

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have had yet another busy week at Selwyn. Thank you for your continued support with all that we do for the children.

This week, Year 5 Maple visited the Science Museum and explored the many wonders of science including learning about the purpose of vaccines.

Our Year 3s went to the Walthamstow Wetlands and enjoyed seeing the birds in their natural habitat and learned about pond life. Thank you to our parent volunteers who supported us on the trips.

Year 6s had a melodious recorder concert for the parents; they all performed very well.

Our wonderful FoSS ran a successful Father's Day shop for the children ahead of Father's day next week.

Today we had an impressive 203 fathers and father figures turnout for the Father's Day breakfast and sports event; it was fantastic to see so many of you there enjoying the sporting activities with your children on what was a beautiful sunny day.

Looking ahead to next week, we look forward to holding the Sports days for the children where we expect to see many of you there to support your child and enjoy the event.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Zafreen Mahmud
Deputy Head teacher



Diary Dates

17th June: Nursery/Reception Sports Day between 9.30am-11am (weather permitting)

17th June: Parenting Course (9.30am –11am)

17th June: Nursery PM Sports Day 1.45pm—3.15pm (weather permitting).

18th June: Brunel Museum Trip, Aspen and Hazel Class

18th June: School Nurse Drop in between 2pm and 3pm

19th June: The Science Trip Museum - Redwood and Junior Classes

19th June: Sports Day for Years 1,2 and 3 (weather permitting)

19th June: Stratford Arena—Year 6

20th June: Sports Day for Years 4, 5 & 6 9.30am to 11.30pm (morning heats). Afternoon finals 1.30pm to 3pm.

23rd June: KS1 Assessment week

23rd June: Spelling Bee—Heats in classes

23rd June: Hearing and Vision at 9.30 for Reception classes

24th June: Platform Cricket at Rolls Sports Ground

24th June: National Maritime Museum trip—Olive Class

24th June: Alternative Sports Day for Nursery/Reception

24th June: Parenting Course (9.30am to 11am)

24th June: Alternative Sports day for Nursery AM

25th June: Bring your parent to school day—Year 4 and Year 6 (9am-10am)

25th June: National Maritime Museum Trip—Teak Class

25th June: Hearing and vision tests—Reception classes

26th June: Alternative Sports Day for Years 4, 5 & 6 (morning heats between 9.30am—11.30am and finals between 1.30pm and 3pm).

27th June—30th June: Year 6 Residential Trip to Osmington Bay

27th June: Alternative date for Sports Day for Years 1,2 & 3 (9.30am– 11.30am)

30th June: Campaigns begin for prefect elections—Year 5

30th June: Piano concert at 2.30pm

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 & 3.30-6.30pm.

Parent reminder: All wraparound payments should be made in advance of the club commencing

Class attendance week ending 13th June 2025

Class	%	Class	%
Fir	98.67	Hawthorn	98
Larch	88	Aspen	97.33
Rowan	71.43	Beech	96.21
Lime	96.67	Hazel	93.10
Pine	99.35	Juniper	94.67
Poplar	95	Maple	98.21
Elder	93.93	Redwood	98.33
Olive	94.83	Ash	93.45
Teak	95.71	Birch	95.86
Cedar	98.67	Sycamore	91.38
Cypress	95.33		

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

Arbor Academy Trust Term Dates 2024-2025

Summer Term

Wednesday 23rd July 2025 - Last day of term.
School closes at 2pm.

Class	Caught being kind	Star of the week	Researcher
Fir	Damir	Iria	Myles
Larch	Ege	Rouen	Malik
Rowen	Kelisha	Otis	Vincent
Lime	Elijah	Safaa	Ava-Roynessa
Pine	Alfie	Asel	Sjylar
Poplar	Nel	Ali	Kamron
Olive	Arabella	Asiya	Hamza
Elder	Andrea	Anastasia	Indie
Teak	Egemen	Vaslyna	Ada
Hawthorn	Aaisha	Medine	Joseph
Cedar	Mia	Taylan	Bear
Cypress	Quincy	Zayn	Mizanur
Aspen	Ava	Naz	Nathan
Beech	Eridona	Eva	Alfred
Hazel	Khalid	Sadie	Jamie
Juniper	Fatima	Fyfe	Nada
Maple	Jordan	Joey	Morgan
Redwood	Sarah H	Lexi	Awais
Ash	Anaya	Aymen	Maisie
Birch	Lara	Jack	Layla
Sycamore	Gideon	Oriana	Usaid

School Term dates 2025 -2026

Autumn Term

- Monday 1st September 2025 to Friday 19th December 2025
- Monday 1st September 2025 INSET day
- Tuesday 2nd September 2025 INSET day
- 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 2025
- Monday 13th April 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026
- Summer holiday Tuesday 21st July

Public Holidays

- Thursday 25 December 2025 (Christmas Day)
- Friday 26 December 2025 (Boxing Day)
- Thursday 1 January 2026 (New Year's Day)
- Friday 3 April 2026 (Good Friday)
- Monday 6 April 2026 (Easter Monday)
- Monday 4 May 2026
- Monday 25 May 2026
- Monday 31 August 2026

Midday Assistant Vacancy

Length of contract: Fixed term 1 year (due to budget restraints)

Start date: 1st September 2025

Closing date: 20th June 2025

Salary: Scale 1 point 2

As a Midday Assistant, you will play a vital role in creating a positive and safe lunchtime environment for our pupils. You will be responsible for the supervision and support of children during their lunch break, ensuring their welfare and promoting good behaviour.

Key responsibilities:

- Supervise children in the dining hall and/or playground the lunch break
- Assist with the organisation of the dining area and playground space
- Support children with their general hygiene requirements
- Promote positive behaviour and resolve minor conflicts
- Follow school policies and procedures

Please visit the school office for an application form.

Arbor Academy Choir presented an inspirational performance last week at every primary school within the trust. They sang 3 songs, showcasing some beautiful solos and secure harmony work. Pupils in Y2 - Y5 were invited to watch their performances. There were moments during the performances where audience members seemed quite spell-bound by the 11 choristers!

Children in Arbor Academy Choir benefit from singing a wide range of repertoire under the expertise of professional choral directors. They enjoy performing and competing in different venues. Their next performance will be a contemporary production of the opera 'Carmen' at Big Penny Social in Walthamstow where they will sing with singers from the Royal Opera House.

Pupils in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 are welcome to audition for a place in Arbor Academy Choir. Please The next auditions will take place on Thursday 12th June and Thursday 19th June at Northwold Primary School, 4:30pm – 5:30pm. Auditionees are only required to attend one of these auditions, not both. There is no preparation needed for the audition - it is simply joining in with the rehearsal along with the current members.

If your child would like to audition, you will need to arrange to bring them to Northwold and they will be required to attend the whole session from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. You will need to bring your child into the school building and hand them over to Miss Rawlinson who will sign pupils in and check emergency contact details on arrival

The choir will continue to rehearse every Thursday at Northwold Primary School between 4.30pm—5.30pm.

Please email Miss Rawlinson if your child would like to audition on caroline.rawlinson@arboracademytrust.co.uk



Caught reading in French

The children who joined us at play time this week could read a story in French or practise counting to 20. Well done for working so hard in the lessons and during your play time as well!



Year 3 Hawthorn class enjoyed an exciting trip to Walthamstow Wetlands, where they explored various types of trees and diverse habitats, enhancing their understanding of the Year 3 curriculum. The engaging experience fostered a greater appreciation for nature and the environment, making learning both enjoyable and memorable.



What an incredible day we had at The Brunel Museum in Rotherhithe! Steeped in British history, this gem offered our children a fantastic insight into life beneath the River Thames. They thoroughly enjoyed a variety of engaging activities, from exploring timelines to sketching their own river crossing inventions. Our discovery walk was a true adventure, as we stumbled upon fascinating ruins and even a house that bravely survived the Blitz! A massive congratulations to all the children for their enthusiasm and a huge thank you to the parents who stepped up as leaders and experts. What a memorable trip!



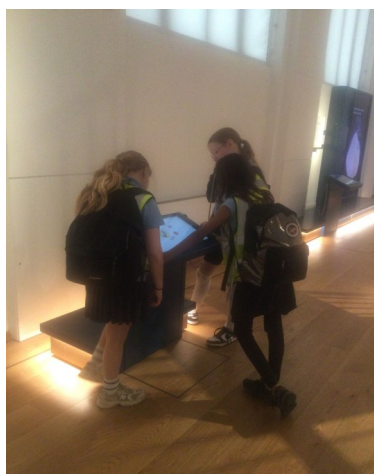
Luke from Cedar Class made a Jetpack, using a cardboard box, empty bottles and tape! To infinity and beyond!!!!



Years 3,4,5 & 6 took part in our Abor Academy Trust Inter-Schools Cricket tournament at Parmiters Field. Fun was had by all and we finished 3rd.



Maple enjoyed their visit to the Science museum where they learnt about chemical reactions, why vaccines are important and how machines work.



It was a brilliant turnout for the Father's Day breakfast and sports event. Everyone had fun in the sun!



FOSS News

Father's Day Shop

Thank you to everyone who supported our Father's Day Shop - volunteering your time to help in the shop & sending in money with your little ones! We hope the kids enjoyed choosing some great gifts for their Dad and special carers and that you get some lovely surprises on Sunday morning.

We raised over £700!



The Summer Festival Needs YOU!

It's only 3 weeks away. On Sat, 5th July (11am - 3pm) we'll have fun games, food & drinks, bouncy castles, balloons, dance parties, ping pong, football and more - all raising funds for the school.

It's one of the biggest events we do all year and we can't do it without the amazing work of FOSS volunteers. We really need a few more volunteers to fill some gaps - if you can help out on the day, just for an hour or 2, we would really love you to get stuck in and have fun. We will make sure a great day is had by everyone

Remember to also sign up Yr5 and 6 children to run a game stall with their friends/You. They are really great at it!



If you haven't already, **Sign up here** ☐ ☐ ☐ <https://volunteersignup.org/937RY>

Thank you to Central Estates for sponsoring the Summer Festival.



80 families have signed up to have a sponsorship board outside their home (THANK YOU!) so look out for the smiley faces going up around Highams Park very soon promoting the event.

<https://www.central-estates.co.uk/>

Summer Festival RAFFLE

We are excited to announce our school RAFFLE. It's a great way to support the school whilst having a chance to win some fantastic prizes including a cash prize of £150!

This time around we are NOT selling tickets online, instead your child will be bringing home a book of 5 raffle tickets next week, along with instructions on how to purchase and return them to school to be included in the draw. Each ticket costs £1. Of course if you want to buy more tickets they'll also be on sale w/c 30th June in the playground (along with Game Tokens). The Raffle will be drawn at the end of the Summer Festival at 2.45pm.

LEAVERS 2025

We are organising a party for the year 6 children leaving Selwyn this year.

18th July 5.30-7pm



We want to give them some special memories and to celebrate their time at Selwyn. There'll be a disco, pizza, slushies What else can we add to the celebrations?

Anyone who wants to help with organising the celebrations please
signup here ☐ <https://volunteersignup.org/TXAC4>
or join the whatsapp here ☐ <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BjV1cR9wnMkLUOn6rsKwxF>

FOSS AGM

Please do consider joining our AGM this year on 10th July (pm). It's usually in a local pub/venue. We love to meet more volunteers and we'd love to get more parents across the school involved and invested in making Selwyn the best place for our kids to learn and thrive.