



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 31st March 2023

We have made it to the Easter holidays! Go forth and eat many Easter eggs!

We have another busy Swanwick Story which has been split into two halves. The first part will celebrate the Spring Term final events and the Second part will give you plenty of information about the new Summer Term; including diary dates, PE Days and much more. Scroll down to get up to speed with what is planned.

EVENTS FROM THE PREVIOUS TWO WEEKS

We have been so busy over the last two weeks but it has been so much fun!

Year 4 Viking Day

Year 4 celebrated their Viking Day to hook the children into their current topic. As you can see, they had a fabulous time and it gave the children a fantastic chance to explore History.



Swanwick Stars Concert

This week a range of children from across the school took part in the Swanwick Stars Concert. This was an evening event to raise money to enrich our school music curriculum and ultimately give back to the children.

Miss Harris was the brains behind the event and spent a lot of her own time organising and fine tuning the concert. It was a huge success, celebrating all the musicians across our school. We enjoyed such a wide range of musical talents including the ukuleles, piano, woodwind and guitar. The choir sang their hearts out and lifted the spirits of all in the process.

Thank you to everyone who came along, donated money, purchased raffle tickets and visited the refreshment stand.

A massive thankyou to the 'Friends of Swanwick' for supplying and organising the cakes and drinks- we really appreciate all you do to support our school.

It was such a wonderful community event and reminded us what a fantastic school we have. The rhythm took over whilst watching the performance, so the photos are a little blurry.





Sporting Competition News

Well done to all of the children who have taken part in competitions over the Spring term and to parents for your support. Children have represented the school in the following events:

- Girls Futsal
 - Boys Futsal
 - Year 2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Dodgeball
 - Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby festival
 - KS2 Cross country
 - Year 5 and 6 Netball county Finals
- The children showed all of the School games values of Honesty, Respect, Teamwork, Determination, Self-belief and Passion whilst representing the school.



We are so proud of every child who took part and we hope you are proud of yourselves too!



We raised a grand total of just over £1,300!

Year 3 Church Visit

Last week Year 3 walked into Swanwick to visit St Andrew's Church and Swanwick Methodist Church. As part of their visit, the children learnt about what happens inside a Church, the different parts of the Church, what the Church does within the Community and how Christians follow their religion. It was a great morning and the children were all a credit to be with. Thank you to Reverend John and Mrs Matan for making us feel welcome at St Andrew's and all of the ladies at Swanwick Methodist Church for welcoming us and providing us with a drink.

Year 2 India Day

Yesterday, in Year 2, we had great fun celebrating our enquiry topic all about India. Thank you for the amazing costumes; the children really looked great! During the day, the children were very active taking part in an Indian dance class and learning some new yoga positions, courtesy of Mr Morris! The children also learnt about traditional Indian cuisine and made some delicious samosas. They also had the opportunity to get creative and a little messy, making clay tiles with a geometric pattern design.

You can take a look at the slideshow [here](#).

Tag Rugby Festival

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 children who represented the school well in the Tag Rugby Festival. The children took part in some Rugby training and then competed against other schools. It was great to see the children develop their skills in the game and we were very proud of their performance and attitude.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the cross country event at Shipley Park this week. Despite the weather, the children had a great time and put in performances they should all be proud of. A special mention goes to Lexi B and Lucy P who came 1st and 2nd in the year 5 and 6 Girls race and to Isla H who just missed out on a medal finishing in 4th place for the year 3 and 4 Girls. Thank you to all of the parents who paddled through the mud to cheer the children on and the staff who came along to enable us to take part. We are still awaiting the results of the event as the scores are combined to give a whole school total.





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Autism Acceptance Week



This week has been Autism Acceptance Week. We started our week with a whole school assembly where we discussed how our differences make us unique. We learnt a little about what autism is and reminded ourselves of our THRIVE values 'inclusive' and 'respect'.



Reception enjoyed colouring in lettering in all different colours and patterns. They drew themselves showing how we are all different.

Some of our older children have made posters and information sheets, all about being accepting of all people and embracing our differences.

Levi and Elsie

Elsie attends Dance school at the weekends and won Star of the Week which involves taking Levi the Monkey home. He had a fabulous day at our school, spending time in the classroom learning how to use our ICT program 'Purple Mash'! Well Done Elsie!



Summer, Mia and Taylor Y5 Sycamore class



Well done to all the children who completed their dance exams this weekend!

A special shout out to **Nevaeh and Harper** for their achievements and they look fantastic!



Also to **Amelia and Evie** for their wonderful efforts in their 2nd Harlequin Dance Show.

Well done girls!





Makaton

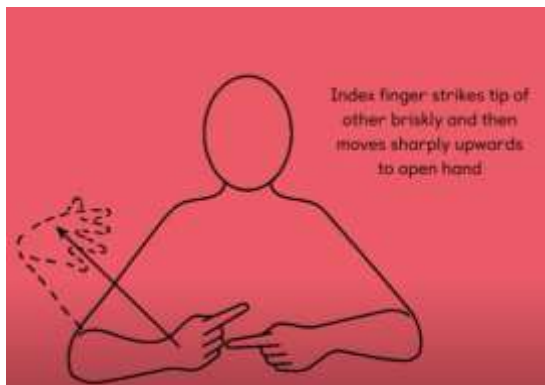
Makaton

We are really excited about our journey to use Makaton as a common language at our school so we have been excited to tell you all about it! Staff are already planning how to incorporate Makaton into their everyday teaching and learning with the children: Miss Harris already teaches Makaton signing to go with the songs the children are learning in choir and Miss Randall is going to help us learn a sign of the week!! There will be much more to come so watch this space...

Mrs Walton and Miss Randall



Our sign of the week this week is- **Fast**



See the video link [here](#)

The signs we have been actively using in school are-



Singing Hands

We LOVE 'Singing Hands' at our school. Perhaps you can try this one at home! They are a fabulous way to learn some more Makaton with your child.



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SUMMER TERM IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PE Days- Summer 1

Year Group	PE Day(s)
EYFS	Wednesday, Friday
1	Monday, Tuesday
2	Monday, Thursday
3	Tuesday, Friday
4	Wednesday, Thursday
5	Monday, Friday (swimming)
6	Tuesday, Thursday

Clubs in the Summer Term

Information on the following after school clubs will be sent out soon:

- Year 3 Football – Monday
- Year 1 Athletics - Tuesday
- Year 5 and 6 sports club– Wednesday (to be confirmed)
- Y4 Multiplication Club (day to be confirmed)

Barn Owls Group

The Derbyshire Nurture Team have finished their time with us helping us to set up and run our Barn Owls group. They have been with us for 12 weeks which have really flown by. **Thank you Mrs M-J, Shayne and Maria for spending the last 12 weeks with us!**

Summer Menu

You can view the [Summer Menu here](#)

Summer Diary Dates

To get all the next term's events into your calendar, [please click here](#).

Summer 1- Medium Term Overviews

To find out what your child is covering next half term, please [click here](#).





Celebrating King Charles III's Coronation



We would like to give you an advance notice that we are holding a special day to celebrate King Charles III's coronation on **Friday 5th May**. Parents and carers are invited onsite to spend the afternoon at school, which will be filled with activities to remember! Please [click here](#) to find out details of the day, competitions and how to get involved at home.

Mrs Staley and Mrs Strong

Pick up Drop off

Just a reminder to let the school office know if you have any arrangements whereby another adult is collecting your child.

We understand some parents have verbally told a member of staff but it is important that we have a log of this in a central place in case a different teacher is in class that day.

This includes occasional arrangements with parents in the class.

Please email the school office or phone this information in.

Drinks

All drinks sent in should be water.

Thankyou ☺

