

SWR WEEKLY

Striving for Excellence Together



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

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter holiday and it was great to welcome staff and students back to school on Monday. We were also delighted to welcome Mr Hood our new Head of Music who joined us from Malmesbury School. We wish Mr Hood a very successful time at SWR and you can find more about him in this newsletter.

On Thursday, the Year 10 and 11 students went to see Blood Brothers at the Theatre Royal in Bath. The students really enjoyed not only the experience of going to a professional musical but also enjoyed the performance itself. Blood Brothers is one of the plays that they look at in depth for their GCSE so it was a very beneficial trip.

I would like to draw your attention to the PTFA quiz that is on Friday 26th April at the United Services Club in Tetbury. It should be a great event and all funds raised go to the school. Further information can be found in this newsletter.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. As you may have heard, a group of SWR staff are running the Reading Half Marathon on Sunday to raise money for the local Mark Townsend Charitable Trust. A link to the fundraising can be found [here](#). We expect some staff to be a little less nimble on their feet on Monday!

Mr Ruscoe

FAIR PLAY TROPHY WINNERS

Congratulations to Fin, Ned and Archie who played in the PL Kicks Tournament last Friday for Forest Green Rovers. They won the Fair Play trophy and really demonstrated the SWR core values.

They will hopefully get to play at St George's on the next stage!



FOOTBALL AMBASSADOR

Mr Ruscoe was delighted to meet with Andrew who has been selected for secondary school ambassador of the year for Forest Green Rovers.



GLOUCESTER RUGBY ACADEMY

Congratulations to Max who has been selected for Gloucester Rugby Academy!



WELCOME TO MR HOOD

Tell us about your teaching career so far-
I'm delighted to have joined the team at SWR as Curriculum Coordinator for Music and am thoroughly looking forward to my time here. My teaching career started in the South-East, teaching in schools around Brighton, starting as a subject teacher for Music, before taking on roles such as Head of House and Head of Department. Having previously worked in schools of approximately 1500 students I am particularly looking forward to being a part of the community at SWR, who already have been so welcoming.

Why did you want to be a teacher? -
We all have those people in our lives who have made a significant impact on us. For me, it was my secondary school music teachers who inspired me to have a career in music and gave me opportunities and responsibilities to achieve the things that I didn't know I could and that's why I am a teacher today.

Why did you want to work at SWR? -
I was attracted by SWR's reputation as a small and caring school, with staff that know their students and are committed to doing their best for them. SWR is at an exciting place in its journey, and I want to be a part of the success story moving forward as we Strive for Excellence Together!

What do you like doing away from work? -
Music is a large part of my life beyond teaching. I'm often at gigs, whether watching or performing and am heading to London to play this weekend. Beyond that I'm a fan of wide-open spaces. Recently I converted an old Transit Van into a camper van and am excited about the weather improving so I can get out into the wilderness with my wife and our border terrier, Pip.



BRILLIANT BOOKSHOP EXPERIENCE!

COMING TO SWR ON 25TH AND 26TH APRIL

We are delighted to announce that our School has been selected to take part in a pilot scheme, National Book Tokens School Bookshop Experience.

In collaboration with National Book Tokens, local charity Read for Good and The Yellow-Lighted Bookshop are creating an in-school 'bookshop experience' to help children and young people experience the joy of choosing a brand new book of their own to keep forever. And it won't cost you or us a penny!

National Book Tokens are providing every student in Key Stage 3 with a £10 National Book Token to be spent at the Bookshop Experience, which will be held at our school on 25th and 26th April. Groups of KS3 Students will visit the 'bookshop', receive advice on how to choose a book to buy, have a chance to browse and talk about all the books on offer and then use their specially designed book token to buy the book of their choice.

Any 'change' from the Book Tokens is being donated to the school to buy books for our school library and class book corners.

We are so excited about this opportunity and hope that it will inspire the children to continue to visit local bookshops, choose their own reading material and keep reading for pleasure. You can support this by sharing books and stories with your children, encouraging them to read what they love (books, graphic novels, magazines, comic, newspapers), and visit a bookshop every so often, even just to browse.

Check out Read for Good's [Books We Love webpage](#) and their [Reading Journeys webpages](#) for more reading inspiration.

Did you know...reading helps children:
Understand the world around them
Get better results at school
Get a job they love
And be happier!

SWR STARS

Congratulations to this week's SWR Stars!

Layla, For consistently demonstrating SWR values. Always kind and considerate of others, and role models in the year group.

Malachi, For a fantastic number of house points this term already!

Jamie, For consistently demonstrating SWR values. Always kind and considerate of others, and role models in the year group.

Vanessa, For an excellent start to Term 5 and always working really hard.

Isabella, For her fantastic number of house points and always being aspirational.

Jacob, For being an excellent SWR Role Model as always.

Archie, Fin and Ned, For playing in the PL Kicks Tournament for Forest Green Rovers last Friday and winning the Fair Play trophy, a great demonstration of SWR core values. They will hopefully get to play at St George's on the next stage!



Parent & Carer Support Groups

Are you worried about your child's well-being?

Parenting is rewarding yet challenging, especially when concerns arise. You are not alone.



Who: Tailored for Gloucestershire parents & carers of ages 11-18

When: Weekly sessions for 6 weeks, 1.5 hours each. Choose daytime or evening

Where: Cheltenham, Gloucester, Tewkesbury, Stroud, Forest of Dean or online via Teams

TIC+ run **FREE Support Groups** that meet face-to-face or virtually via Teams

Discover strategies to nurture resilience, guided by trained facilitators.

Share experiences, learn and grow in a safe space.

Visit the Parent Support pages on our website www.ticplus.org,uk or scan the QR code

**BOOK!
NOW!**

June - July 2024

DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
04 June - 09 July	Tuesday	10:30am - 12pm	Stroud
05 June - 10 July	Wednesday	7pm - 8.30pm	Cheltenham
06 June - 11 July	Thursday	7pm - 8.30pm	Teams



PTFA

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Dust off your thinking caps and sharpen your mind pencils ready for our SWR PTFA fundraiser Quiz!

Come as a team of 6 or join one when you arrive on April 26th at Tetbury United Services Club (the upstairs room).

Doors open at 7pm, quiz begins at 7.30pm-so plenty of time to get some drinks in from the good value bar below.

We will provide some nibbles and a great quiz from our Quiz Master Jonnie.

Come and have a fun evening while raising funds for our fabulous school.

A raffle will be held at half time with some brilliant prizes from the local community.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**DOV'T
MISS
OUT!**

**QUIZ
TICKETS
AVAILABLE
NOW!**

Scan the QR code



Please see the quiz poster for QR code to buy tickets. Or type this URL

swrptfa_quiz.eventbrite.co.uk

SWR PTFA is a registered charity. Our number is 1183793

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Meet the committee



Natalie Skinner-

*SWR PTFA Chair
(Child in Yr 8)*



Hayley Stockvis

(Child in Yr 8)



Tiff Herbert

(Child in year Yr 9 & Yr 8)



Clare Banbrook-

*SWR PTFA Secretary
(Child in Yr 7)*



Jonnie Coffin-

*SWR PTFA Treasurer
(Child in Yr 7 & Yr 10)*



Lizzie Walkley-

*SWR PTFA Vice chair
(Child in yr 8)*

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CHARITY

Bar

QUIZ

Night

Snacks

Friday 26th April
Doors 7pm start time 7.30pm

Tetbury United Services Club

Raffle



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Come as a team of 6 or join one when you arrive

Tickets £7.50 per person via eventbrite
https://swrptfa_Quiz.eventbrite.co.uk Or use the QR code

United services club, 14 Chipping st, Tetbury, GL8 8ES