

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a productive and engaging week at Selwyn, and we are delighted to share the latest updates from across the school community.

Tomorrow morning, Selwyn pupils will be taking part in the cross-country race at Chingford Plains at 9.00am. We are incredibly proud of all the children who will be representing our school, and we look forward to cheering them on as they take part in this exciting event.

Throughout the week, our Charity Leaders and School Council members have been working tirelessly to collect donations for a number of important causes. These include support for relief efforts in Jamaica following the recent hurricane, Remembrance Day poppy sales, and contributions for Children in Need. Their dedication and commitment to helping others has been inspiring, and we thank all families who have supported these initiatives.

Year 3 pupils enjoyed an enriching visit to the Science Museum, engaging with a range of exhibits that brought their learning to life. The children represented the school wonderfully and demonstrated great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the trip.

Today we were treated to a wonderful series of instrumental performances by Selwyn pupils. Children showcased their talent across a variety of instruments, including the guitar, piccolo, piano and trombone, to name just a few. Their confidence and musical skill were enjoyed by all who attended.

We also held our Remembrance Day assembly this week, led thoughtfully and respectfully by our Year 6 pupils. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended and joined the school in observing the two-minute silence as a mark of respect to those who served and sacrificed.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming parents and carers of Year 2 and Year 5 pupils to our Bring Your Parents to School Morning on Tuesday 18th November, from 9.00am to 10.00am. This is a wonderful opportunity to take part in your child's learning and to experience classroom life first-hand.

Our next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 21st November and will focus on online learning. We look forward to seeing many of you there between 9.00am and 10.00am.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you all a restful weekend.

Patrick Mbanga  
Head of School



## Diary Dates

**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

**24th November:** Spelling Bee—Semi finals

**24th November:** Caught Reading Challenge

**25th November:** Epping Forest Centre—Poplar Class

**25th November:** Reception 2026/27 intake prospective parent tour (9.30-10.30am)

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

**28th November:** Nursery Coffee morning

**29th November:** FOSS Winter Festival

## 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 14th November 2025.  
Well done to Redwood class who have 100% attendance this week.!

Class	%	Class	%
Ash	96	Teak	94.6
Magnolia	98.7	Cedar	98.3
Sycamore	92.7	Cypress	95.3
Fir	98.6	Hawthorn	99.3
Larch	97.9	Aspen	97.6
Rowan	98	Beech	96.6
Lime	99.3	Hazel	96.6
Pine	91.6	Juniper	97.9
Poplar	99.3	Maple	97.1
Elder	97.4	Redwood	100
Olive	96.9		

## 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	Levi	Muskaan	Adam
Magnolia	Jacob	Layla	Mimi
Sycamore	Uswa	Bethel	Cecily
Fir	Lorenzo	Hadiza	Iria
Larch	Edith	Aylin	Fionn
Rowan	Bilal	Olive	Kelisha
Lime	Greta	Oliver	Elif
Pine	Mario	Ella	Asel
Poplar	Jordan	Ibtida	Golan
Olive	Kaya	Jasleen	Sebastian
Elder	Idris	Sara	Manahil
Teak	Isobel	Sara	Manahil
Hawthorn	Zayan	Arianna	Joseph
Cedar	Taylan	Oliver	Elodie
Cypress	Logan	Mia	Charles
Aspen	Kristion	Shanzay	Cass
Beech	Elsie	Amina	Ritaj
Hazel	Katreyna	Zahira	Jamie
Juniper	Amelie	Robin	Alex
Maple	Robin	Jacob	Imani
Redwood	Eymen	Oscar	Ernie

## School Term dates 2025 -2026

### Autumn Term:

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 INSET day**

Half term holiday Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Christmas Holiday Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

### Spring Term:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 INSET day**

Half term holiday Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Easter holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

### Summer Term:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 INSET day**

Half term holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Summer holiday Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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/>



### **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.

### **Charity Donations**

Our Charity Leaders and School Council have been working tirelessly this term to support a range of important causes. They stood at the school gates collecting donations for the hurricane relief efforts in Jamaica, gathered contributions for Children in Need, and supported Remembrance Day by selling poppies. Additionally, several charity representatives visited the local food bank to deliver all the food

### **Cross Country Race**

A huge thank you to all the children who will be taking part in this year's cross country race at Chingford plains tomorrow. We are confident that their determination, team spirit, and perseverance will be evident throughout the event. We are proud of every participant for representing the school with such commitment and resilience .

### **Royal Albert Hall**

Our pupils had an unforgettable experience performing at the iconic Royal Albert Hall. Their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm shone brightly on stage, making our school community incredibly proud. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their talents in such a prestigious venue.



Last week the children enjoyed a wonderful time toasting marshmallows by the cozy fire in the Forest School. We were safe and enjoyed ourselves with friends.



On Thursday 6th November 2025, Year 4 Hawthorn Class enjoyed some sizzling marshmallows to celebrate bonfire night. We ensured we were safe, and ate the scrumptious marshmallows!





It's Autumn! Year 6 enjoyed toasting marshmallows on the camp fire!



Congratulations to the many pupils, who participated in Selwyn's Read-a-thon. We are reading hundreds of books! Well done!



Year 6 presented a meaningful Remembrance Day assembly. They observed a two minute silence, spoke, sang and recited poetry beautifully. Thank you for helping us to remember Year 6. e!





Arbor Academy Orchestra gave a fantastic performance at the recent Youth Proms concert! They were very excited to perform at the Royal Albert Hall alongside young musicians from different areas of the UK. Pupils were given 3 pieces to learn, which they practised during their after-school rehearsals. 'Mambo' in particular was very challenging; the fast tempo and complicated rhythms were played with confidence and great energy by the children - an impressive performance! There were many wonderful acts including a funk band, harpists and an Indian classical ensemble. The grand finale 'Causeway' featured an Irish Dance group and all 2500 musicians played together. This new piece was written by Irish composer Aileen Sweeney who also attended.





# Charity Leader Newsletter Article



On Thursday 13th November, Selwyn Charity Leaders visited 'The Hub' food bank to donate the Harvest food festival goods which had been collected for a period of two weeks at the gates before and after school.

'The Hub' provides food and household essentials to those in need within the E4 area. It is a community-led initiative that provides to individuals and families experiencing financial hardship. In addition, it offers wider wraparound support.

Find it [here](#)



While they were there, the children were able to label the cans based on their expiry dates, and if any were unfortunately out of date they were handed to the local food hub workers to dispose of them. Additionally, they were able to go behind the scenes at the food picking stalls. They saw all the services the local food hub fortunately provided, including debt management, youth help and a non-profit cafe! They fulfilled our inquisitive questions with exceptionally good answers

**Here are some examples of teamwork these charity leaders displayed:**



*'The trek uphill was challenging, but teamwork meant we got there on time to deliver all the cans and non-perishable foods. It was interesting to see the way food was distributed and organised depending on how many family members the individual had. It was a fascinating experience and we look forward to helping our community again. Thank you for your wonderful support and donations!'*

A.J Y6 Charity Leader 2025-2026



# WINTER FESTIVAL NOVEMBER KEY DATES



**Raffle Tickets** on SALE NOW!

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Festive Jumper Collection** - Adults, Children & pets!

**Children's Chapter Books**

Please bring to FOSS Shed, AM Drop off only

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Game Tokens** on Sale!

YR3 Playground - before and after school!

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Bring a BOTTLE** in return for non uniform!

(Any unopened bottle: drinks, toiletries etc)

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Winter Festival** 11am-3pm!



**RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE HERE:**  
[www.pta-events.com/selwynschool](http://www.pta-events.com/selwynschool)

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# Friends of Selwyn School

## RAFFLE

### 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, 29<sup>th</sup> November.



[www.pta-events.com/selwynschool](http://www.pta-events.com/selwynschool)

**Raffle tickets available online only.**

**Buy Tickets Online**



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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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