

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a restful weekend. It has been another busy and exciting week here at Selwyn Primary, filled with learning, creativity and community spirit. To celebrate Bonfire Night, the children enjoyed toasting marshmallows in a safe and supervised environment. It was a lovely way to mark the occasion and bring the classes together.

In light of the recent hurricane in Jamaica, our School Council representatives will be at the school gates on Monday and Tuesday collecting donations for the British Red Cross fund supporting those affected. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated, and we thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

A heartfelt thank you to those who attended our Autism Awareness Coffee Morning. It was wonderful to see the discussions going on.

We were very proud of the children who represented the school in the inter-school music competition this week. Their performances were excellent and showcased their confidence and talent beautifully. Selwyn came second overall and we are so proud of all our musicians. Year 3 Elder class had an inspiring trip to the Science Museum, where they explored interactive exhibits and deepened their understanding of scientific ideas in a real-world context.

Looking ahead to next week, we will be observing Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November with a whole-school silence to honour those who have served and sacrificed. We are also delighted to invite parents and the wider community to a Music Performance Showcase on Thursday 14th November. On the same day, children will be collecting donations for Children in Need, and we hope you will join us in supporting both events.

We're excited to announce that our pupils will be taking part in a cross country event on Friday 15th November at Chingford Plains, starting at 9:00am. We're really looking forward to being part of this fantastic sporting occasion!

Our Wake-Up, Shake-Up sessions and Running Club are free to join and open to everyone – there's no need to sign up, just come along and take part! A reminder that each year group has their opportunity to join the sessions from 8.40am onwards on the following days:

- Year 4 – Monday
- Years 3 and 5 – Tuesday
- Year 1 – Wednesday
- Year 2 – Thursday
- Year 6 – Friday

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement in school life. We look forward to another wonderful week ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Patrick Mbanga
Head of School



Diary Dates

11th November: Remembrance Day Assembly—Year 6 (at 11am. Parents welcome)

11th November: Science Museum Trip—Olive Class

12th November: Shakespeare for Schools

13th November: Science Museum Trip—Teak Class

14th November: Music performance assembly, parents and community invited (9.30am)

14th November: Charity Event—Children in Need

14th November: Years 5 & 6 Mixed Indoor Athletics Festival

17th November: Individual photographs

17th November: Spelling Bee—heats in class

18th November: Bring Your Parent to School—Year 2 and Year 5

19th November: Epping Forest Centre Trip—Lime Class

19th November: Reception 2026/27 intake prospective parent tour (9.30-10.30am)

20th November: Epping Forest Centre—Pine Class

20th November: Reception 2026/27 intake prospective parent tour (9.30-10.30am)

21st November: Coffee morning—online learning

21st November: KS1 Mixed Athletics

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.

Class attendance % week ending 7th November 2025.
Well done to Ash class who have 100% attendance this week.!

Class	%	Class	%
Ash	100	Teak	96.5
Magnolia	97.7	Cedar	96.3
Sycamore	96.7	Cypress	96.3
Fir	9.9	Hawthorn	98
Larch	95.9	Aspen	96.6
Rowan	99	Beech	95.2
Lime	97.3	Hazel	92.1
Pine	99.4	Juniper	95.5
Poplar	94.7	Maple	94.8
Elder	95.8	Redwood	98.3
Olive	99.3		

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	Kyla	Amaira	Luna
Magnolia	Elsa	Miya	Violet
Sycamore	Otis	Feddie C	Amar
Fir	Kyanna	Kysen	Ella-Raye
Larch	Oscar	Harlan	Mark
Rowan	Maheera	Otis	Vincent
Lime	Aaliyah	Alex	Olivia
Pine	Dominic	Whole class	Alfie
Poplar	Austin	Indy	Murphie
Olive	Samuel	Asiya	Wren
Elder	Indie-Blue	Matei	Nathaly
Teak	Jessica	Seth	Ada
Hawthorn	Kirsten	Aiden	Ethan
Cedar	Angelica	Antonia	Elisa
Cypress	Max	Stanley	Orla
Aspen	Isabella	Nouri	Inaya
Beech	Nia	Aaron	Alfie
Hazel	Ben	Lila-Rose	Jesse
Juniper	Cassius	Jake	William
Maple	Ada	Henry	Abdullah
Redwood	Farrah	Hailie	Awais

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

Reception Admissions 2026

If you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, your child is eligible to start school in September 2026.

To apply for a Reception place for your child, please use the following link to apply before the 15th January 2026.

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>



Trips

We are pleased to confirm that google forms will now be used for all school trip permissions. This change will make the process of collecting permissions quicker, easier and more environmentally friendly. The google forms will be available on the announcements section of your MCAS app and parents will be advised that a form is available with more information on the trip by push notification or email. If you have a Selwyn DBS and would like to volunteer for a trip, please indicate this on the google form using your name. Contact will be made by the class teacher if you are required to support on the trip and to confirm your attendance.

If you have any questions, or need assistance locating a google form in your MCAS app, please contact a member of the office team.

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Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If your child's attendance during the school year is...	Your child would have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately...
95%	9 Days	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	340 Lessons

You must not take your child on holiday during term time.
Please bring your child to school on time so that they do not miss out.
Remember absence = Lost Opportunity

Seth from Teak Class in Year 3 has used a variety of recycled materials to build a 3D model of Mont Saint Michel Cathedral, located in France. He proudly shared his project with the class, and if anyone is interested in seeing this masterpiece, please come and visit Teak Class's display.



Elder class went on a fantastic trip to the Science Museum this week. The exhibits were exciting, and eye-opening, and we learned so much while having fun! It was a great day full of discovery, curiosity, and smiles all around.



Autumn/Winter 2025/2026



Eco Forest Ranger MONDAY

Allergen Friendly TUESDAY FDA

Allergen Friendly WEDNESDAY FDA

Tasty THURSDAY

Fun Fact FRIDAY

PUMPKINS ARE BERRIES

WEEK 1

CHOOSE FROM
Margherita Pizza 🍕 with Jacket Wedges 🍷
Vegetable Supreme Pizza 🍕 with Jacket Wedges 🍷
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 🍷 or Cheese 🍷

SIDES
Minted Garden Peas 🍷
Sweetcorn 🍷
Salad Selection 🍷
Homemade Garlic Bread 🍷

DESSERTS
Yogurt Bar 🍷 with Fruit Compote 🍷
Cheese & Crackers 🍷 with Fresh Apple Slice 🍷
Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷

CHOOSE FROM
Jollof Rice 🍷
Onion Con Carne with Mixed Rice
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 🍷 or Colelaw 🍷

SIDES
Roasted Organic Carrots 🍷
Green Beans 🍷
Salad Selection 🍷
Homemade Bread 🍷

DESSERTS
Creamy Rice Pudding 🍷 with a Fruit Compote 🍷
Fresh Fruit Salad 🍷
Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷

CHOOSE FROM
Baked Countryside Cutlet with Rosemary Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷
Roast Chicken with Rosemary Roast Potatoes and Gravy
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 🍷 or Colelaw 🍷

SIDES
Mixed Vegetables 🍷
Fresh Green Cabbage 🍷
Salad Selection 🍷
Homemade Bread 🍷

DESSERTS
St Clements Jelly 🍷
Fresh Fruit Salad 🍷
Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷

CHOOSE FROM
Classic Tomato & Basil Pasta 🍷
Beef Lasagne
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 🍷, Cheese 🍷 or Tuna

SIDES
Fresh Seasonal Broccoli 🍷
Sweetcorn Coblens 🍷
Salad Selection 🍷
Homemade Bread 🍷

DESSERTS
Yogurt Bar 🍷 with Fruit Compote 🍷
Cheese & Crackers 🍷 with Fresh Apple Slice 🍷
Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷

CHOOSE FROM
Crushed Chickpeas & Sweetcorn Wrap 🍷
MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers 🍷 with Oven Chipped Potatoes 🍷
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 🍷, Cheese 🍷 or Tuna

SIDES
Baked Beans 🍷
Minted Garden Peas 🍷
Salad Selection 🍷
Homemade Tomato Bread 🍷

DESSERTS
Oaty Apple Crumble 🍷 & Custard 🍷
Organic Fruit Yogurt 🍷 with Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷
Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷

WEEK 2

CHOOSE FROM
Crispy Nuggets with Spicy Diced Potatoes 🍷
Homemade Cheddar Cheese & Sweetcorn Quiche 🍷 with Spicy Diced Potatoes 🍷
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 🍷 or Cheese 🍷

SIDES
Fresh Seasonal Broccoli 🍷
Sweetcorn 🍷
Salad Selection 🍷
Homemade Wholemeal Bread 🍷

DESSERTS
Yogurt Bar 🍷 with Fruit Compote 🍷
Cheese & Crackers 🍷 with Fresh Apple Slice 🍷
Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷

CHOOSE FROM
Tangy Tomato & Pepper Pasta 🍷
Spicy Meatballs in a Creamy Tomato Sauce with Italian Rice
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 🍷 or Colelaw 🍷

SIDES
Fresh Organic Carrots 🍷
Green Beans 🍷
Salad Selection 🍷
Homemade Bread 🍷

DESSERTS
Fruit Smoothie 🍷
Fresh Fruit Salad 🍷
Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷

CHOOSE FROM
Power Sausage with Roasted Potatoes and Gravy 🍷
Spicy Chicken with Roasted Potatoes
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 🍷 or Colelaw 🍷

SIDES
Rainbow Roasted Veggies 🍷
Salad Selection 🍷
Homemade Bread 🍷

DESSERTS
Fruit Jelly Pot 🍷
Fresh Fruit Salad 🍷
Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷

CHOOSE FROM
Roasted Vegetable Biryani 🍷
Burger 🍷 in a Floured Bun 🍷 with Oven Baked Jacket Wedges
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 🍷, Cheese 🍷 or Tuna

SIDES
Fresh Seasonal Broccoli 🍷
Mixed Vegetables 🍷
Salad Selection 🍷
Homemade Bread 🍷

DESSERTS
Yogurt Bar 🍷 with Fruit Compote 🍷
Cheese & Crackers 🍷 with Fresh Apple Slice 🍷
Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷

CHOOSE FROM
Roasted Vegetable & Sweet Potato Burrito 🍷 with Oven Chipped Potatoes 🍷
MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers 🍷 with a Lemon Twist with Oven Chipped Potatoes 🍷
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 🍷, Cheese 🍷 or Tuna

SIDES
Baked Beans 🍷
Sweetcorn 🍷
Salad Selection 🍷
Homemade Garlic & Rosemary Focaccia 🍷

DESSERTS
Chocolatey Crackles 🍷 & Custard 🍷
Organic Fruit Yogurt 🍷 with Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷
Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷

CHARMMIES CAN BOUNCE

WEEK 3

CHOOSE FROM
Fiddling Fish Finger Wrap & Waffle Fries 🍷
Creamy Mac n Cheese 🍷
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 🍷 or Cheese 🍷

SIDES
Garden Peas 🍷
Sweetcorn 🍷
Salad Selection 🍷
Homemade Carrot & Coriander Bread 🍷

DESSERTS
Yogurt Bar 🍷 with Fruit Compote 🍷
Cheese & Crackers 🍷 with Fresh Apple Slice 🍷
Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷

CHOOSE FROM
Spiced Chick Pea & Sweet Potato Plaf 🍷
Chicken Curry with Mixed Rice
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 🍷 or Colelaw 🍷

SIDES
Green Beans 🍷
Fresh Seasonal Carrots 🍷
Salad Selection 🍷
Homemade Bread 🍷

DESSERTS
Raspberry & Coconut Jelly Pot 🍷
Fresh Fruit Salad 🍷
Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷

CHOOSE FROM
Pasta Neapolitan 🍷
Beef Bolognese with Pasta Spirals 🍷
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 🍷 or Colelaw 🍷

SIDES
Fresh Seasonal Broccoli 🍷
Mixed Vegetables 🍷
Salad Selection 🍷
Homemade Bread 🍷

DESSERTS
Fruit Smoothie 🍷
Fresh Fruit Salad 🍷
Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷

CHOOSE FROM
Wagon BBQ Pulled Jackfruit Baguette 🍷
Sizzling Chicken Stir Fry with Garlic and Ginger served with Noodles
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 🍷, Cheese 🍷 or Tuna

SIDES
Sweetcorn 🍷
Roasted Organic Carrots 🍷
Salad Selection 🍷
Rosemary & Cherry Tomato Focaccia 🍷

DESSERTS
Pineapple Upside Down Cake 🍷 and Custard 🍷
Organic Fruit Yogurt 🍷 with Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷
Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷

CHOOSE FROM
Power Burger in a Bun 🍷 with Oven Chipped Potatoes 🍷
MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers 🍷 or Bubble Crumb Salmon Fillet 🍷 with Oven Chipped Potatoes 🍷
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 🍷, Cheese 🍷 or Tuna

SIDES
Baked Beans 🍷
Garden Peas 🍷
Salad Selection 🍷
Homemade Bread 🍷

DESSERTS
Waffle Finger 🍷 with Slice of Fresh Fruit 🍷 and Ice Cream 🍷
Organic Fruit Yogurt 🍷 with Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷
Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍷

YOU CAN EAT THE SEEDS OF A KIW

NOTE: Fresh bread and unlimited vegetables and salad available daily.

Provider of excellent quality, freshly cooked, tasty, nutritious school meals.

We are working to reduce sugar content of our desserts in line with current healthy living advice. Homemade bread, a selection of salads and fresh fruit available daily. Dairy and organic fruit yogurt is available on non-allergen friendly days.

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
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27 28 29 30	27 28 29 30 31	24 25 26 27 28 29		30 31



Be a Forest Eco Ranger and help support climate action by choosing at least one plant based dish a week.



- 🍌 Vegan and planet-friendly
- 🌱 Vegetarian
- 🚫 Gluten Free
- 🥛 Dairy Free
- 🚫 Free from the 14 declared allergens

Please note: all cakes, puddings and pizza bases are freshly made using organic flour. Where total meat has been requested by the school, it is MSG certified (or equivalent). Information on allergens present in this menu is available at www.waltham-forest.gov.uk/schoolmeals or at the school.



WINTER FESTIVAL NOVEMBER KEY DATES



Raffle Tickets on SALE NOW!

Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th, Friday 28th

Festive Jumper Collection - Adults, Children & pets!

Children's Chapter Books

Please bring to FOSS Shed, AM Drop off only

Friday 28th

Game Tokens on Sale!

YR3 Playground - before and after school!

Friday 28th

Bring a BOTTLE in return for non uniform!

(Any unopened bottle: drinks, toiletries etc)

Saturday 29th

Winter Festival 11am-3pm!



RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE HERE:
www.pta-events.com/selwynschool

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PRIZES INCLUDE:

- £150 Cash Prize
- The Revel Puck Circus - 2 Tickets
- Art K Highams Park - 2 Hour Holiday Workshop
- Creation Station - Arty Party Voucher
- Super Star Sport - 1 Day Free Camp
- BoomBoom Comedy - 4 Tickets
- The Village Florist - Plant
- Vinoramica - £25 Voucher
- Yard Sale Pizza - £25 Voucher
- Churchill Estates - John Lewis Hamper
- Hulali Tiki Shack - Bottle of Wine or 2 Cocktails
- Truff Love - Box of 12 Truffles
- Betty June Flowers - Door Wreath
- The Larkshall Pub - £50 voucher
- Indulge - Coffee and cake
- V's Lounge- Burgers and drinks for two
- The Complete Blind Service - Jellycat soft toy
- Housecats - Family ticket for New Year's Eve Party
- Walthamstow Trades Hall - Voucher for four pints
- Wallflower - Personalised print with initials

And more fantastic prizes from local businesses.

Thank you to all of our generous sponsors!

Winners will be notified via email on
Saturday, 29th November.

Buy Tickets Online

























www.pta-events.com/selwynschool

Raffle tickets available online only.



FOSS Raffle is now live, tickets can be purchased here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/selwynschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=104413>



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