27th November 2026

SWR WEEKLY

Striving for Excellence Together



The highlight of the week at SWR was undoubtedly our Futures Day on Wednesday. This event provides students with the opportunity to explore the many career pathways available to them and begin thinking about the employment they may wish to pursue in the future.

Throughout the day, students took part in a wide range of activities, including visits to universities, talks from professionals representing a variety of industries, sessions exploring career pathways, and discussions about the subjects and qualifications needed to achieve their ambitions. One of my favourite aspects of Futures Day is the incredible support we receive from our wider community. Governors, parents and carers, former students, local employers, community members, and the friends and family of staff all give their time to help inspire our students. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the day and made it such a success.

We were also delighted to achieve our highest attendance for a Futures Day since the event began. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting the day and ensuring students were able to benefit from the many opportunities on offer. We are incredibly proud of Futures Day at SWR. The programme has been recognised nationally as an example of excellent practice and remains an integral part of our curriculum.

The school is closed to students on Monday for an INSET Day. Staff will be working alongside colleagues from across the Athelstan Trust, continuing our professional development work on the foundation skill of writing. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday.

With just three weeks remaining until the Christmas break, I would like to remind families of the importance of regular attendance. Every day in school makes a difference, not only to students' enjoyment of school life but also to their understanding of the curriculum and, ultimately, their success, particularly as they approach key examinations.

We recognise that this is the season for coughs, colds and the usual winter bugs. However, wherever possible, please encourage students to attend school unless they are genuinely too unwell to learn. A useful rule of thumb is that if a child is well enough to enjoy their usual activities at home, they are often well enough to attend school.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing students back in school on Tuesday.

Mr Ruscoe

TETBURY WOMBLES LITTER PICK

Last weekend, 11 volunteers braved the cold to join Tetbury Wombles for a litter-picking session around the school grounds.

Focusing on the north and east perimeters, the team collected 14 bags of litter, along with a number of other discarded items.

Some had clearly been there for years, including a crisp packet with a best-before date of 2013!

A big thank you to the volunteers, Tetbury Wombles and Tetbury Town Council for their support.



U15 NETBALL TEAM

A few weeks ago, our U15 netball team took part in the District Netball Tournament.

They secured wins against TK and KLB, and narrowly missed out against Farmors and Rednock, who went on to compete in the final.

We are really proud of them and the progress they have made since Year 7, as well as the hard work they have put in along the way.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We are delighted to announce that our Christmas Lunch will take place on Thursday 10th December. We hope as many students as possible will join us to enjoy a delicious festive meal and help make it a truly special occasion at SWR.

Our festive menu will include a choice of:

Traditional Roast Turkey – *served with stuffing, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and gravy.*

Lentil Cottage Pie – *a delicious vegetarian alternative.*

Dessert: *Chocolate brownie served with cream.*

The cost of the meal is £3.75, and all meals must be pre-booked via ParentPay by Friday 4th December. Please note that we will be unable to accept any bookings or payments after this deadline.

If your child has any allergies or dietary requirements, please ensure that the relevant section of ParentPay is completed when making your booking.

Students entitled to Free School Meals **must pre-order their meal through the school canteen.**

We look forward to celebrating the festive season with our students and sharing a wonderful Christmas lunch together!

SWR STARS

Each week Mr. Ruscoe meets with students who have been nominated by staff for showing our core values of Aspiration, Resilience and Collaboration.

We love celebrating achievements both in and out of school. If your child has accomplished something outside of school, we'd be delighted to hear about it - please share their success with us by emailing - **admin@swr.gloucs.sch.uk**

Congratulations to this week's SWR Stars -

Sofka, Chloe, Flo, Max and Danny - for their amazing Christmas card designs in Art.

Morgan - for his fantastic team leadership on display at Futures Day! You held your team together, listened to everyone's views and got your team working well - which wasn't easy!

Hefin and Win - for their excellent effort making the prototype system. All the team was very impressed!

Felicity - for her fantastic effort in Geography this week.

Skylar and Ren - for their excellent engagement in Futures Day.

Ivy - for showing great leadership skills during Futures Day.

Pearl - for showing real resilience during Futures Day.

Esme - for her great attitude and resilience on Futures Day.

Bailey - for his great attitude to learning on Futures Day.

Oscar and Archie - for their maturity and friendliness during Lunchtime to include others in Basketball.



FUTURES DAY

Our first Futures Day of the academic year certainly did not disappoint. Students engaged enthusiastically with a huge range of visitors and experiences throughout the day, broadening their horizons, raising their aspirations, and encouraging them to think more deeply about their futures, all while stepping outside their comfort zones and exploring new possibilities.

Year 7: STEM in Action

Year 7 students focused on applying their Science, Mathematics and Computer Science skills to a life-or-death rescue scenario involving a stranded lighthouse keeper. Working collaboratively to solve problems and design solutions, they produced some impressively successful capsules. The day was rounded off by meeting a range of professionals from science and engineering backgrounds, helping to bring STEM subjects to life and showcasing the exciting career opportunities these subjects can lead to.

Year 8: Building a Sustainable Future

Year 8 welcomed four inspiring guest speakers, including one who had returned just days earlier from filming for Blue Planet. Their focus for the day was careers within the growing green sector and the importance of sustainability in our everyday lives.

Students considered the actions we can all take to help protect our planet before putting their learning into practice by designing their own sustainable cities. The collaboration, teamwork and diplomacy on display might even have rivalled the latest COP conference discussions! It was fantastic to see students applying their knowledge creatively while thinking about the challenges and opportunities facing future generations.

Year 9: Learning from Real-Life Success Stories

Year 9 enjoyed an inspiring start to the day with a visit from a bestselling author before taking part in a careers networking event featuring friends, family members and alumni from the SWR community. Speakers represented a diverse range of professions including a local barber, business owner and yoga teacher, paramedics, financial services professionals and cabin crew. Each shared their personal journeys, experiences and lessons learned along the way. Students thoroughly embraced the opportunity, asking thoughtful and insightful questions that demonstrated both curiosity and genuine engagement with the day.

Year 10: Exploring Higher Education

Year 10 students visited Hartpury University and the University of Bath, gaining a valuable insight into university life and the opportunities available through higher education. From exploring campuses and facilities to learning about courses and student life, the visits encouraged students to think about their own future pathways and ambitions.

Year 11: Planning the Next Steps

Year 11 had a superb day focused on their next steps beyond school. They explored post-16 options, met former students who shared their experiences and advice, and reflected on the importance of making positive first impressions. As they prepare for important decisions over the coming months, the day provided invaluable guidance and inspiration.

Looking Ahead

Every student took something meaningful away from the day that will hopefully help shape their future journey. With more than 18 guest speakers, universities visited, sustainable cities designed and countless inspiring conversations taking place, Futures Day was a tremendous success.

We hope all of our students enjoyed and benefited from the experience, and we are already looking forward to our next Futures Day in January.

If you would like to be involved, we would love to hear from you. Whether you can share your career journey, professional expertise or experiences, your contribution could make a real difference to our students.

Please contact Tanith Lynham at t.lynham@swr.gloucs.sch.uk for more information.











CANTEEN ACCOUNTS

Please ensure that your child's canteen account is regularly topped up and has sufficient funds available for purchases.

As students are not permitted to use their phones during the school day it is very difficult for them to contact home if their balance is low.

Keeping accounts topped up will help avoid any unnecessary dissapointment and ensures that students can purchase food and drink without difficulty.

MEDICATION REMINDER

Please note that it is not permitted for any student to carry medication (both over the counter and/or prescribed) on their person whilst at school.

The only exception this is students who are prescribed asthma inhalers or auto-immune injectors.

If a student needs to take medication during school hours, this medication must be presented to the main office in a labelled container with all administration/dose information.

The medication will then be administered by the first aid team.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school and students safe.

We are delighted to invite you to the

SIR WILLIAM ROMNEY'S, A VENING,

LEIGHTERON AND ST MARY'S

CAROL CONCERT

Featuring Student Performances, Carols, Festive Cheer and a few Mince Pies!

Thursday 10th December

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

St Mary's Church, Tetbury



Raising funds for The Mark Townsend Trust

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(Annual General Meeting)

FRIDAY

27th NOVEMBER

@THE PRIORY

(In the snug)

7pm-9pm

ALL WELCOME