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship as they faced off against other local schools. The pupil's dedication and enthusiasm shone through in every match.

All three of our teams finished top of their groups. Which meant they made it to the semi finals, showcasing exceptional play and resilience. Two of our teams made it through the final where they played out a thrilling draw.

We would like to thank Paul Lovett and all at Frome Rugby club for organising the event and continuing to offer a pathway and a community link for players who enjoy rugby at school. Congratulations to all the pupils who took part! They represented Selwood Academy with pride, and we look forward to more success in future fixtures next season.

Well done to everyone involved!



## Girls Rugby

A huge well done to the Year 7 and Year 8 Rugby girls who recently took part in a Bath Rugby Tournament, organised by Bath Rugby Foundation and Bath City College Sports Leaders.

The team delivered an outstanding performance on the day, winning all of their matches against strong opposition, including Millfield, Blue School, and Hugh Sexey's.

We are incredibly proud of all the players for their teamwork, determination, and fantastic effort throughout the tournament. An amazing achievement.

Well done to everyone involved!



# SPORTING NEWS



## Year 7 & 8 Netball

A massive well done to our Year 7 and Year 8 Netball teams, who have performed exceptionally in their recent State School Tournaments, competing against seven local schools and showcasing some truly outstanding netball.

The Year 7 team delivered a fantastic performance, finishing in an impressive 2nd place. They demonstrated great teamwork and determination throughout, winning 4 games, drawing 1, and narrowly losing just 1.

An extra special congratulations goes to the Year 8 team, who achieved an incredible 1st place finish. They were unbeaten throughout the tournament, winning all 6 of their matches with skill, confidence, and excellent sportsmanship.

A massive well done to all the players for their commitment. The girls have been training hard since September, and their dedication has truly paid off in their performances.

We are incredibly proud of both teams for their effort, resilience, and the way they represented the school. Well done to all involved!



To add to our netball success, a special congratulations to Bea M for her amazing achievements this year. Since September, she has been playing at Under 16 level for Frome Netball Club and was successfully selected for the Under 13 Somerset County squad. She has also been shortlisted to represent Somerset in a regional tournament in Exeter. An incredible accomplishment!

# CAREERS SPOTLIGHT



## Firefighter



### *What do they do?*

Becoming a firefighter is an exciting and rewarding career for people who want to help others and make a real difference in their community.

Firefighters respond to emergencies such as fires, road accidents, floods, and other dangerous situations. Their main job is to protect lives, property, and the environment. They also educate the public about fire safety and how to prevent emergencies.

### *Key skills needed:*

- Good physical fitness and stamina
- Strong teamwork and communication skills
- Ability to stay calm under pressure
- Problem-solving skills
- Courage and responsibility



### *What do Firefighters do day to day?*

Firefighters put out fires using hoses and specialist equipment. They rescue people and animals from dangerous situations and respond to emergencies such as car crashes or chemical spills. They also give first aid and medical assistance when needed, and work closely as part of a trained, supportive team.

### *How do you become one?*

In the UK, you usually need good GCSEs, especially in English and Maths. You must pass fitness and medical tests and complete firefighter training through your local fire service. Some people begin their careers as on-call (part-time) firefighters.

### *Why choose to become a Firefighter?*

You help save lives and protect communities, and every day is different and exciting. There are also opportunities to learn new skills and progress in your career. Firefighting is a challenging but highly rewarding job for people who want to make a positive impact and work in a fast-paced, team environment.

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# FROME YOUNG WRITER COMPETITION 2026

Write a story of between 150 & 2,000 words

Story  
theme: **THE SPARK**

Could you be the next Rick Riordan

or Katherine Rundell?

or Alice Oseman?

free entry

To enter or more information email:  
[fromewriterscollective@gmail.com](mailto:fromewriterscollective@gmail.com)

Judge: Joffre White

Sponsor: Kerry Wilkinson

Deadline: 31 May

PRIZES

7-11  
YRS

12-18  
YRS



# DYNAMOS CRICKET

## HOLIDAY CAMP



SOMERSET CRICKET  
FOUNDATION

AGES  
8-11

GIRLS  
ONLY!

FREE  
SESSION

DATE:

TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

TIME:

1PM - 4PM

VENUE:

YMCA CENTRE, FROME, VALLIS  
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SCAN TO BOOK

