

## **SWR Weekly**

# **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.

#### **Key Dates**

Wednesday 30th November	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thursday 7th December	PTFA Disco
Tuesday 12th December	Five Gold Rings Performance
Thursday 14th December	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 19th December	Carol Service 6pm at St
	Mary's Church
Thursday 21st December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Lunch
Friday 22nd December	Non Uniform Day
	School finishes at 12:35

#### Attendance

You will have heard much in the news recently regarding students' attendance at school since the pandemic.

Attendance makes a real difference to a student's achievement at school. Missing days of school creates gaps in their learning and becomes a habit which is difficult to break. Poor attendance (<95%) not only effects a student's academic achievement but also their well-being and wider development.

Often attendance drops around this time of year, but we are hoping to reverse that trend at SWR. Please encourage your son/daughter to come into school even if they are not feeling 100%. If they are regularly asking to stay at home, it is likely that there is another issue which we can help manage if we know about it.

If you would like support with your child's attendance at school please contact us through their tutor, who will be able to direct you to further help.

Attending school really does lead to achieving at school.

#### PTFA Disco

The PTFA disco will be holding their disco at SWR on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm until 8pm. Please reserve your child's place using the link below:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-party-time-swr-pupils-only-y7-y11-tickets-736718202977?aff=oddtdtcreator



#### Ten Bowling

We were delighted that the Year 7 Ten Pin bowling team won their tournament this week. It was a great effort by all – congratulations!

#### Netball

We continue to achieve great results in Netball with our Year 7, 10 and 11 teams beating Malmesbury. Well done to Renee (7), Ruby (10) and Eva (11) who were players of their matches.

#### **Christmas Lunch**

We will be having our Christmas Dinner on Thursday 21st December and we hope many students join us so that we can make this a very special festive lunchtime at SWR.

We will be serving:-

Roast Turkey with stuffing, pigs in blanket, roast potatoes, carrots, peas, festive red cabbage and gravy. The vegetarian alternative is Roasted Squash and Vegetable Wellington, roast potatoes, carrots, peas and festive red cabbage.

Pudding is a choice of Chocolate Brownie or Christmas Pudding.

The cost of the meal is £3.50 and you must pre-book your meal by Monday 11th December on ParentPay. There will be two payment items for you to choose from, Traditional Christmas meal and Vegetarian Christmas meal so please ensure you pay for the correct item. If your child(ren) have Free School Meals, they must also preorder with the canteen.

If your child(ren) has allergies, please make sure the canteen is made aware.

In the lead up to Christmas, the canteen will be serving a selection of food with a festive theme.

#### The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England has launched "The Big Ambition" to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country. They want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting. Please use the QI code below to take part.



### Star Students

Please see our list of Star Students from this week. Well done to all!

Name	Tutor	Reason
Olivia S	7	Improved attendance and aspiration in wanting to become an anti-bullying ambassador.
Amelia P	7	Participating in bowling this week and always trying her best.
Amy C	8	Amazing commitment to music extra-curricular attending all rehearsals even when not expected. Star of the tutor group last week.
Megan H	8	Consistently polite and hard working member of 8RW who is always punctual and ready to learn. Megan is an excellent scientist too!
Emma	9	Always polite, having the correct uniform and meeting expectations at strong start everyday.
Edward T Jordan M	9	Always engaged and kind, even for a P5 on Friday.  When everyone else was rushing home, you spent an extra minute to help with chairs and whiteboard pens end of maths. They have a great attitude to learning in Science too!
Max A	9	Exceptional effort in every Geography lesson so far this
IVIAX A	10	year- they have both shown resilience in the more
Ebony U	10	challenging lessons and aspiration with homework completion.
Jay R-S, Ruby W and Jack C	10	100% attendance and highest house points in tutor group
Isaac C	10	Excellent attitude to learning in Science lessons - Isaac has shown real resilience in each of his science subjects this term and has been determined to get even the trickiest of questions right!
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Jakub P	11	
Jessica C	11	Prefect assistance during the accident in Communications block yesterday.

Henry S	11	Securing a conditional offer at Cirencester College.
Millie S	11	Dedication during mocks despite feeling unwell.
Chloe S		Taking Year 7 Netball practice for Mrs Oakley so that she could take the Year 9's to their tournament. And getting to level 10 on the bleep test (the highest girls score in school).