

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lively and inspiring week at Selwyn Primary School, filled with learning, creativity, and opportunities to connect as a community. You may have noticed our new attendance poster displayed at the school gates, showing just how much learning time can be lost when children miss even a few days of school. For example, an attendance rate of 90% means a child misses around 19 days of learning in a year – almost a full month of school!

At Selwyn Primary School, we are committed to ensuring every child achieves their very best, and regular attendance is key to this. Please help by making sure your child attends school every day, arrives on time, and only stays home when they are genuinely unwell. Our focus will be how we can work together to further improve attendance, and one simple but effective idea is to create consistent morning routines at home—preparing school bags, uniforms and lunches the night before can make mornings calmer and help children arrive at school ready to learn and on time. Every lesson really does matter – together we can make every day count for our children.

Our Year 2 classes visited St Paul's Cathedral, exploring its fascinating history and architecture, while Year 5 Beech and Aspen classes enjoyed a visit to the British Museum, enriching their learning about the Ancient Greeks. We also welcomed parents for our new Reception Open Day for the 2026 intake—thank you to everyone who attended and took the time to learn more about life at Selwyn.

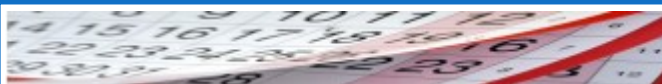
Our Nursery parents' coffee morning was another lovely opportunity to meet families and share ideas on supporting children through the early stages of their learning journey. Meanwhile, pupils from Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 took part in the interschool athletics competition on Friday 10th October, demonstrating great effort, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit throughout the day.

Looking ahead, next week we will begin collecting dry goods as part of our Harvest collection, supporting local food banks and soup kitchens. This initiative will be led by our Charity Leaders from the 13th October. On Monday the 13th October, Friends of Selwyn School (FOSS) will also be running their Spooky Costume Swap event, helping families prepare for Halloween in a sustainable and fun way. On 17th October, we look forward to hosting our general coffee morning at 9am—an informal chance to meet, share ideas, and discuss a range of school matters. Later that day, the children will enjoy their Halloween disco, always a highlight of the term! A huge thank you to our Friends of Selwyn members (FOSS) for organising this for the children and Selwyn community.

As always, thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Working together, we can ensure that every child feels valued, inspired, and ready to make the most of every learning opportunity here at Selwyn.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Patrick Mbanga
Head of School



Diary Dates

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: General coffee morning

17th October: FOSS Halloween Disco (more details below)

17th October: Non-uniform day

23rd October: Reading Challenge hand in

23rd October: Parents Evening (3.35pm-7.30pm)

24th October: Inset Day

27th October - 31st October: Half Term

3rd November: School re-opens

5th November: Science Dome visit

5th November: Bonfire night

5th November: Guru Nanak's Birthday

5th November: Science Museum Trip—Elder Class

7th November: Autism Awareness coffee morning

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 10th October 2025.
Well done to Olive class who have 98.4% attendance this week.!

Class	%	Class	%
Ash	94.8	Teak	97.9
Magnolia	96.7	Cedar	95.5
Sycamore	95.3	Cypress	89
Fir	95.2	Hawthorn	98.3
Larch	96.2	Aspen	93.8
Rowan	96.3	Beech	97.1
Lime	96.5	Hazel	96.4
Pine	96.8	Juniper	95.6
Poplar	95.1	Maple	95
Elder	95	Redwood	96.1
Olive	98.4		

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	Zayd	Sara	Kyla
Magnolia	Reyan	Aidan	Miya
Sycamore	Isabel	Hussain	Oran
Fir	Arion	Flo	Damir
Larch	Gigi	Antosh	Aden
Rowan	Maeve	Artie	Lorenzo
Lime	Maya	Raed	Ramzy
Pine	Aima	Haider	Jack
Poplar	Kamron	Amelia W	Zainab
Olive	Cooper	Adrian	Olivia
Elder	Kiera	Nathaly	Idris
Teak	Khizar	Younes	Oscar
Hawthorn	Aaishah	Janiyah	Aiden
Cedar	Oliver	Llewelyn	Benjamin
Cypress	Elizabeth	Charles	Lawrence
Aspen	Elena	Leo	Ernie
Beech	Raluchuku	Isla-May	Adrian
Hazel	Jesse	Stella	Sadie
Juniper	Amelie	Louis	Charlie
Maple	Julia	Morgan	Robin
Redwood	Ernie	Oscar	Erik

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

French

Congratulations to Elder Class for their outstanding learning in French last week! They received a special French Award and they will be the official Eiffel Tower keepers for an entire week! The Eiffel Tower was brought from Paris by Miss Chelaru and it lights up every time the class works really hard and follows the 5Cs. Bravo, les enfants! Well done children!



Year 3 & 4 Boys – 6-a-side Football Competition

Ten of our Year 3 and 4 boys represented the school at a 6-a-side football competition held at Goals Chingford, which involved over 20 schools from across the area.

Throughout the day, the team played several exciting matches against other schools, including Davies Lane and Woodford Green. The boys showed great teamwork, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship in every game.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable day filled with fun, effort, and plenty of goals — well done to all the players for their fantastic attitude and representing our school so proudly!



Spooky Discos

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

DISCO TIMES

- YR1/YR2: 3:30-4:30
- YR3/YR4: 4:45-5:45 - TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE
- YR5/YR6: 6:00-7:00 - TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE

NON-UNIFORM DAY

NON-UNIFORM FOR ALL! OPTIONAL HALLOWEEN COSTUMES OR DISCO ATTIRE - NO WEAPON ACCESSORIES

DROP-OFF ARRANGEMENTS

YR1/2: VOLUNTEERS/TEACHERS WILL ESCORT CHILDREN. BAGS/COATS WILL BE KEPT IN CLASSROOM (PINE - STORED IN SMALL HALL)

YR3-YR6: DROP OFF AT MAIN HALL EXTERNAL DOORS. PARENTS MUST SIGN AND PROVIDE EMERGENCY CONTACT. COATS MUST BE TAKEN AWAY. ONLY VOLUNTEERS CAN STAY ON-SITE.

PICK-UP

YR1/2: AT THEIR CLASSROOMS (PINE WILL BE AT SMALL HALL)
YR3-YR6: MAIN AND SMALL HALLS (FOLLOW SIGNAGE)

ACORN CLUB & SCHOOL CLUBS

ACORN CLUB: ATTENDEES WILL BE COORDINATED FOR DROP-OFF/PICK-UP. OTHER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISHING AT 4:30: PARENTS MUST BRING CHILDREN TO THE DISCO.

MONEY

YR1/2: NO MONEY NEEDED - FREE SNACKS AND DRINKS.
YR3-YR6: UP TO £5 FOR THE TUCK SHOP. FREE HEALTHY SNACKS AND DRINKS.

FREE TEMPORARY TATTOOS AVAILABLE FOR ALL

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