

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has gone by and we would like to thank you for your continued support in all areas of school life. We have now concluded our parent curriculum meetings and would like to thank all families who attended and engaged with the discussions. A reminder that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility—please remember to use passwords if someone other than yourselves is collecting your child, and ensure you inform the class teacher or the office in advance. At the end of the school day we ask that you stand behind the cones to allow space for staff to clearly see the children as they leave with their parents and carers. This small adjustment helps to keep dismissal safe and efficient. If you do need to speak to the teacher, please kindly wait until all children have been dismissed so that the process runs smoothly.

One of the most important ways you can support your child's education is by ensuring they are in school every day and on time. Good attendance builds strong learning habits, helps children feel settled in their routines, and makes a real difference to progress. Please avoid taking holidays during term time and try to arrange medical appointments outside school hours wherever possible. More information about the importance of school attendance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

Next week Year 4 begin their swimming lessons and we are also launching our exciting "Readathon." Children will be set the challenge of reading as many books as possible before half term, with their record sheets due in on 23rd October. In addition, pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to take part in an interschool watercolour and sketching competition. We look forward to seeing the work of the child selected to represent us with pride. On 26th September there will be a coffee morning for Reception parents from 9am to 10am, followed later that day by our Macmillan Cancer Support event. We welcome donations of cakes, which can be brought to the school office before 2:30pm to allow time for setting up. The cake sale will take place in the KS1 playground after school, and we look forward to your support for this worthy cause.

Finally, a huge thank you for your generosity in supporting recent charity events. Last week our charity leader collected a total of £306.55 for the Roald Dahl Foundation, and this week the School Council led our Jeans for Genes Day by collecting donations at the school gates which totalled £360.44. We are proud of our pupil voice representatives who volunteered their time and energy to represent the school in support of such valuable causes.

Have a wonderful weekend

Kind regards,
Patrick Mbanga
Head of School



Diary Dates

22nd September: Start of Readathon

24th September to 1st October: Scholastic Book Fair

24th September to 3rd October: Year 4 swimming

26th September: National teaching assistant day

26th September: Interschool water colour / sketching competition—Years 3,4,5 &6

26th September: Phonics Coffee morning—Reception parents (9am-10am)

26th September: Charity event—MacMillan Cancer Support—after school event. Donations of cakes for a sale are welcome.

30th September: Reception—Bring your parent to school morning (9am-10am)

1st October: St. Pauls Cathedral Trip—Lime Class

2nd October: St. Paul's Cathedral Trip—Pine Class

3rd October: Phonics Coffee morning—Year 1 and Year 2 parents

Book Fair

We will be hosting Scholastic Book Fair from Wednesday 24th September to Wednesday 1st October. Please come along to browse and buy in the playground (weather permitting).



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 19th September.
Well done to Hawthorn class who have the highest attendance this week.

Class	%	Class	%
Ash	92.2	Teak	97.4
Magnolia	94.2	Cedar	94.3
Sycamore	93.6	Cypress	94.6
Fir	94.2	Hawthorn	99.7
Larch	94.5	Aspen	92.7
Rowan	95.7	Beech	98.8
Lime	95.4	Hazel	95
Pine	98.4	Juniper	96.4
Poplar	90.7	Maple	95
Elder	94.9	Redwood	91.9
Olive	98.3		

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	Ayman	Albie	Saifullah
Magnolia	Thomas	Grace	Evelyn
Sycamore	Martha	Sophia	Jude
Fir	Ella-Ray	Alana	Arwa
Larch	Ege	Aiyana	Nancy
Rowan	Mohammed	Archie	Maisie
Lime	Niall	Freda	Arthur
Pine	Ayana	Aima	Alfie
Poplar	Noah	Austin	Ali
Olive	Zarah	Albie	Arabella
Elder	Adam	Amina	Shay
Teak	Paisley	Cass	Seth
Hawthorn	Ben	Sevy	Samuel
Cedar	Adel	Aisha	Bear
Cypress	Inaya	Marama	Joseph
Aspen	Micah	Selestina	Naz
Beech	Mehrzaad	Erin	Adrian
Hazel	Meryem	Chidera	Aren
Juniper	Stanley	Alex	Fatima
Maple	Julia	Ben	Imani
Redwood	Sengul	Irsha	Adam

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

You asked, we did...

At Selwyn Primary, we value the feedback from parents and are committed to making improvements based on your suggestions. Here's how we have responded to your requests :

You asked for a wider range of activities, especially sports, arts and music.

- Employed a new sports coach
- More school run sports clubs in the morning and afternoon
- Sports coach to run Elite Sports
- Selwyn Sports coach at lunchtimes developing sporting skills and identifying talent
- Our Superstar Sports staff now engage children in varied sporting games at lunchtimes.
- As part of the Waltham Forest Schools Sport Network, we have access to a wide range of sporting opportunities.
- Increased participation in inter school competitions, giving children more chances to compete and develop their skills.

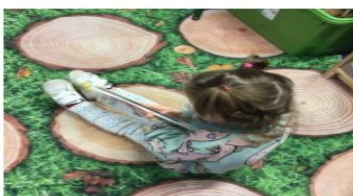


We are committed to continuous improvement and welcome further feedback to help us provide the best possible education and experience for our students.

Selwyn primary School Stay and play

Monday Mornings 9:30-11:30am in the
Caretaker's House – Free drop in sessions
NEW DATE!

Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30am
Starting from 5th November



2 year olds and Elm nursery used and explored the new cooking room to make pizza bread. They are learning about 'nouns' so were naming all the ingredients and tools they were using. They had lots of fun creating



FRIENDS OF SELWYN SCHOOL PRESENT

Spooky DISCOS

FRI
17 OCT

PRICE	YEAR GROUP	TIME
£5.00	YR 1 & 2:	3.30 - 4.30

This ticket include, glow tattoos snacks & plenty of water.

£4.50	YR 3 & 4:	4.45 - 5.45
£4.50	YR 5 & 6:	6.00 - 7.00

*This ticket includes glow tattoos & water.
The TUCK SHOP will be open for the children to buy sweets/snacks with their pocket money.*

BUY TICKETS ONLINE ONLY
WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/SELWYNSCHOOL
ON SALE FROM 19TH SEPT - 3RD OCT.
NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THAT DATE.

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FANCY DRESS SHOP...
JUST IN TIME FOR
HALLOWEEN!



DONATE YOUR OLD COSTUMES
THURSDAY 9 AND FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER

Place them in the donation box by the shed
(where the pre-loved uniform sale is held).

On MONDAY 13 OCTOBER | 8:40-9:30AM
come along to the **FOSS FANCY DRESS SHOP**
and grab your Halloween costume for just **£1!**



SAVE MONEY
BE ECO-FRIENDLY
GET HALLOWEEN-READY!

