

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy and productive week at school, and we would like to thank all the parents and carers who continue to support school life in so many ways. This week our Year 2 classes, Lime and Pine, enjoyed their visit to St Paul's Cathedral, and we are grateful to the parent volunteers who accompanied them on the trip. A special thank you also goes to those supporting Year 4 with their swimming lessons—your help makes such a difference.

We were delighted to welcome so many parents and carers of children in Year 1 and 2 to our recent phonics coffee morning. It was a lovely opportunity to share how phonics is taught in school and explore ways to support your child with reading at home.

On 30th September we held our 'Bring Your Parents to School' day for Reception, when parents joined classes to take part in guided lessons. The sessions included weaving and cooking in the kitchen, and it was wonderful to see families learning alongside their children. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend and make the event such a success.

Looking ahead, we will be welcoming new Reception parents to our open day on 8th October for those applying for the 2026 to 2027 intake, and next week we look forward to meeting Nursery parents at their coffee morning on 10th October at 9am.

A reminder that safeguarding is always our highest priority. Please ensure that if someone different is collecting your child at the end of the day, you let the class teacher or school office know in advance, and use the agreed collection password. We also ask that parents stand behind the cones at dismissal to give staff clear sight of the children as they leave safely. These small steps help us to keep all children safe and secure.

As always, thank you for the time, energy and encouragement you give to the school and to your children's learning. Working together we can ensure that every child has the best possible opportunities to thrive, achieve and enjoy their school experience.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Patrick Mbanga
Head of School



Diary Dates

7th October: St. Paul's Cathedral Trip—Poplar Class

8th October: New Reception Open Day (2026-27 intake) 9.30am-10.30am in school (5pm-6pm online)

8th October: British Museum Trip—Beech Class

9th October - British Museum Trip—Aspen

10th October: Nursery parent coffee morning

10th October : Interschool Athletics Competition

13th October: FOSS Spooky costume swap shop

14th October: British Museum Trip—Hazel Class

16th October: Parent Council (9.15am-10.30am)

17th October: KS2 Interschool champions league debate

17th October: Flu immunisations

17 October: Coffee morning

17th October: FOSS Halloween Disco

Absences

If your child is going to be absent, please inform the office by 9.30am on the day of absence.

Absences can now also be reported using the MCAS app.

Breakfast club and Acorn club

For parents who wish to contact Breakfast club and Acorn club please use this number:

07716791490

The phone should be available from 7.15 - 8.45am & 3.30-6pm.

Parent reminder: All wraparound payments should be made in advance of the club commencing.

Selwyn Primary School Holiday Club!

If you would like to apply for a space for your child in one of our holiday clubs, more details can be found using the following link: <https://irp.cdn-website.com/cd1d0b3b/files/uploaded/Holiday+Club+permission+letter+2025-2026+%281%29+%281%29+%283%29.pdf>

Class attendance % week ending 3rd October 2025.
Well done to Hawthorn class who have 99% attendance this week.!

Class	%	Class	%
Ash	94.4	Teak	98.1
Magnolia	96.2	Cedar	96
Sycamore	95.2	Cypress	94.3
Fir	95.5	Hawthorn	99
Larch	96.2	Aspen	93.6
Rowan	96	Beech	97.9
Lime	96.3	Hazel	95.8
Pine	96.8	Juniper	95.6
Poplar	95	Maple	95.1
Elder	95.1	Redwood	96.8
Olive	98.5		

Our Communication Strategy

Monday - Office Communication day - office will send reminders and updates to parents, highlighting key dates in the school calendar.

Tuesday - Teachers' communication day about trips or events. This will have at least 7 days' notification. The office will send information on behalf of teachers. Teachers will still respond to parents via emails.

Wednesday - Phase leaders' communication regarding major phase events or reinforcing school policy or procedures.

Thursday - Leadership information to parents for items intended to stand out and away from newsletter

Friday - Newsletter, flyers and office letters

Class	Caught being kind	Star of the week	Researcher
Ash	Aysel	Leo	Albie
Magnolia	Isla	Robin	Stanley
Sycamore	Ruqayyah	Ralphie	Cara
Fir	Zeynep	Wolfie	Julia
Larch	Bryan	Alihan	Harlan
Rowan	Minahil	Benjamin	Keyaan
Lime	Ada	Aaliyah	Carys
Pine	Aleeh	Whole class	Lorenzo
Poplar	Liv	Leah	Samuel
Olive	Michaela	Venislava	Franciszek
Elder	Olive	Yahya	Teddy
Teak	Maja	Jessica	Lili
Hawthorn	Dougie	Asha	Reyah
Cedar	Kayden	Hannah	Aisha
Cypress	Victoria	Bentley	Kaylen
Aspen	Alayna-Mia	Maxine	Jessica
Beech	Amina	Aaron	Adanse
Hazel	Zahira	Anthony	Savannah
Juniper	Beth	Vinnie	Aya
Maple	Edgar	Anastasia	Eddie
Redwood	Reid	Osman	Amira

School Term dates 2025 -2026

Autumn Term:

Monday 1st September 2025 to Friday 19th December 2024

Friday 24th October 2025 INSET day

Half term holiday Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025

Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2025

Spring Term:

Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 27th March 2026.

Monday 5th January 2026 INSET day

Half term holiday Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026.

Easter holiday Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026.

Summer Term:

Monday 13th April 2026 to Monday 20th July 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 INSET day

Half term holiday Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Summer holiday Tuesday 21st July

Selwyn primary School

Stay and play

Monday Mornings 9:30-11:30am in the
Caretaker's House – Free drop in sessions
NEW DATE!

Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30am
Starting from 5th November



Reeva who is a pupil at Selwyn Primary School has decided to do something truly selfless. She has donated her beautiful hair to The Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their hair due to cancer or other conditions. She has been growing her hair for over a year now with this goal in mind. We are so proud of her kindness and bravery .



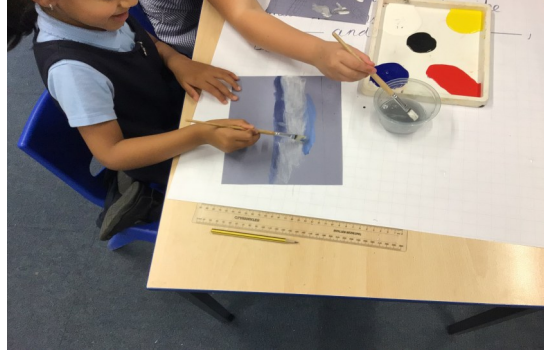
Last week, seven Key Stage 1 pupils represented our school at a Cross-Country event held at Peter May Sports Ground. Over 300 children from 20 different schools took part in what was a fantastic event. We are proud to share that most of our pupils finished in the top 30 runners in both the boys' and girls' races – an incredible achievement!

We also attended a Year 3 & 4 Badminton Racket Festival, which involved nearly 30 schools. This non-competitive event gave children the opportunity to try out a variety of fun, badminton-based activities and develop new skills. Our fellow Arbor Academy Trust schools, Woodford Green and Davies Lane, also took part, making it a brilliant day for everyone involved.



Lime Class - Art Lesson

This week in art, Lime class have been creating colourful backgrounds for their silhouette final pieces. Children use the primary colours as well as black and white to create their backgrounds.



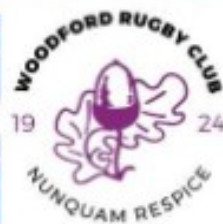
Well done to the group of children, who participated in the Inter-school Watercolour Art Competition last Friday. They each produced a beautiful piece of work and Joselyn came away with the winner's trophy! Congratulations to you all!



Year 2 Lime and Pine had an incredible trip to St Paul's Cathedral, stepping back in time to relive the lives of people during the Great Fire of London. The children explored the devastation the fire caused and reflected on how it changed the city forever. They were fascinated to learn about Sir Christopher Wren and the vital role he played in redesigning and rebuilding London, with St Paul's standing as his greatest masterpiece. It was a day filled with discovery, history, and awe inside one of London's most iconic landmarks.



**IMPACT
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Woodford RugbyFest

Sunday 5 October 12.30 - 16.00

Meet England Rugby Star Zoe Harrison!

Join us for a FREE family afternoon of rugby, crafts, games, food & fun!

12.30 Youth Rugby Match

14.00 Rugby Taster Sessions

**15.30 Photos and Signing with Fly Half Zoe Harrison
England Red Rose, Winner of Women's Rugby World Cup 2025**

Rugby activities, Crafts & Fun for Boys and Girls of all ages



**Zoe Harrison
England Fly Half**

Woodford Rugby Club, High Road, IG8 9LB.

FRIENDS OF SELWYN SCHOOL PRESENT

Spooky DISCOS

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17 OCT

PRICE	YEAR GROUP	TIME
£5.00	YR 1 & 2:	3.30 - 4.30

This ticket include, glow tattoos snacks & plenty of water.

£4.50	YR 3 & 4:	4.45 - 5.45
£4.50	YR 5 & 6:	6.00 - 7.00

*This ticket includes glow tattoos & water.
The TUCK SHOP will be open for the children to buy sweets/snacks with their pocket money.*

BUY TICKETS ONLINE ONLY
WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/SELWYNSCHOOL
ON SALE FROM 19TH SEPT - 3RD OCT.
NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THAT DATE.

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FANCY DRESS SHOP...
JUST IN TIME FOR
HALLOWEEN!



DONATE YOUR OLD COSTUMES
THURSDAY 9 AND FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER

Place them in the donation box by the shed
(where the pre-loved uniform sale is held).

On MONDAY 13 OCTOBER | 8:40-9:30AM
come along to the **FOSS FANCY DRESS SHOP**
and grab your Halloween costume for just **£1!**



SAVE MONEY
BE ECO-FRIENDLY
GET HALLOWEEN-READY!

