

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our parent volunteers and to every parent who has shown such generous support for our school events this week. Your involvement strengthens our school community, and we are truly grateful.

This week, Year 2 visited Epping Forest, where the children took part in a range of outdoor learning activities. They represented the school exceptionally well and showed great enthusiasm throughout the day.

We also held our Nursery Coffee Morning, and it was a pleasure to see all that attended and engaged with the activities. Thank you to everyone who joined us and contributed to such a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Fayre tomorrow. We hope you will join us and enjoy the festivities. We extend our sincere thanks to the Friends of Selwyn (FOSS) for their outstanding organisation and hard work in preparing this event.

Next week, we look forward to the Christmas Pantomime on Thursday 4th December. On Friday 5th December, pupils will be taking part in the Interschool Arbor Spelling Bee Championships, as well as the Interschool Football Competition. We wish all participating pupils the very best of luck and are confident they will represent Selwyn with pride.

We would like to remind families of the importance of good attendance. Every day in school supports children's learning, progress and wellbeing. We encourage all families to continue prioritising punctual and regular attendance. Thank you for your ongoing efforts in ensuring your child attends school every day.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,  
Patrick Mbangi  
Head of School



## Diary Dates

**2nd December**—Trip to The Hive—Year 4 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:** Interschool Mixed Football Competition

**5th December:** Carol singing at Spinney care home

**9th December:** Flu vaccine catch up. Reception—Year 6

**9th December:** Museum of Childhood Trip—Year 1 Classes

**9th December:** Reception 2026/27 intake prospective parent tour (9.30-10.30am)

**9th December:** Year 2 Micro Musical

**10th December:** Imperial War museum Trip—Maple Class

**10th December:** Year 4 Micro Musical

**10th December:** Reception 2026/27 intake prospective parent tour (9.30-10.30am)

**11th December:** Imperial War Museum Trip—Redwood Class

**11th December:** Christmas Jumper Day

**12th December:** Carol concert 4pm—5pm (parents welcome to attend)

## 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 28th November 2025.  
Well done to Poplar class and Rowan class who have 99% attendance this week.!

Class	%	Class	%
Ash	96	Teak	98.1
Magnolia	94	Cedar	97.7
Sycamore	96.3	Cypress	92
Fir	95.3	Hawthorn	96.7
Larch	95.7	Aspen	93.4
Rowan	99	Beech	93.8
Lime	95.7	Hazel	92.4
Pine	95.8	Juniper	97.2
Poplar	99	Maple	97.5
Elder	95	Redwood	96
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	Adam	Kyla	Sylvie
Magnolia	Layla	Joni	Miya
Sycamore	Camilla	Otto	Ruqayyah
Fir	Frederick	Myles	Wolfie
Larch	Neve	Harlon	Antosh
Rowan	Maeve	Lorenzo	Gabriel
Lime	Ava	Safaa	Zainab
Pine	Ayana	Katherina	Mahmoona
Poplar	Samuel	Leah	Freya
Olive	Arabella	Harrison	Azora
Elder	Amelie	Emily	Kiera
Teak	Ada	Isobel	Aydan
Hawthorn	Kirsten	Anna	Aiden
Cedar	Antonia	Benjamin	Ilyas
Cypress	Paul	Joshua	Mohammed
Aspen	Hashir	Inaaya	Kristion
Beech	Lucy	Toby	Ritaj
Hazel	Eva	Alex and Aren	Milie
Juniper	Frank	Apolonia	Beth
Maple	Michael	Ben	Edgar
Redwood	Daniella	Aymen	Mason

## School Term dates 2025 -2026

### Autumn Term:

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 INSET day**

Half term holiday Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

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

### 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.**

### **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/>



### **KS1 Indoor Athletics Festival**

Last Friday, 9 KS1 pupils took part in an exciting **Indoor Athletics Carousel**, rotating around a range of fun and energetic stations. Children demonstrated brilliant enthusiasm, teamwork and determination as they tackled each activity.

**Event Stations Included the Speed Bounce, Javelin, sprint obstacle courses and jumping exercises.**

Our pupils **scored very highly across most of the activities**, showcasing outstanding effort, technique and resilience throughout the rotation. Staff were incredibly proud of their positive attitude and determination at every station.

We are now **awaiting the final results**, and whatever the outcome, it has been a brilliant experience for our pupils who represented the school exceptionally well.





Poplar Class had an incredible day stepping into the past at Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge! We became Tudors for the day, exploring how kings, queens, nobles, and peasants lived long ago. We learned about their food, clothes, and daily routines — and even dressed ourselves in real Tudor-style outfits! The best part was practising our curtseys and bows to one another, just like people did in the royal court. It was a fun-filled adventure that made history come alive!





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## RAFFLE

### PRIZES INCLUDE:

- **£150 Cash Prize**
- **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
- **Walthamstow Trades Hall** Voucher for four pints
- **Wallflower** Personalised print with initials
- **Sodo Pizza** £50 voucher

**And more fantastic prizes from local businesses.**

**Thank you to all of our generous sponsors!**

Winners will be notified via email on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November.

**[www.pta-events.com/selwynschool](http://www.pta-events.com/selwynschool)**  
**Raffle tickets available online only.**

Scan to  
buy  
tickets!



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# Preloved Uniform SALE

Come stock up on uniform - our  
last sale of 2025!

New PE T-shirts available  
in all sizes! £3 each!

Cash & Card Payments

FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DEC  
8:40 @ FOSS SHED



*Uniform that doesn't  
cost the Earth.  
Help protect our planet  
and support our school.*

