

SWR WEEKLY

Striving for Excellence Together



PARKING

We have recently been contacted by a resident of Conygar Road who has raised concerns about an ongoing issue affecting their ability to access their driveway during school pick-up times.

The resident has reported that their driveway is frequently blocked by vehicles waiting to collect students, making it difficult or sometimes impossible for them to enter or exit their property. This situation has caused considerable inconvenience and frustration, and we are keen to support our local community by addressing the issue.

We would like to take this opportunity to kindly remind all parents and carers to park considerately and avoid obstructing driveways or access points at any time, particularly during the busy pick-up period.

Please ensure that you are not stopping across driveways, even for short periods, as this can have a significant impact on residents.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in helping to maintain good relationships with our neighbours and ensuring that our school continues to be a respectful and responsible member of the community.

We thank you for your understanding and continued support.



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We were all very disappointed that the Sponsored Walk had to be cancelled today. I have been monitoring the Met Office forecast throughout the week. Until 9 pm last night, the forecast predicted dry weather; however, this changed overnight. After weighing the pros and cons, I made the decision to cancel. The main factors were steady rainfall predicted throughout the day, heavy rain overnight, and conditions that would have been particularly unpleasant at lunchtime.

If I were walking with my family, I might have gone ahead regardless and enjoyed the day. However, I am responsible not for a small family but for 501 students and 77 staff. I also have to consider the consequences if a student or staff member were injured. This decision was not taken lightly—it was a difficult choice made to ensure everyone's safety while balancing the desire to go ahead with the walk. As the weather unfolded throughout the day, it confirmed that cancelling was the right decision.

On a brighter note, we were absolutely delighted with the turnout for our Open Mornings. Every day we welcomed the highest numbers I have seen since joining the school, with another 90 visitors still expected on Saturday. The numbers themselves were encouraging, but what really stood out were the comments from parents and visitors, who were particularly positive about our students. We know our students are our strongest asset at SWR, and it was wonderful to see visitors notice and comment on this.

I also sent an important letter to all parents/carers this week and I hope you have had an opportunity to read it, and please do ask if you have any questions.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Typically, the forecast looks very dry, so hopefully some enjoyable time outdoors is ahead.

Mr Ruscoe

SWR STARS

Florence - for her fantastic effort every week in English.

Alissa - for her fantastic focus and work in Literacy lessons this week.

Dylan - for his commitment to whole school responsibilities and collaboration as a Hi-Viz Hero this week.

Brady - for his brilliant attitude to learning.

Riley - for his engagement in English and always giving great contributions.

Rose - for her outstanding effort in English.

Ellie - for being an absolute delight in English. Answering questions and getting stuck into the work. Impressive!

Rhys - for having such a fantastic start to the year in English. Every English lesson he could be star of the day.

Kierian - for resilience, attendance and engagement in English.

Jordon - for always working super hard in Maths.

Lottie - for deep thinking and engagement in English.



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

We had a brilliant time celebrating the European Day of Languages last Friday! A huge congratulations to our Bake Off champions – Matilda, Inigo, Darcy, Lola, and Ilse. The standard of every single entry was exceptional, and the atmosphere in the library at lunchtime was absolutely buzzing. It was especially heart-warming to see so many students coming along to cheer on their friends.

A big thank you to Arthur, Gia, and Floccie for expertly tallying the popular vote. As always, our Eurovision-style voting system combined judges' scores with votes from students and staff — democracy in action!

Meanwhile, Year 7 have all now completed their first rounds of the Spelling Bee, and we're buzzing for the final on October 10th. Every student took part, showing real aspiration, collaboration, and resilience throughout — we're so proud of them all.

We've also collected a fantastic range of language quotes from students who speak or learn another language outside of school, and we're looking forward to showcasing these by the student entrance.



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The **PTFA**
Presents...

Prize for best
costume!

SWR STUDENTS HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thursday 23rd October

6.30-8pm

Drinks - snacks - raffle

Cash and card accepted

Advance tickets via parent pay-£6

(Cut off for advance tickets Tues 21st)

Tickets £8 on the door



Parents and carers are responsible for making sure students arrive at and leave the disco safely

DJ JOSH ELLIOTT

WALKING FOR AMELIE



Donate now for brain tumour research and hospice care

Every year up to 30 children in the UK are diagnosed with a Diffuse Midline Glioma (DMG). This is a brain cancer with no cure and very limited treatment options.

Amelie was one of those children. She died at just 15 this July.

Her family is doing a 1,200-mile trek from John O'Groats to Land's End in memory of Amelie. They want to raise awareness and funds for urgent research and outstanding end-of-life care for young people like her.

Donate today at <https://gvwhl.com/CXNWD>

Funds will be split between Abbie's Army, which is searching for a cure to DMG, and Acorns Children's Hospice, which provides care for children in the final weeks of life.

