

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week full of learning, teamwork, and community spirit. Our Harvest Collection, led by our wonderful Charity representatives at the school gates, has been going very well. We really appreciate all the support and generous donations received so far. The collection will continue next week from Monday to Thursday, and we are still accepting dried and tinned food, which will be donated to our local food bank and soup kitchen. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed—collection boxes will remain available throughout the final week of this half term.

Year 5 Hazel enjoyed a fantastic trip to the British Museum, exploring artefacts and exhibits that deepened their understanding of Ancient Greek history and culture. Our pupils represented the school brilliantly and showed great curiosity and enthusiasm during the visit.

This week also saw the KS2 Interschool Champions League Debate, where our pupils demonstrated confidence, teamwork, and strong public speaking skills. Well done to all the children who made it to the finals! Our Learning Council visited Northwold Primary on Friday, where they toured the school, observed lessons, and shared ideas on how pupil voice can make a positive difference.

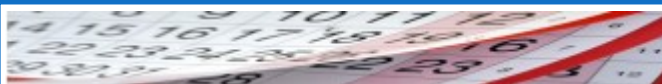
A big thank you to all those who attended our Coffee morning—it was wonderful to sit together and discuss school matters over a cup of coffee and some biscuits. We also held a fantastic Halloween Disco—thank you to the Friends of Selwyn for organising yet another amazing event enjoyed by pupils and staff alike.

Looking ahead, on Wednesday 23rd October we will be holding our charity event **Wear It Pink**, to raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness. Pupils are invited to wear something pink and bring in a £1 donation for this very worthy cause. Also on the 23rd, we look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening—an important opportunity to celebrate progress and discuss next steps in your child's learning journey.

Congratulations to all the classes that have maintained or reached our attendance target of 98%. We are proud of your commitment to being in school every day—every lesson counts! We look forward to seeing which class will win the Attendance Trophy next week.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Patrick Mbanga
Head of School



Diary Dates

23rd October: Reading Challenge hand in

23rd October: Wear it pink- £1 donation

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

24th October: Inset Day

27th October - 31st October: Half Term

3rd November: School re-opens

4th November: Science Dome visit

5th November: Science Museum Trip—Elder Class

5th November: Bonfire night

5th November: Guru Nanak's Birthday

5th November: Science Museum Trip—Elder Class

7th November: Autism Awareness coffee morning

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

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 98.6% attendance this week.!

Class	%	Class	%
Ash	94.6	Teak	97.4
Magnolia	96.9	Cedar	95.3
Sycamore	95.6	Cypress	89.1
Fir	95.1	Hawthorn	97.6
Larch	96.7	Aspen	94.1
Rowan	96.5	Beech	96.2
Lime	96.5	Hazel	96.6
Pine	96.4	Juniper	95
Poplar	95.4	Maple	94.9
Elder	94.2	Redwood	94.8
Olive	98.6		

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	Skylar	Muskaan
Magnolia	Dion	Laylor	Filip
Sycamore	Angus	Mustafa	Elsie
Fir	Leonel	Lorenzo	Iria
Larch	Isaac	Fionn	Mark
Rowan	Bezaleel	Axel	Gabriel
Lime	Lennie	Willow	Louis
Pine	Dominic	Asel	Mario
Poplar	Almira	Grace	Melek
Olive	Aiden	Evelyn	Hamza
Elder	Ediz	Amelie	Nylah
Teak	Paisley	Jasika	Lili
Hawthorn	Rui Xiang	Flora	Olivia
Cedar	Elisa	Mia	Elodie
Cypress	Layla -Rose	Max	Joshua
Aspen	William	Zain	Fatima
Beech	Shakiel	Darcy	Sashana
Hazel	Megan	Jayla	Kairo
Juniper	Maksym	Rohan	Beth
Maple	Rufus	Julian	Austin
Redwood	Sarah	Maya	Hanna

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

Last Friday the interschool athletics competition was a vibrant celebration of talent and teamwork. Young athletes showcased their skills in various events, from sprinting to long jump, inspiring everyone with their enthusiasm and determination.

The atmosphere was filled with cheers from families and friends, fostering a sense of community and sportsmanship among the participants. It was a memorable day full of joy and friendly compe-



Year 5 & 6 Boys – Waltham Forest A Team Football Festival

Ten of our Year 5 and 6 boys took part in the Waltham Forest A Team Football Festival on Tuesday, competing against 34 teams from across the borough — including Woodford Green and Davies Lane.

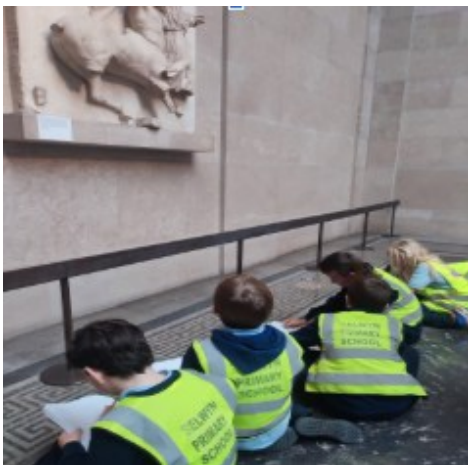
After a strong performance in the group stages, the team qualified for the last 16 and went on to reach the quarter-finals before being narrowly eliminated.

This was a fantastic achievement, especially considering the high standard of competition, with many teams featuring district players and academy-level footballers.

Well done to everyone who took part — we're very proud of you!



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Ginger Cookie Fun in Sycamore class!

We had a fantastic time making delicious ginger cookies this week! The children carefully weighed out the ingredients using the scales, mixed everything together, and rolled out the dough like real chefs. The classroom was filled with the wonderful smell of ginger – and lots of smiles too!



Year 3 Hawthorn Class created their own Stig Of the dump settings. Janiyah, Phoebe, Reyah, Amayah, Ambra, Flora and Olivia excelled in the creation of their work. Attention to detail was evident in all of their projects.





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