

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout what has been a busy and joyful term at Selwyn Primary.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Friends of Selwyn (FOSS) for their ongoing support and fundraising efforts this term. Their contributions have helped to subsidise school trips, reducing costs for families, and they also funded the whole-school pantomime, which the children thoroughly enjoyed, to name just a few examples. We are extremely grateful for their commitment to enriching school life for our children.

This week has been filled with wonderful festive celebrations. We were delighted to watch the Nursery Nativity, where the children performed beautifully, and thank you to all the parents and carers who attended and supported them. We also enjoyed the Reception Christmas Story, and it was a real pleasure to be treated to such confident, joyful and heart-warming performances from our youngest children. The Nursery and Reception teams have worked incredibly hard, and the children made us all very proud.

We were also treated to an excellent Rock Steady concert, where the bands showcased their musical talent with great confidence and enthusiasm. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attending and celebrating the children's achievements. The performances were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Today, we also said a fond farewell to Mick Leither, our caretaker, who has been a valued and much-loved member of the Selwyn community for the past 15 years. Mick has taken great pride in caring for our school and supporting staff and pupils alike, and he will be greatly missed by us all. The children gave him a wonderful send-off during assembly, which was a fitting tribute to the positive impact he has had on school life. We wish Mick all the very best for the future and thank him sincerely for his many years of dedicated service.

As the term comes to a close, we would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement and involvement in school life. Your partnership makes a real difference to our school community.

School will reopen after the festive break on Tuesday 6th January 2026, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the Spring Term.

We wish all our families a safe, peaceful and joyful Christmas break and a very happy New Year.

Kind regards,
Patrick Mbanga
Head of School



Diary Dates

5th January: Inset day

6th January: Children return to school—8.55am

7th January: William Morris Trip—Ash Class (PM)

14th January: William Morris Gallery Trip—Magnolia Class (PM)

16th January: E-safety coffee morning (9am-10am)

22nd January: Young Voices

22nd January: Debating challenge—heats in classes

23rd January: Nursery parent's coffee morning (9am-10am)

29th January: Debating challenge: Semifinals in phase assemblies

30th January: Literacy coffee morning (9am-10am)

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 December 2025.
Well done to Aspen class who have 99% attendance this week.!

Class	%	Class	%
Ash	92.7	Teak	96.9
Magnolia	93.3	Cedar	89
Sycamore	87	Cypress	94
Fir	90	Hawthorn	93.3
Larch	94	Aspen	99
Rowan	94.3	Beech	93.1
Lime	94.7	Hazel	90.3
Pine	87.7	Juniper	97.2
Poplar	91	Maple	94.3
Elder	96.7	Redwood	90
Olive	95.7		

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	Sara	Lorelei	Levi
Magnolia	Roniyah	Magnolia Class	Reyhan
Sycamore	Cecily	Sycamore Class	Rahaf
Fir	Alana	Ella-Rayne	Myles
Larch	Ege	Aylin	Edith
Rowan	Eli	Noah	Artie
Lime	Arthur	Charlene	Niall
Pine	Mya U	Daniel	Amiojie
Poplar	Sharon	Noah	Almira
Olive	Venislava	Ahmed	Cooper
Elder	Mehrsa	Shakeila	Ediz
Teak	Seth	Cass	Neel
Hawthorn	Samar	Sevi	Rui Xiang
Cedar	Adel	Cedar Class	Yousef
Cypress	Mizanur	Joseph	Layla
Aspen	Harry	Anais	Leo
Beech	Bella	Elsie	Adrian
Hazel	Jayla	Evelyn	Dylan
Juniper	Robin	Alex	Zahira
Maple	Alexia	Raynard	Kayden
Redwood	Amira	Greta	Ernie

School Term dates 2025 -2026

Autumn Term:

Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

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.

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/>



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

Happy retirement Mick! Thank you for all of your hard work!



Language Ambassadors visit Year 3

Our Language Ambassadors visited our lessons in Year 3 and supported children to listen to a story in French, to recap their learning from this term and to fill in a “present box” with all the words and phrases they have learned since they started French in September. The Language Ambassadors have also chosen a star for each group and gave out French Awards. We really enjoyed having them in our lessons and we hope to see them soon!



We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding attendance of Year 3 this term! Consistent attendance is a key part of learning success, and we are proud of the dedication and commitment shown by our children.

Congratulations to all our pupils for their hard work and perseverance!

A special well done to those who have achieved exceptional attendance and earned their Gold, Silver, and Bronze badges

Your efforts truly make a difference, and we are delighted to see so many of you striving for excellence. Keep up the fantastic work!



The children from Teak class have created a beautiful storyboard inspired by the traditional tale of Hansel and Gretel. Each child carefully sewed a unique piece representing an important moment from the story, bringing the classic narrative to life through their creativity and craftsmanship. The finished storyboard is a wonderful display of imagination and skill.





FRIENDS OF SELWYN SCHOOL

- From September to December FOSS has proudly funded...

£1,000 SCHOOL TRIPS

Winter term contribution to help keep the costs affordable for parents

-  £2,700 PANTOMIME
 - We hope all the children enjoyed the Peter Pan performance!

£100.75 SCHOOL ESSENTIALS

Restock of the school's supply of emergency underwear and socks

Thank you for continuing to support FOSS!
Wishing you all a great festive break and see you in 2026 for lots more fabulous events!

