



Friday 24th May 2024



Message from Mr Wray

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for all of your support during this last term. There have been many achievements across school and there are many new exciting things to come! Something that we are keen to develop is our provision at lunchtime. We are enrolled on the OPAL program, as previously mentioned on the last SS edition, which is our commitment to providing all of our children with quality play opportunities across the school. More information about our launch of this program will be coming early next term. We also want to revamp our lunchtimes in the hall. Our ambition is for every child to have access to non-interrupted play for 45 minutes at lunchtime and our end goal is to eventually train our children to go in for lunch when they choose to. Obviously, this will be a gradual process over time but after the half term, we will be trailing this with Y5/6 children. Once this starts, we will write to you and let you know more about this and the launch of OPAL. Exciting times ahead!

On behalf of staff and governors, I would like to wish you all the best half term break. Fingers crossed for great weather! Stay safe and we look forward to seeing all of the children back in school on Tuesday 4th June. Monday 3rd June is our staff wellbeing INSET so all staff will be refreshed ready for the final term.

Regards,

Mr. Wray

Final Term- Summer 2

3 rd June	INSET DAY 5 (School closed to pupils)
4 th June	Children return to school Science week
7 th June	Science Dress up Day- information below
WC 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week. This includes any resits for children in Y2.
10 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check Day Friends of Swanwick meeting 7:30pm
12 th June	Y5 Enterprise Day at David Nieper Y6 Residential to Whitehall
13 th June	Y6 Residential to Whitehall
14 th June	Y6 Residential to Whitehall Father's Day Stalls from 3pm
18 th June	Yorkshire Wildlife Park Year 1
19 th June	Class Photo Day
21 st June	World Music Day
26 th June	Sports Day KS1 am and KS2 pm
1 st July	Futures Week Friends of Swanwick meeting 7:30pm
3 rd July	Online Safety Assembly Reserve Sports Day KS1 am and KS2 pm
5 th July	Tough Runner Friends of Swanwick Summer BBQ
WC 8 th July	Whole School Transition Week
10 th July	Transition Day at Swanwick Primary School
15 th July	EYFS Stay and Play Session 3:45-4:45pm Friends of Swanwick meeting 7:30pm
17 th July	Colour Run EYFS Stay and Play Session 3:45-4:45pm
18 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9:30am and 6pm
19 th July	Y6 Leavers' party 6pm – 7:30pm
23 rd July	Break up for summer



Summer 2 Information

PE Timetables

Year	PE Day(s)
EYFS	Tuesday and Friday
1	Monday and Wednesday
2	Wednesday and Thursday
3	Monday and Friday
4 Willow	Monday and Wednesday
4 Hazel	Wednesday and Friday
5	Thursday and Friday (swimming)
6	Tuesday and Friday



The Big Science Tour - 7th June

Our amazing Science Week kicks off on our first week back at school. Our theme is all about 'Time' and each class have lots of fun activities planned.

We would like to invite you into school on Friday 7th June to come and look at everything the children have been doing during their science week. The gates will open on South Street from 2:30pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Summer 2 Termly Overviews

To find out what your child will be learning about in Summer 2, use this link and select the correct year group and Summer 2.

[Curriculum Maps- Summer 2](#)

<p>As readers we will be...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studying and exploring the themes and ideas of the book 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' Developing our comprehension skills as we read a range of different text types 	<p>As musicians we will be...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring how composers use music to communicate Learning about the key features of musical theatre 	<p>As technology users we will be...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the different parts that make up a desktop computer Recalling the different parts that make up a computer.
<p>As authors we will be...</p> <p>Reading 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' to inspire our writing as we create:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diary entries, journalistic writing, flashback narratives, speeches, discussions, letters, film critiques and biographies. 	<p>As scientists we will be...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning all about how we can look after our environment and looking at what the climate is, how it changes, the difference between a man-made and natural environment and where different types of animals live. 	<p>As theologians we will be...</p> <p>Exploring the topic: What do religions say to us when life gets hard?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considering the views and feelings of those with different beliefs to ourselves and respecting differences
<p>As geographers we will be...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning how mountains are formed Finding out where the major mountain ranges of the world are Investigating mountain environments and climates 	<p>Year 6 Summer 2</p> <p>Is there a summit at the top of the world?</p>	<p>As historians we will be...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studying the lives and accomplishments of the first people to climb Mount Everest
<p>As mathematicians we will be...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applying our knowledge of ratio and proportion, multiplication and division and shapes to a themed project called 'White Rose Bakery' Applying our knowledge of statistics, measurements (conversions) and money to a themed project called 'White Rose Tours' Applying our knowledge of percentages, fractions and the four operations to a themed project called 'White Rose Futures' 	<p>As artists we will be...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a painting in the style of Albert Bierstadt Create a mountain scene in the style of Nicholas Roerich 	<p>As citizens we will be...</p> <p>Studying the topic: Changing Me</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning how to cope positively with change Discussing changes which happen to us as we grow up

Science Dress Up Day - 7th June

We are inviting the children to dress up as a person whose job involves science (hairdresser, electrician, chef, teacher, Doctor, farmer, vet, astronomer, astronaut, marine biologist, gardener and the list goes on) We look forward to seeing what your imaginations can come up with.

Please do not buy expensive costumes. A homemade costume or label will work perfectly.

Science Competition - Habitats

As part of our science week, we would like to invite children to take part in a science competition. The competition is all about Habitats. We would love for children to create a habitat or present information about a habitat for an animal or insect. The project can be produced in any format the children decide and needs to be brought into school on Friday 7th June.

Children should take their creations into their classrooms and they will be displayed in the hall for the whole school to see throughout the day. Parents will also be invited to come and look at the wonderful work at the end of the day.

We can't wait see what you create and there will be prizes presented on the day.





Phonics Screening Y1- WC 10th June

Year 1 children will be taking their Statutory Phonics Screening Check during the week commencing the 10th June. Any children in Year 2 who need to resit the check, will also be completing it this week.

If your child is taking this assessment, please familiarise yourself with the parent guidance and continue to practise the weekly word sheets, Phonics reading books and sound packs.

The children love playing online games linked to Phonics and you can use the QR Codes below to access some of these too!



Speech and Language- Email us!

Salt@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

Don't forget – we have an email address especially for all things Speech and Language. Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's speech or language skills. We are also able to provide you with resources or support for any previously identified difficulties.

Do you have the following things you can donate?

- Bikes - a bike your child has outgrown. We are currently accepting donations of bikes with 12-16" wheels. These can be balance bikes (with brakes) or pedal bikes.



- Wellies of all sizes for Reception-Y6



- Fancy Dress of all sizes



Book Appeal

We are trying to re-stock our classrooms with quality age-appropriate texts to inspire the children to read. Please click on [the link](#) to see if you have any of these books and could kindly donate them.

Thankyou in anticipation of your support.



Reading at Home - Book Trust

The Book Trust have some lovely ideas and supporting videos to help you to get reading together because research shows that sharing books and stories has loads of wonderful benefits for your family! Watch [this video](#) to find out more and explore our tips and resources below.



David Nieper Year 5 Enterprise Day and Open Day

David Nieper are holding an Enterprise day for Year 5 Pupils and an Open Day for parents and carers of children in Y4 and Y5. Details can be found on our [News and Events Page](#).



Your Invitation to visit
David Nieper Academy
Appointment Only
OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 19th June 2024 – 4.30-7pm

Derbyshire County Council Household Support Fund

As part of the Government's Household Support Fund Scheme, Derbyshire County Council is distributing funding to households struggling to pay for food, energy, and essential living costs. As part of the scheme, the Council will again be distributing grocery vouchers. Information about who is eligible for the vouchers is available on the website and distribution will start in late June 2024. We will update the website when all vouchers have been distributed and provide details of what parents and carers should do if they have not received their voucher. Full details about the scheme and the support available for those experiencing financial hardship is available on our website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund

Online Storytime - read by famous faces

The Book Trust also have a big selection of [online stories](#), read by famous faces! You can select a book and listen to it read with expression and enthusiasm. This could be something you explore over half term!



1, 2, 3, Do the Dinosaur with Michelle Robinson
BookTrust • 34K views • 3 years ago



Time to Read 2021: I Am A Tiger with Karl Newson and Ross Collins
BookTrust • 32K views • 4 years ago



Everybody Worries: A story and drawalong with Jon Burgerman
BookTrust • 27K views • 4 years ago

Building Works - Some disruption to parking and access

You should have received a letter outlining the building work that is taking place at our school. If you have not seen the letter, you can access this on our ['Events and News'](#) Page.





Spanish and Literacy Updates

We have achieved such a lot over the last couple of terms around enhancing our curriculum including the introduction of Literacy Tree (Reading and Writing), OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning), Developing Experts (Science Scheme) to name a few!

The staff are really invested in ensuring we make our curriculum as vibrant and exciting as we can. We want to inspire creativity, and nurture a lifelong passion for learning amongst our students.

The Summer Term is just as busy, with further developments in our Literacy Tree Scheme and a big focus on our Modern Foreign Languages!

Last week, Miss Calderbank led our staff meeting on Modern Foreign Languages. Miss Calderbank is our MFL Lead and she is very excited to be rolling out our new Spanish Language scheme!

Further information will follow about this new scheme, however here are a couple of images from our Language Staff Meeting.

Miss Calderbank kindly delivered Spanish refreshments to accompany the professional development!

Mrs Holdsworth led this week's staff meeting on the roll out of 'Literary Leaves'. This is an element of the Literacy Tree Scheme and aims to create a culture of reading for pleasure. We want our children to love reading and choose to read and talk passionately about the books they read. You will hear more about this in the final term but we are really excited about this for our children.





Yorkshire Wildlife Park Y4 Trip

Geography and Language Day

Thank you all for coming and having a look at the work the children did during the Language and Geography day. The children were so proud to show off their work and enjoyed telling you all about it.
Miss Fisher and Miss Calderbank

On Wednesday 22nd May, Year 4 visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Despite the adverse weather, we had a wonderful time and managed to see some exotic animals. The children, as always, were excellent all day and were great ambassadors for the school.





Celebrate!

On Sunday the 19th May, Frankie entered her very first general gymnastics competition at Amber Valley gymnastics. She competed in a 4-piece competition consisting of a floor routine, beam, bar and vault.

Frankie's overall score for all 4 pieces achieved her a silver medal but her bar routine (if they were marked individually) was the best of her group therefore she was awarded a special plaque in recognition of this!



Well done to Frankie

Year 2 Football Competition

Last night a group of year 2 children took part in a football competition at Swanwick Sports College. They competed against 8 other schools and finished in 3rd place. The children all performed exceptionally well and showed great sporting values of teamwork and respect.



Year 5 Charity Sale

Well done to the Year 5 girls who organised and ran a loom band sale after school to raise money for the 'Wish Upon a Star' charity this week. They sold over 150 loom bands and raised over £45!



Have a wonderful half term and fingers crossed for lots of sunshine!

See you all back at school on Tuesday 4th June!