



Striving for Excellence Together

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The SWR Weekly will regularly keep you updated on news from the school. I hope you find this useful to keep in touch with what is going on at our wonderful school.

Introduction

We have had a great week at SWR, and I have particularly enjoyed the number of times I have met and congratulated students because they have gone above and beyond demonstrating our school core values of aspiration, resilience and collaboration. Many of these students are celebrated in this publication.

Attendance

As we are approaching Autumn, despite weather forecasts of hot weather this weekend, we are starting to see shorter days and more coughs and colds. Please encourage students to come into school even when they are not feeling 100% because attendance really does make a difference to their experience and outcomes at school. You will know as a parent when they are genuinely not well compared to when they are "just not feeling it". It's important that we all support them to attack the day and persevere when they are having these days as this can quickly become a habit. As always, we are always here to help if you need any support or have concerns about your child's attendance.

PE Success

We were delighted that we had further PE success this week.

On Wednesday, the Year 10 & 11 netball teams beat Westonbirt. The Year 11 team won 39-14 and the player of the match was Ivy C who Mrs Oakley described as "incredible". The Year 10 team won 12-7 and the player of the match was Ruby T-W. This was their first ever win so many congratulations to the team. Well done to the Year 9 team for a great effort in their match as well.

We also attended a district cross country relay event, held at Thomas Keble, for Years 7 & 8.

All teams performed exceptionally well, displaying all the core values as they competed against a field of around 10 other schools. However, special mention must go to the Year 7 boys who won

their race, showing great resilience to battle over the line. Four of the students met Miss Nicholls and myself on Thursday, so we could congratulate them. George, Lucas, John and Riley.



Resilience Champion

At the end of the sponsored walk last week, Josh in Year 8 fell and dislocated his knee. However, despite the severity of the injury, Josh was determined to be back in school on Monday and keep his 100% attendance record. I was so impressed with Josh's attitude that I felt I just had to promote and share it with everyone. Well done Josh and I hope the knee recovers soon.



Tag Rugby with our Primary Schools

On Monday evening, we were delighted to be able to host our first Primary School Sports event for this academic year, Tag Rugby. The combination of years 5 & 6 boys and girls demonstrated some truly remarkable agility and footwork skills, not to mention high levels of collaboration. It was so wonderful to see our younger people back in action. Our younger SWR Sports Leaders

did a fantastic job of coaching, umpiring and encouraging each school and the feedback from primary school staff and parents was overwhelmingly positive. We will look forward to hosting our next event The Future Lionesses in a couple of weeks' time!

Good Samaritans

On Wednesday, a member of staff slipped in the hall and fell. Olivia and Star in Year 10 assisted and helped them get up. The member of staff is fine and her pride is probably more bruised than any physical injuries. I met one of the students to thank them for the great support they showed.



SWR Stars this week

I was delighted to meet all our SWR Stars this week. I am sure you will agree that all deserved a chocolate bar for their efforts this week.

Name	Tutor	Reason
John S	7ADO	Cross Country Champion
Lucas S	7ADO	Cross Country Champion
George D	7ADO	Cross Country Champion

Riley T	7MCR	Cross Country Champion
Bea H	8NR	100% attendance - always punctual, smart and ready to learn. Most house points in 8NR!
Maia C	8RW	Very positive and diligent attitude in maths.
Joshua R	8KW	For his incredible resilience on Friday and still wanting to ensure he has 100% attendance despite having a dislocated knee.
Louise S	9CL	Dedication to their learning!
Alfie D	9JF	For always doing his best - he had an awesome Maths lesson this week and had great results in a very difficult test
Star-Lily B	10KA	For helping a member of staff get back up and making sure she was alright.
Olivia D-A	10KA	For helping a member of staff get back up and making sure she was alright.
Isaac C	10RSH	Uniform perfect, always ready to learn
Jay R-S	10RSH	Contribution toward family soap box racing
Ella N	11CE	Volunteering at Royal Agricultural College on weekends
Max R-S	11FB	Contribution toward family soap box racing

Gloucestershire Admissions

Gloucestershire County Council are currently consulting on school admissions arrangements for 2025-2026. We have been asked to share this with you and therefore have attached the document to this email.

Consultation on school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools (GCC Schools) Academic Year 2025/2026

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires all admission authorities to consult upon their admission arrangements if changes are to be made or if there are no changes, at least once every 7 years. Gloucestershire County Council, as the admission authority for all Community (C) and Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools last consulted upon their admission arrangements in 2016, therefore we are now due a full consultation.

The current oversubscription criteria give priority in the following order:

- 1.** A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements order or special guardianship order (1) including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 2.** Children who will have siblings attending the school at the time the applicant child is admitted.
- 3.** Children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the Ordnance Survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

We will not be making any changes to these admission arrangements for the academic year 2025-2026 therefore the priority for admission to Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Gloucestershire will remain the same as above.

The link to this consultation is

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/school-admission-arrangements-2025-consultation>

One of our schools is also consulting on a reduction of their Published Admission Number for 2025. The link for this consultation is

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/beece-green-primary-school-school-admission-consultation>

If you have any comments to make about the admission arrangements for 2025-2026, please do so via the consultation page.

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