Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term! It has been wonderful to see all the children return after the festive break, happy, enthusiastic, and ready for another term of fun-filled learning. The classrooms have been buzzing with energy, and it has been lovely to see the children reconnecting with their friends, sharing holiday stories, and settling quickly back into their learning routines. We are proud of how engaged and motivated the children have been this week. In class, the children have already begun exciting new topics. It has been especially heartening to see the children displaying such curiosity, collaboration, and resilience as they return to school routines.

Next week, our Charity Leaders will be leading a fundraising initiative to support our local soup kitchen and food bank. We kindly ask that children bring in donations of dried goods to contribute to this important cause. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated and makes a real difference to those in need within our community.

We are also looking forward to our Coffee Morning on Thursday 16th January from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., which will focus on e-safety. This will be a valuable opportunity to learn more about supporting children to stay safe online, ask questions, and connect with other parents. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued support at home. Your encouragement and involvement make such a difference to the children's learning, wellbeing, and sense of belonging in our school community.

We are excited for the term ahead and look forward to sharing more learning adventures, events, and achievements with you in the coming weeks.

Have a wonderful weekend

Patrick Mbanga

Head of School

Diary Dates

14th January: William Morris Gallery Trip—Magnolia Class (PM)
16th January: E-safety coffee morning (9am-10am)
20th January: School Nurse drop in session (11am—12pm)
22nd January: Young Voices at the O2
22nd January: Debating challenge—heats in classes
23rd January: Nursery parent's coffee morning (9am-10am)
26th January: The British Museum Trip—Elder Class
27th January: The British Museum Trip—Olive Class
28th January: The British Museum Trip—Teak Class
29th January: Debating challenge: Semi-finals in phase assemblies
29th January: Flo on the Road visit - Year 2
30th January: Literacy coffee morning (9am-10am)
4th February: Year 1 and Year 3 Bring Your parent to school (9am-10am). Parents are invited to join their children to take part in learning.
4th February: Houses of Parliament Trip—Juniper Class
4th February: Kensington Palace Trip: Aspen Class
5th February: Parent Council (9am-10am)
6th February: KS2 interschool champions league debate
6th February: Music Exams

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	%	Class	%
Ash	97.1	Teak	97.1
Magnolia	96.3	Cedar	97.9
Sycamore	96.3	Cypress	99.2
Fir	94.6	Hawthorn	97.1
Larch	96.3	Aspen	98.3
Rowan	95.8	Beech	94.4
Lime	96.7	Hazel	96.1
Pine	99.2	Juniper	96.1
Poplar	99.6	Maple	98.2
Elder	99	Redwood	92.9
Olive	95		

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	Luna	Albie	Neveah
Magnolia	Reyhan	Yevhan	Stanley
Sycamore	Freddie C	Cara	Otis
Fir	Kyanna	Zeynep	Arion
Larch	Harlon	Bryan	Fionn
Rowan	Bilal	Lorenzo	Noah
Lime	Zainab	Jake	Safaa
Pine	Alfie	Haider	Norah B
Poplar	Amelia W	Ali	Leah
Olive	Zarah	Azora	Bailey
Elder	Arthur	Nylah	Adam
Teak	Egemen	Sara	Younes
Hawthorn	Medine	Adam	Khalid
Cedar	Rico	Hannah	Qirat
Cypress	Bentley	Arlo	Quincy
Aspen	Seren	Harry	William
Beech	Nia	Eridona	Ammar
Hazel	Katreyna	Isla	Jamie
Juniper	Simon	Apolonia	Juwariah
Maple	Thalia	Henry	Austin
Redwood	Reeva	Lexi	Oscar

School Term dates 2025 -2026
Autumn Term:

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's term dates align with the LB of Waltham Forest term dates.

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/

School Term dates 2026 -2027

Autumn Term: (73 days)

- Wednesday 2nd September 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026 INSET day
- Thursday 3rd September 2026 INSET day
- Friday 23rd October 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026
- Christmas Holiday Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term: (54 days)

- Monday 4th January 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027.
- Monday 4th January 2027 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027.
- Easter holiday Friday 26th March 2027 to Friday 9th April 2027.

Summer Term: (68 days)

- Monday 12th April 2027 to Thursday 22nd July 2027
- Monday 12th April 2027 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027
- Summer holiday Friday 23rd July

Public holidays

- Friday 25th December 2026 (Christmas Day)
- Monday 28th December 2026 (Boxing Day)
- Friday 1st January 2027 (New Year's Day)
- Friday 26th March 2027 (Good Friday)
- Monday 29th March 2027 (Easter Monday)
- Monday 3rd May 2027
- Monday 31st May 2027
- Monday 30th August 2027

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Coding Year 1 & 2 - Monday

KS1 - Tynker Adventures
Young coders set off on exciting journeys through mystical worlds while learning the core foundations of programming, sequences, events, loops, conditionals, and booleans. Through interactive games and problem-solving challenges, pupils build creativity, logical thinking, and resilience as they bring their code to life one adventure at a time.

Creative Me - Reception Year 1&2 - Mon

Our Creative Me club is aimed at younger children who want to have fun and get creative. We'll be mainly doing Baker Ross style arts & crafts and mixing in some drama, fine art and computational creative art.

Coding Year 3-6 - Tue & Fri

KS2 - JavaScript Explorers
As pupils advance, they dive into one of the world's most powerful and widely used coding languages, JavaScript. They'll learn to write real lines of code, explore complex syntax, and create interactive digital projects that mirror what real programmers do.

Mad Science Year 1&2 - Tuesday

Particle Physics & Astrophysics
In this module, pupils will learn how matter works on a microscopic level, exploring atoms, molecules and particles through hands-on experiments with balloons, bubbles and slime. They will also investigate the wonders of space, including black holes, the solar system and human space exploration, developing a strong understanding of both the tiny building blocks of our world and the vast universe and beyond

Clubs will start on w/c 12th of January till w/c 16th of March (excluding half -term)

Sign up for our clubs at www.innovationpod.co.uk/signup. It's £7.50 per session which is paid via the one off direct debit. All clubs will take place in school premises.

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