

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exciting and memorable week at Selwyn Primary, filled with fantastic opportunities for our children to learn, perform and connect with the wider community.

On Thursday 22nd January, our Young Voices choir travelled to the O2 Arena to take part in an incredible event, joining over 8,000 children to perform together as one big choir. The children sang with confidence, remembered all their words and thoroughly enjoyed dancing along to the sea shanty songs. They represented Selwyn Primary brilliantly and we are extremely proud of their enthusiasm, commitment and behaviour throughout the day.

Today, we were pleased to welcome our Nursery parents to the Coffee Morning. Thank you to everyone who attended and took the time to come in, ask questions and engage with staff. These sessions are always valuable in strengthening the partnership between home and school.

Looking ahead to next week, the Debating Challenge will continue with the semi-finals taking place in school. We are excited to see the children further develop their speaking, listening and reasoning skills. On Friday 30th January, we will also be holding a Literacy Coffee Morning, where parents will have the opportunity to learn more about how we teach and assess reading, writing, spelling and grammar. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

On the same day, Selwyn Primary will be hosting an inter-school choir competition, including solo performances. We are very much looking forward to welcoming visiting schools and celebrating the musical talents of our pupils.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, particularly in ensuring good attendance and punctuality. Your partnership plays an important role in helping children succeed and feel secure in school.

Have a wonderful weekend

Kind regards,

Patrick Mbanga  
Head of School



## Diary Dates

**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

**9th February:** Sibling photos

**10th February:** William Morris Trip—Sycamore Class

**11th February:** Kensington Palace Trip—Beech Class

**13th February:** Pre-loved uniform sale

**February half term: Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026**

## 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 Sycamore class who have 100% attendance this week!

Class	%	Class	%
Ash	95	Teak	95.8
Magnolia	95	Cedar	91.7
Sycamore	99.3	Cypress	95.3
Fir	95.7	Hawthorn	97.3
Larch	91.3	Aspen	95.2
Rowan	96	Beech	96.6
Lime	95.3	Hazel	94.8
Pine	96.8	Juniper	97.9
Poplar	97	Maple	92.5
Elder	98	Redwood	98.3
Olive	91.3		

## 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	Albert	Moosa	Skyler
Magnolia	Grace	Etta	Maxim
Sycamore	Dara	Jude	Martha
Fir	Florence	Samuel	Iria
Larch	Elliot	Mark	Fionn
Rowan	Ilaria	Eden	Noah
Lime	Ramzy	Zaki	Kevin
Pine	Jack	Julian	Aleeha
Poplar	Freya	Kamron	Liv
Olive	Sebastian	Asiya	Lyra
Elder	Laila	Aadil	Olive
Teak	Jessica	Jason	Sara
Hawthorn	Reyah	Zayan	Freddie
Cedar	Llewelyn	Kayden	Bear
Cypress	Orla	Charles	Agnes
Aspen	Jessica	Hashir	Leo
Beech	Muttahir	Joey	Imene
Hazel	Lila-Rose	Maryam	Sadie
Juniper	Tonna	Apolonia	Nada
Maple	Rufus	Thalia	Kayden
Redwood	Sarah D	Sarah H	Erik

## School Term dates 2025 -2026

### **Autumn Term:**

Christmas Holiday Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

### **Spring Term:**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 INSET day**

Half term holiday Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Easter holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

### **Summer Term:**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 INSET day**

Half term holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Summer holiday Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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/1dPQvWA2bBZT Ud6a8NO5kqPFGEsFCHPrI/edit>



#### School Term dates 2026 -2027

##### Autumn Term: (73 days)

- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 INSET day
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026 INSET day
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2026 to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026
- Christmas Holiday Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2026 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027

##### Spring Term: (54 days)

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027 to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027.
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2027 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027.
- Easter holiday Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027 to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2027.

##### Summer Term: (68 days)

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027 to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2027
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027
- Summer holiday Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

##### Public holidays

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2026 (Christmas Day)
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2026 (Boxing Day)
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027 (New Year's Day)
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027 (Good Friday)
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2027 (Easter Monday)
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2027

## Teak Class Pottery Inspiration

Teak Class had a wonderful time exploring pottery by using playdough to design their own pots using the coil method. The children carefully rolled, stacked and shaped their coils to build strong and beautifully formed pots. Their creativity was inspired by the incredible work of two artists, **Jami Porter** and **Magdalene Odundo**, whose unique styles helped the children think about shape, texture and artistic expression. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that allowed them to experiment like real artists and celebrate their own imaginative designs



Angelica from Cedar Class has worked hard at home to create a 3-D volcano alongside a presentation about the formation and activities of volcanoes. We had the pleasure of listening and asking questions about the research that she did. Well done.



The children of Cedar Class experimented and observed how the properties of oobleck change with pressure. The children witnessed a solid and liquid with this mixture and understood how the particles behave in order to achieve this. Good work Cedar Class.



## Hawthorn class

Today in Science, we investigated solids, liquids and gases. We used cornflour (solid) and water (liquid). We mixed them together and they became a liquid. When we stopped mixing it returned to a solid! This material we made is called oobleck. This means 2 states, liquid and solid.



Year 5 and 6 choir represented the school in the Young Voices concert yesterday held at the O2 Arena. There were over 8000 children from across London schools who took part in this wonderful event. Our choir outshone themselves by singing perfectly in tune and time as well as getting down to boogie and show their dance moves! It was long night, but the children gave it their all and enjoyed the evening immensely. Thank you to our music lead Ms. Rawlinson for making this possible and to the parents for their support.





## SPRING TERM EVENTS

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13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - PRE LOVED UNIFORM SALE

13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - LITTLE RECYCLERS COLLECTION

12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - MOTHER'S DAY SHOP

13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - GROWN UPS QUIZ EVENING

25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - EASTER CAKE SALE

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Don't forget, you can keep the fundraising going outside of these events by playing the FOSS Weekly Lotto!

Full details at: [yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://yourschoollottery.co.uk)

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PLEASE FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM PAGES 'FRIENDS OF SELWYN SCHOOL' FOR FULL DETAILS AND HOW TO VOLUNTEER AT EACH EVENT

