

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this half term, we would like to say a big thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support, and to the Friends of Selwyn (FOSS) for everything they have done to help make this half term such a success through your ongoing support, encouragement and commitment to our school community. We truly value the partnership we have with you in helping every child to thrive. Your continued efforts in ensuring strong attendance and engagement make such a positive difference to the children's progress and wellbeing. A gentle reminder that we are unable to authorise term-time holidays, but we appreciate your continued cooperation with this.

Thank you also for supporting our *Wear It Pink* day to raise funds for breast cancer awareness. It was lovely to see so many children and staff wearing pink and contributing to such an important cause. Your £1 donations are greatly appreciated. The children have taken part in a wide range of exciting activities, including art competitions, sports competitions and debate competitions, and have had a truly wonderful half term.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week. We hope you enjoyed viewing our beautiful art gallery, which is now a regular feature at every Parents' Evening and a lovely way to celebrate the children's creativity.

A big thank you as well for all your generous Harvest donations. Our Charity Leaders will be delivering the items to our local food bank and soup kitchen, where they will make a real difference to families in need.

We return to school on **Monday 3rd November** and are already looking forward to our inter-school music competition that week. On **Friday 7th November**, we will also be holding our Autism Awareness Coffee Morning from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., and we hope to see many of you there.

We wish all our families a safe, restful and happy half term break. Take time to relax, recharge and enjoy the time together — we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 3rd November** for another exciting half term ahead.

Have a wonderful half term

Kind regards,

Patrick Mbanga
Head of School



Diary Dates

- 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
- 5th November:** School tour for prospective Reception parents (2025/2026 intake)
- 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	94.4	Teak	97.3
Magnolia	96.7	Cedar	95.6
Sycamore	95.9	Cypress	90.1
Fir	94.9	Hawthorn	96.7
Larch	96.6	Aspen	94.6
Rowan	96	Beech	96
Lime	95.7	Hazel	96.8
Pine	96.4	Juniper	94.3
Poplar	95.1	Maple	94.9
Elder	95.2	Redwood	94.4
Olive	98		

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	Eshant	Skylar	Sara
Magnolia	Luis	Willow	Iris
Sycamore	James	Mikayla	Dara
Fir	Mohsina	Roch	Lucas
Larch	Gryff	Indy	Aiylin
Rowan	Gracey	Florence	Axel
Lime	Alex	Olivia	Idris
Pine	Mahmoona	Jules	Evie-Joan
Poplar	Sharon/Abie	Siana	Willow
Olive	Ahmed	Arthur	Clara
Elder	Beau	Aaron	Freddie
Teak	Adbullah	Ismail	Neel
Hawthorn	Medine	Ben	Freddy
Cedar	Yousef	Luke	Louis
Cypress	Matilda	Ilanthe	Bentley
Aspen	Nouri	Shanzay	Frederick
Beech	Emelia	Imene	Ruby
Hazel	Maryam	Evelyn	Isla
Juniper	William	Tonna	Aran
Maple	Austin	Morgan	Zara
Redwood	Tenzin	Janke	Aren

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

Secondary School Admissions

If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, your child is eligible to start secondary school in September 2026. To apply for a secondary school place for your child, please use the following link to apply before 31st October 2025.

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

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

French Projects

Congratulations to Cooper from Olive Class for his French homework. He brought a souvenir from his most recent trip to France and shared with the class some interesting facts about the Eiffel Tower. We are looking forward to more homework projects after half term, inspired by the French lessons or French trips.



Our wonderful Eco-Warriors learned about the Felix Project: a charity that rescues high quality, surplus food that would otherwise go to waste and redistributes in our community. We hope you enjoyed the fresh produce on offer: lettuces, potatoes, spring onions, cauliflower, and spinach.



Spooky Discos



THANK YOU...

WE RAISED... £1,752.42!

306 CHILDREN JOINED THE FUN!

A huge thanks to all the wonderful volunteers for the time and energy given to make it happen!

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- > CENTRAL ESTATES - for the generous sponsorship
- > GEORGE'S MARKET DROP - for the generous donation of the healthy snacks!



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