



SWANWICK STORY



Friday 14th July 2023

Hello
Sunshine!



We are approaching the end of our school year!

This is the penultimate Swanwick Story and we will send a final story out on the last day of term- Friday 21st July.

Please can you send a labelled carrier bag in with your child on Monday 17th July so we can send all work home?

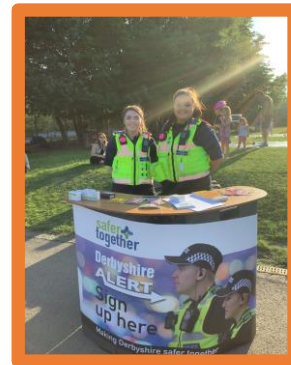
This Swanwick Story includes lots of new information for September 2023, along with some photos of recent events in school.



Ozzy's Obstacle Course YR-2- postponed until Wednesday 19th July due to bad weather!

Thank you for attending our Summer BBQ!

We want to thank everyone who attended the Summer BBQ, it was a huge success. Thank you to all the stallholders and a special thanks to The Friends of Swanwick Primary School, who organised the entire event for us all to enjoy.





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Year 5 Performance Success

Tough Runner Y3-6

Our children (and some staff) thoroughly enjoyed the Tough Runner event. It was a fantastic end of year treat for children in Year 3-6



Last week our Year 5 children put on a fantastic performance to parents on the Industrial Revolution. The performance included singing, sharing information on the Industrial Revolution through narration, acting and a presentation of our Enquiry work during the summer term. Well done to all children in Year 5; you were brilliant!

Mrs Staley and Mr Cartwright

Key information for September 2023

We have been adding important information to our school website under a new tab- [New information 23-24](#).

This contains-

- A map showing you where the new classrooms are located and the pick-up points for these.
- The new school start and finish times.
- The Uniform Code for 23-24.
- The Home School Agreement for parents
- School Dinner Cost Increases from Derbyshire County Council

There are also links to the Meet the Teacher Slide shows, following the parent events this week. Our School diary dates will be sent out next Friday.

School Dinner Ideas for September

Following the announcements from Derbyshire County Council around the increase in cost of school dinner prices (From September it will be £3.25 per meal), we wanted to share some ideas for packed lunches. [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

INSET Days (Staff Training- children are not expected to be in school)

Monday 4 September 2023

Tuesday 5 September 2023

~~Monday 6 November 2023~~

Friday 22 December 2023

Monday 8 January 2024

Monday 3 June 2024



Please note we have amended the Inset dates for 2023-2024. The change of date is highlighted here but you can find the updated document on the school website using [this link](#). There will now be an INSET day on Monday 8th January 2024 instead of the 6th November 2023.



Classroom Environment- Changes ahead!

We have begun to prepare our school for September 23-24. We are always looking at ways we can improve children's learning experiences and we have one key change coming in September 2023- All our classrooms will be changing towards a more neutral colour scheme.

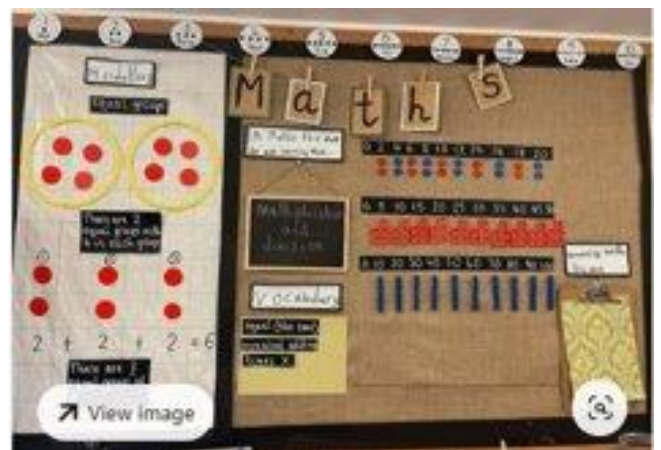
A large body of research suggests that too much colour can provide a sensory overload for our children, creating an environment where they are less likely to be highly involved and more likely to be distracted. An overstimulating brightly coloured classroom can lead to unsettled children.

Our key aims are;

- To support children with sensory or SEN needs
- To provide a calm canvas for work to be the focus
- To provide consistency across the school

We want our children's work to be the focus and not the backgrounds. We want the children to use our working walls to support their learning and not just see them as wallpaper.

Here are some examples of what to expect in September...





We are looking for Parent Governors!



To find out more about this role, please see this [leaflet](#). All Governors must be DBS checked before starting.

Message from our Governors

*I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are all looking forward to the summer break after another academic year is almost over! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our children, families and the wider community for your support this year. It was great to see a fantastic turn out for the summer BBQ with a fun evening had by all, thanks to Friends of Swanwick Primary for organising this and to all who helped make it happen. A big thanks also to all the staff in school who work tirelessly to ensure Swanwick Primary is the wonderful school we all know it to be. There is always so much going on behind the scenes at school and there are many opportunities to get involved. We would welcome any interest from parents or family members who may be considering joining the governing board. Governors meet throughout the academic year and will get together again in September. If this is a role you could see yourself in, please do get in touch through the following email and I will be happy to answer any related queries.
rebecca.cressey@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk
I hope you all have a superb summer break!*



Well Done Emily!

While being a Rainbow she has completed most of her badges and has got her Bronze Award, Silver Award and is the First Rainbow to get her Gold Award at 2nd Swanwick Rainbows.



Well Done Evie!

Evie would like to share her achievement of running her very first park run. She ran 5km at Brierley Forest Park Run on Saturday morning without stopping in an amazing time of 30:00 minutes. She was the 16th female out of a field of 190 runners (mainly adults) and came 3rd in her age category. She smashed it!



