

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy and enjoyable week at Selwyn, and we are pleased to share the latest updates from across the school community.

We would like to remind families of the importance of good attendance. Every day in school matters, and even small amounts of lost learning time can have a significant impact on progress. We ask that families continue to support their child's learning by ensuring regular and punctual attendance. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to this.

This week, our Year 2 pupils visited Epping Forest, where Lime and Pine classes took part in an engaging workshop all about the Tudors. The children had a wonderful time learning about life in the past, and they represented the school beautifully throughout the visit.

Our Year 2 and Year 5 'Bring Your Parent to School' sessions were also a great success. It was fantastic to see so many parents joining their children for their DT lessons and engaging in the hands-on activities together. The pupils were proud to share their learning, and we are grateful to everyone who attended. Thank you to all parents and volunteers who have supported events this week. Your involvement plays an important role in strengthening our school community, and we are grateful for the time you give.

Across the school, classes took part in the first rounds of our Spelling Bee competition. Well done to all pupils for their enthusiasm and effort, and **congratulations** to those who have made it through to the semi-finals, which will take place in the phase assemblies.

Last Saturday, a number of pupils represented Selwyn at the cross country event at Chingford Plains. We thoroughly enjoyed the morning and were extremely proud of the children for their determination and sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parents who came along to cheer them on. We also had pupils taking part in the indoor athletics competitions last week Friday and again today, and we are delighted to see so many children involved in a range of sporting activities.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming families to the Nursery Coffee Morning on Thursday 28th November at 9.00am. We also hope to see many of you at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 29th November, which promises to be a wonderful community event.

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

Patrick Mbang
Head of School



Diary Dates

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

28th November: Non-uniform day. Bring an unopened bottle for the Winter Festival (e.g. bubble bath, squash or a Christmas drink)

29th November: FOSS Winter Festival

2nd December—Trip to The Hive—Year 3 Classes

3rd December—Imperial War Museum Trip—Juniper Class

3rd December: Reception 2026/27 intake prospective parent tour (9.30-10.30am)

4th December: Christmas Pantomime— Peter Pan

5th December: Pre-loved uniform sale

5th December: PREVENT coffee morning

5th December: Carol singing at Spinney care

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 21st November 2025.
Well done to Maple class who have 98.9% attendance this week.!

Class	%	Class	%
Ash	97.3	Teak	97.3
Magnolia	96	Cedar	97
Sycamore	95.3	Cypress	96.6
Fir	98	Hawthorn	98.7
Larch	97.3	Aspen	94.7
Rowan	98.7	Beech	95.5
Lime	94	Hazel	96.2
Pine	92.3	Juniper	97.2
Poplar	98.7	Maple	98.9
Elder	95.8	Redwood	98.3
Olive	98.7		

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	Ayat	Tommy	Leo
Magnolia	Violet	Efran	Alannah
Sycamore	Ibrahim	Erin	Sophia
Fir	Arwa	Damir	Astrid
Larch	Elliot	Gigi	Ege
Rowan	Maggie	Mohammed	Eli
Lime	Zaki	Luana	Poppy
Pine	Jack and Aidan	Evie-Joan	Aima
Poplar	Ali	Jacob	Kamron
Olive	Michaela	Jacob	Albert
Elder	Nylah	Laila	Arthur
Teak	Abdullah	Zayne	Vasylnca
Hawthorn	Amir	Abeera	Alby
Cedar	Ameer	Louis	Llewelyn
Cypress	Hadia	Spike	Caitlyn
Aspen	Anais	Ava	Elena
Beech	Aaron	Eridona	Alfred
Hazel	Aren	Dylan	Anthony
Juniper	Nada	Inaya	Fyfe
Maple	Mayson	Harper	Kayden
Redwood	Ayman	Reeva	Lexi

School Term dates 2025 -2026

Autumn Term:

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

Selwyn Primary School's term dates align with the LB of Waltham Forest term dates.

Reception Admissions 2026

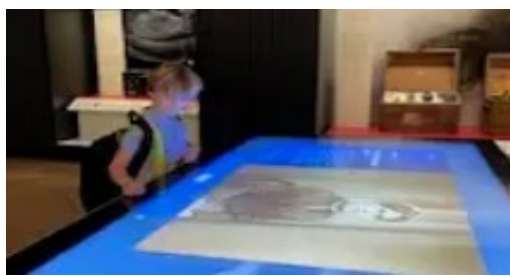
If you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, your child is eligible to start school in September 2026.

To apply for a Reception place for your child, please use the following link to apply before the 15th January 2026.

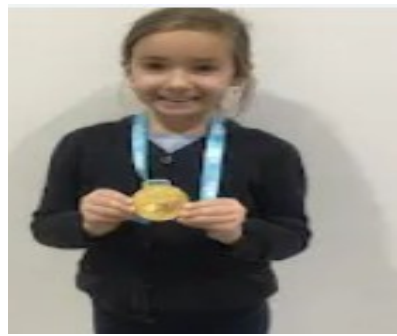
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Year 3 Teak class went to the science museum last week to explore the fascinating exhibits in each section. The children and adults had a wonderful time during this experience. They discovered many interesting facts about different topics while completing their activity booklets.



A huge well done to these talented swimmers who proudly earned their swimming medals! Their hard work, confidence, and determination in the pool have truly paid off. We are all incredibly proud of their fantastic achievement – keep swimming and shining!



KS2 CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

Last Saturday, 7 pupils from Selwyn primary school and another 30 pupils from across the Arbor Academy TRUST took part in the Waltham Forest Cross Country Competition at Chingford Plain Fields. Throughout the race, they demonstrated outstanding determination, teamwork and resilience. Despite challenging conditions, every pupil gave their very best and represented their school brilliantly.

Our runners performed exceptionally well, showing great pacing, perseverance and support for one another throughout the course.

The event was a fantastic celebration of fitness, confidence and school spirit. A huge well done to all involved!



KS2 Indoor Athletics Competition – Term Highlights

On Friday, nine pupils from across Key Stage 2 took part in this term's Indoor Athletics Competition, showcasing fantastic speed, power and teamwork across a full range of track and field events. From obstacle relays to speed bounce, chest push and long jump, our athletes demonstrated excellent technique and determination throughout the day.

All pupils showed great enthusiasm and supported each other brilliantly, creating a positive and encouraging team atmosphere. Their hard work paid off with an impressive set of performances, and we are proud to share that our school won at least half of the track and field events and is awaiting the overall results from across the borough. The highest scoring school will go onto represent Waltham Forest in in London Youth Games.

A huge well done to all our KS2 athletes for their effort, energy and sportsmanship. They were a credit to the school!



BMX Sessions at School!

Pupils across the school have been taking part in exciting **COG BMX sessions**, learning new cycling skills in a fun, safe and confidence-boosting environment.

Children have been developing their balance, coordination and bike-handling skills while taking on small challenges set by our qualified BMX coach. Every pupil showed brilliant enthusiasm, with many stepping outside their comfort zone to try something new.

These sessions have been a fantastic opportunity to promote **resilience, teamwork, and physical confidence**, and pupils loved the chance to experience a unique sport during the school day.

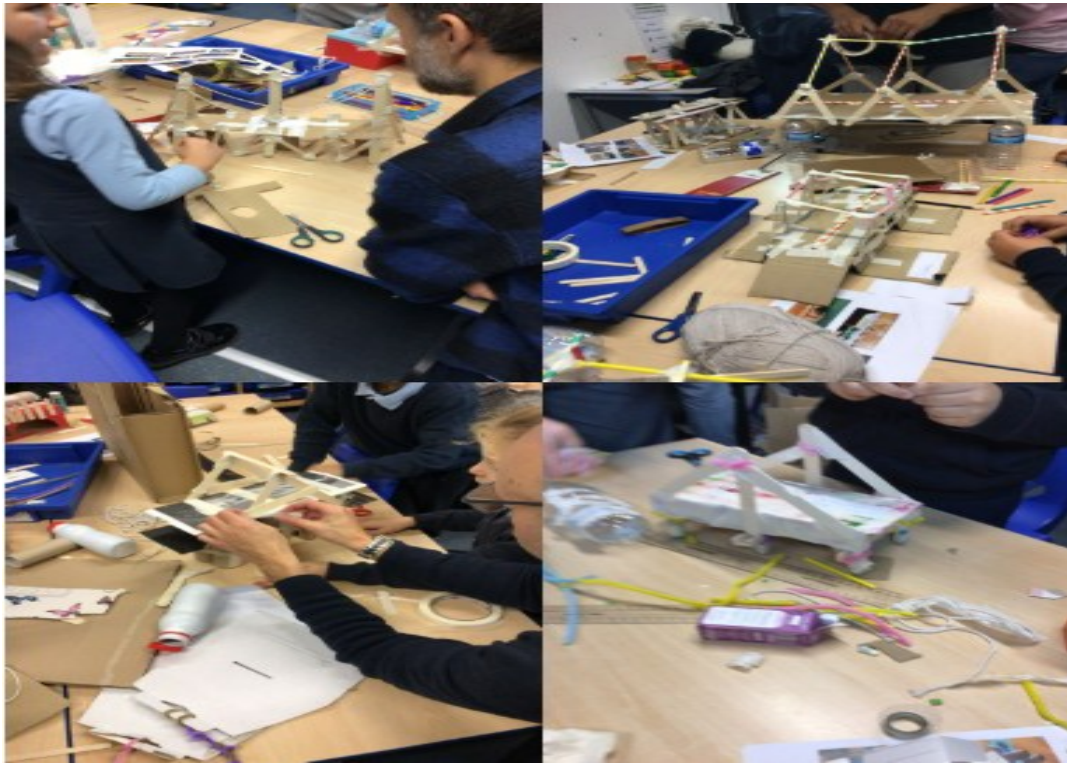
We look forward to offering even more pupils the chance to get involved in future BMX sessions!



In Year 4 Hawthorn for D.T. we designed and created a healthy, seasonal dish. We used ingredients, such as potatoes, carrots, onions, tomato paste and vegetable stock. First we washed our hands, cut up the vegetables and placed them in a boiling pot of water. Then we mixed all the ingredients together and added a small amount of salt and black pepper. Finally, we ate the lovely vegetable soup. We all agreed that it was super tasty!!!



Lime class welcomed the children's parents on Bring Your Parents Day. As part of Lime class's DT curriculum on bridges, parents were invited to participate in a challenge, build the strongest bridge out of recycled materials! Children and parents had a fantastic time taking on this challenge.



Hazel class welcomed the children's parents on 'Bring Your Parents to School' morning. As part of Hazel class's DT curriculum on structures, parents were invited to participate in a challenge to build the tallest and stable free standing tower using spaghetti and marshmallows!



Sycamore Class had a fantastic time making their very own pizzas this week! The children loved choosing their toppings, carefully spreading their sauces, and joyfully sprinkling cheese and veggies on top. It was a brilliant hands-on activity that brought lots of smiles and delicious creativity to the classroom!



Year 4 have used locally sourced vegetables to cook a seasonal soup full of hearty ingredients. The children were keen to show their knowledge of kitchen safety and food preparation skills. Well done.

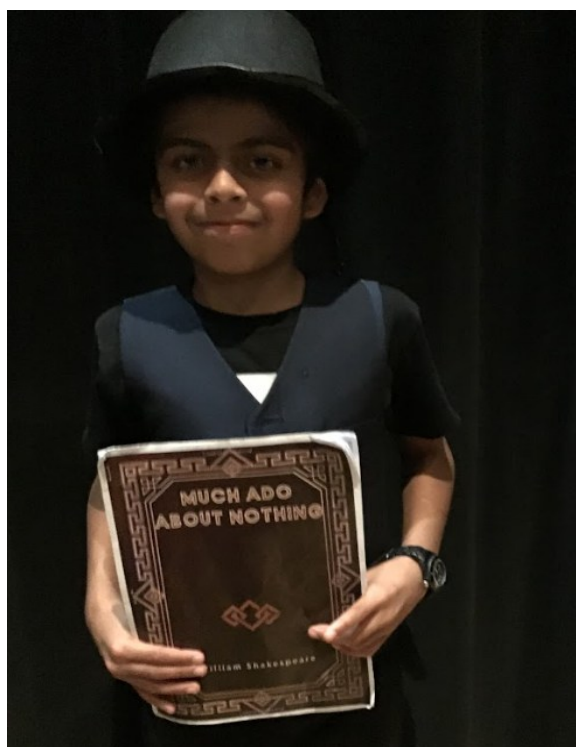


Pine class and Lime class stepped back through time this week with a visit to Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge. Our young historians were whisked into the world of the Tudors, discovering how royals, nobles and peasants live, ate and worked. The children explored Tudor foods, daily routines and even had the chance to dress themselves in authentic period-style clothing. They ended the day practising their Tudor curtsy, with plenty of giggles along the way. It was a joyful, hands on learning experience that brought history vividly to life for everyone





The Year 5 cast delivered a spirited and lively performance of Shakespeare's comedy Much Ado About Nothing at The Source Theatre in Stratford, overflowing with energy, humour, and confidence. Bravo to everyone involved!



It was such a fun week last week! The children in Year 3 are learning about a balanced diet in their Science lessons this term. As part of this topic, the Teak class made pasta salad using a variety of ingredients. They enjoyed using kitchen tools such as chopping boards and knives to prepare their vegetables and create a delicious pasta salad. It was a wonderful experience, and they were excited to eat their individual salads at the end.



NON-UNIFORM DAY



FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

IN RETURN PLEASE DONATE A
BOTTLE FOR OUR WINTER
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WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR ANY NEW AND
UNOPENED BOTTLES!

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PLEASE LEAVE ALL DONATIONS IN
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- **Juliet Doodles** Highams Park print
- **The Revel Puck Circus** x 2 tickets
- **Art K Highams Park** 2 Hour Holiday Workshop
- **Creation Station** Arty Party Voucher
- **Super Star Sport** 1 Day Free Camp
- **BoomBoom Comedy** x 4 tickets
- **The Village Florist** Plant
- **Vinoramica** £25 Voucher
- **Yard Sale Pizza** £25 Voucher
- **Churchill Estates** John Lewis Hamper
- **Willows Activity Farm** x 2 tickets
- **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
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- **Wallflower** Personalised print with initials
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Raffle Tickets on SALE NOW!

Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th, Friday 28th

Festive Jumper Collection - Adults, Children & pets!

Children's Chapter Books

Please bring to FOSS Shed, AM Drop off only

Friday 28th

Game Tokens on Sale!

YR3 Playground - before and after school!

Friday 28th

Bring a BOTTLE in return for non uniform!

(Any unopened bottle: drinks, toiletries etc)

Saturday 29th

Winter Festival 11am-3pm!



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