

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of yet another fantastic week, we would like to thank you for your support and involvement in school life. This week we have been focusing on the important theme of online safety. Children often know more about technology than adults, but they do not always understand the risks, which is why regular conversations are so important. Parents can help by knowing which apps, games and websites their child is using, setting up parental controls and privacy settings, and reminding children never to share personal information or talk to strangers online. Above all, encourage your child to come to you if something feels wrong or makes them uncomfortable. For further age-appropriate resources and advice, we recommend visiting www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

We would like to thank all those who donated cakes and bought cakes in support of the Macmillan Cancer Support sale, which was led so confidently by our wonderful prefects. We raised a fantastic total of £85.19 and are extremely grateful for your generosity.

This week our pupil representatives travelled to Northwold Primary to take part in the Interschool Watercolour art competition. We are delighted to share that our school achieved first place—an outstanding achievement! **Congratulations** to all those who took part and showcased their artistic talents so brilliantly. We are very proud of you.

Thank you also to all the parents who attended the Reception phonics morning. It was lovely to see you engage with the session and leave with a clearer understanding of phonics and how to support at home. Children will be bringing home a book linked to the phonics sounds they are currently learning to consolidate their skills.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome parents into school on the 30th September for our Reception 'Bring Your Parents to School' day. Parents are warmly invited to join the classroom and take part in guided learning sessions alongside the children. In addition, we will be hosting a Phonics Coffee Morning for Year 1 and 2 parents, and we encourage you to come along and take part in these valuable opportunities to see learning in action and understand how best to support your child at home.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Patrick Mbanga
Head of School



Diary Dates

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

7th October: St. Paul's Cathedral Trip—Poplar Class

7th October: LGB Meeting

8th October: New Reception Open Day (2026-27 intake) 9.30am-10.30am in school (5pm-6pm online)

8th October: British Museum Trip—Beech Class

9th October - British Museum Trip—Aspen

10th October—Nursery parent coffee morning

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 26th September.
Well done to Teak class who have 100% attendance this week.!

Class	%	Class	%
Ash	97	Teak	100
Magnolia	98.1	Cedar	98
Sycamore	99	Cypress	93.3
Fir	97	Hawthorn	98.7
Larch	97.6	Aspen	93.8
Rowan	96.3	Beech	97.7
Lime	98.7	Hazel	94.3
Pine	98.34	Juniper	97.7
Poplar	94.1	Maple	95.5
Elder	94.6	Redwood	98.3
Olive	99.3		

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	Ayat	Sylvie	Arlo
Magnolia	Aiyla	Evelyn	Violet
Sycamore	Frederick	Rahaf	Otto
Fir	Cooper	Astrid	Ted
Larch	Bryan	Aiyana	Antosh
Rowan	Maeve	Eli	Gracey
Lime	Jake	Elijah	Kevin
Pine	Aima	Elijah	Ayla
Poplar	George	Amelia	Kai
Olive	Raya	Kaya	Lyra
Elder	Emily	Nicole	Indie-Blue
Teak	Egemen	Ada	Ethan
Hawthorn	Phoebe	Ambra	Alby
Cedar	Luke	Joshua	Boris
Cypress	Charlie	Stanley	Agnes
Aspen	Ifor	Maximo	Seren
Beech	Lucy	Imene	Eva
Hazel	Maya	Millie	Aren
Juniper	Rohan	Fyfe	Luwayne
Maple	Jacob	Jordan	Michael
Redwood	Daniella	Mason	Lexi

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**



Meet our Language Ambassadors! These are the successful candidates from Year 5 and Year 6. They are going to help set up the language challenges on Google Classroom, encouraging everyone to discover and learn new languages. They will create quizzes, read stories, play games in the class and in the playground to support our language learning, give out Language Awards to children who complete the Language Challenge:

**Nouri and Jessica from Aspen Class
Evie and Dylan from Hazel Class
Ammar and Merzad from Hazel Class
Alex and Beth from Juniper Class
Joey and Mason from Redwood Class
Dominic and Morgan from Maple Class**

We will see you each Monday and Wednesday for fun French activities on the playground!



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
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£4.50	YR 5 & 6:	6.00 - 7.00
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*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!

