

# SWR WEEKLY

Striving for Excellence Together



As we return to SWR, our focus this term will be on reading and our strategy Power of Words. Reading sits at the heart of our curriculum and underpins our approach to teaching and learning.

As you know, literacy and oracy are key pillars of our curriculum intent, and vocabulary, particularly Tier 2 and Tier 3 vocabulary, is an important part of our subject content.

In lessons, we will ensure that all students are exposed to challenging texts.

While reading and Power of Words are a focus this term, reading will remain central to everything we do for our students throughout the year.

During the term, you will hear about activities taking place at SWR to celebrate and promote reading.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Year 11 Parents Evening. We appreciate your support and it was good to have many positive conversations. Next week, we look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Year 9 Options Evening, where we will discuss the subjects your son or daughter will take as they begin their GCSEs.

Please remember that students should bring a coat to school during the cold weather. Hoodies are not permitted unless they are part of the PE uniform and worn during PE lessons. Thank you for your support with this.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,  
Mr Ruscoe

## CHRISTMAS MORNING COMMUNITY SUPPORT

On Christmas morning Max, Elsie and Elvis helped deliver Christmas dinners to residents across Tetbury with kindness, reliability and a positive attitude, ensuring that those who may otherwise have been alone felt supported and remembered on what can be a difficult day for many.



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Together, we share expertise, resources, and a commitment to delivering the very best education. Behind the scenes, a dedicated team of Trustees and Governors—all volunteers—work tirelessly to ensure our schools are well-run and ready to embrace both challenges and opportunities.

We're looking for new voices to join us.  
Could that be you?

We need individuals to support our Trustee Resources Committee, and we're especially keen to hear from those with financial management experience or an accountancy qualification. You don't need a background in education—just a desire to make a real difference. By sharing your skills, you'll help shape the future of thousands of young people across our Trust. Meetings take place approximately 5 times a year and you will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

For an initial chat or to find out more, please contact Kate Bashford, Governance Professional on [admin@theathelstantrust.org](mailto:admin@theathelstantrust.org).

## BOOK SWAP

Students are invited to donate any secondary-school-appropriate books they no longer need or wish to keep, helping to promote a love of reading and reduce waste.

A collection box will be available in the Library, making it easy for students to drop off their donations.

From **Wednesday 14th January**, our Book Swap will be set up, giving all students the opportunity to browse the collection and choose a free, pre-loved book to take home and enjoy.



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# SWR STARS

**Max, Elsie and Elvis** - on Christmas morning they helped deliver Christmas dinners to residents across Tetbury with kindness, reliability and a positive attitude, ensuring that those who may otherwise have been alone felt supported and remembered on what can be a difficult day for many.

**George** - for his excellent teamwork/defensive work in PE

**Cody** - for his really great work in his English assessment - resilience and engagement in learning.

**Zach and Maja** - for the great attitude and excellent work in Science.

**Mila** - for her participation and performance in PE.

**Jessie** - for her great focus and independent work in English on Macbeth this week.

**Andrew** - for his excellent attitude in English - great acting this week!

**Samual** - for contributing in Tutor time and his great acting in English.

**Willow** - for great contributions on Macbeth and full engagement in lessons.

**Elena** - for going above and beyond in supporting a friend on Enrichment Day.

**Joe and Troy** - for their excellent attitude and application in English lessons.





# TERM 3 – HOUSE EVENTS

WEEK 16  
5TH-9TH  
JANUARY

WEEK 17  
12TH-16TH  
JANUARY

WEEK 18  
19TH-23RD  
JANUARY

WEEK 19  
26TH-30TH  
JANUARY

WEEK 20  
2ND-6TH  
FEBRUARY

WEEK 21  
9TH-13TH  
FEBRUARY

TALLEST TOWER  
CHALLENGE

DODGEBALL

INTER-HOUSE  
CHESS

DESIGN A VALENTINES  
CARD