

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week at Selwyn Primary, with lots of opportunities for learning, community involvement and enrichment.

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising for the local soup kitchen and food bank. It was lovely to see the children at the gates collecting donations with such enthusiasm and pride. Your generosity will make a real difference to those in need within our local community and we are grateful for your continued support of this worthy cause.

Reception Class Magnolia enjoyed a wonderful school visit to the William Morris Gallery this week. The children were excited to explore the artwork and learn more about the artist, and they represented the school beautifully throughout the visit.

On Friday, we held our E-Safety workshop for parents and carers. It was great to share important information and guidance on how to help keep children safe online. Thank you to everyone who attended and engaged in these valuable discussions. Working together to support children's online safety is an important part of our safeguarding work.

Looking ahead to next week, our Debating Challenge will begin, with heats taking place in classrooms across the school. We are excited to see the children develop their speaking, listening and critical thinking skills. We will also be holding the Nursery Parents Coffee Morning on the 23rd of January and we look forward to welcoming our families into school.

We would also like to thank parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring good attendance and punctuality. Being in school every day helps children to feel secure, maintain routines and make strong progress in their learning. Your partnership in this regard is greatly valued.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and involvement in school life.

Have a wonderful weekend

Kind regards

Patrick Mbanga
Head of School



Diary Dates

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)

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)

3rd February: Celtic Harmony Trip—Year 3

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 Exam

For the full school calendar please click on the link below:

<https://www.selwynprimarywaltham.co.uk/calendard7baf0d7>

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 16th January 2026.
Well done to Cypress and Juniper class who have 100% attendance this week!

Class	%	Class	%
Ash	98	Teak	98.5
Magnolia	97.3	Cedar	98.7
Sycamore	94.3	Cypress	100
Fir	96.7	Hawthorn	99.3
Larch	95.7	Aspen	98.6
Rowan	94.7	Beech	95.2
Lime	97.7	Hazel	97.6
Pine	97.1	Juniper	100
Poplar	99.3	Maple	98.6
Elder	98.8	Redwood	98.7
Olive	97.7		

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	Albi	Lorelei
Magnolia	Efran	Joni	Stanley
Sycamore	Ralphie	Uswa	Lola
Fir	William	Wolfgang	Astrid
Larch	Neve	Aylin	Rouen
Rowan	Ava	Maggie	Minahil
Lime	Louis	Ramzy	Maya
Pine	Ayana	Anastasia	Asel
Poplar	Grace	Melek	Kai
Olive	Isla	Hamza	Samuel
Elder	Nathaly	Nevaeh	Najat
Teak	Ruben	Manahil	Lili
Hawthorn	Amir	Phoebe	Asha
Cedar	Angelica	Benjamin	Hannah
Cypress	Zion	Kaylen	Mizanur
Aspen	Maxine	Annie	Micah
Beech	Isla-May	Emilia	Tobias
Hazel	Ben	Chidera	Lila-Rose
Juniper	Inaya	Tonna	Izza
Maple	Robin	Morgan	Julia
Redwood	Greta	Joselyn	Irsha

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.



If you would like to book your child in for the half term holiday club taking place between Monday 16th February 2026 and Friday 20th February 2026, please use the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dPQvWA2bBZTUd6a8NO5kqPFGesFCHPrI/edit>



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

Lili's history project from Teak class explores the social hierarchy of ancient Egypt, which was highly structured and based on power and privilege. At the top was the Pharaoh, considered both a political leader and a divine figure. Below the Pharaoh were nobles, priests, and officials who managed temples and government affairs. Skilled artisans and scribes held an important middle position, while farmers and labourers formed the largest group, working the land to sustain the economy. At the bottom were slaves, who had the least rights and freedom. This rigid hierarchy reflected the importance of religion, governance and agriculture in ancient Egyptian society.



Oscar used Lego to build a pyramid.



Isobel from Teak class has created an impressive pyramid out of cardboard for our history lesson, bringing Ancient Egypt to life in a fun and interactive way. This large, lightweight structure will not only help students visualize the grandeur of Egyptian architecture but will also serve as a striking centrepiece for the upcoming Year 3 musical play.



Younes has created an engaging science project for our display that demonstrates the concept of force in action. His project visually explains how pushes and pulls affect the movement of objects, making this fundamental principle of physics easy to understand.

