



SWANWICK STORY



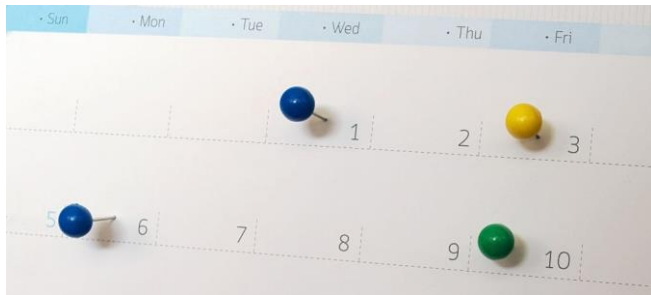
Friday 15th September 2023

We have had a lovely first full week in school and the children have been busy getting to know their new teachers and new routines.

Parent Communication

We are moving away from 'Parent Hub' to a new platform called 'School Spider'.

Upcoming Events



We hope this new section will help to remind you about School Events. These can also be found on our [School Diary Dates](#).

Over the term, we have the following events...

School Spider is a communication platform for parents. It allows you to receive important information directly from the school quickly and easily.

You can login via our website by selecting 'parent login' on the top bar of our site or via the School Spider app. **You can download the app for free from Google Play or Apple App Store by searching School Spider.**

You will be able to do the following in your parents' area:

- Book parents' evenings
- Complete online surveys and forms (these could include school trip/club bookings)
- Receive messages from the school (app only)

When you download the app, select 'Swanwick School' using the dropdown bar and use the email address we have on our school records. This will activate a password email. It is very simple and quick.

We will move across to School Spider by September 25th. Please ensure you have the School Spider App downloaded by this date, so you continue to receive communication from the school and can book your Parents' Evening Slot in October.

You can download our parent app guide below [Parents Guide](#)

School Photos- Tuesday 10th October

The school photographer will be here from 7.45am to take sibling photos. Individual photos will then be taken in school time

If you would like to **opt out of school photos** please email the info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk to let us know. Otherwise, all children will have a photo taken on this day.

Monday 18 th Sept	Friends of Swanwick Meeting 7:30pm
Tuesday 19 th Sept	<u>Harvest themed school lunch</u>
Tuesday 26 th Sept	Year 5 Bikeability Level 1
Wednesday 27 th Sept	Phonics Event for Reception, Y1 and Y2 Parents 2-3pm School Hall
Thursday 25 th Sept	Transfer from Parent Hub to School Spider- <i>see details to right</i>
Thursday 28 th September	Relationships and Sex Education information meeting 5-6pm
Monday 9 th October	Year 5 Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 10 th October	School Photos- 7:45-11:30am- <i>see this Swanwick Story for details</i>
Wednesday 11 th October	Year 5 Bikeability Hello Yellow Day- wear Yellow Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm <i>Booking information will go out in the next Swanwick Story</i>
Thursday 12 th October	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshop Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 18 th October	Harvest Donations Collection taken to food bank Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm
Thursday 19 th October	Year 6 Theme Day- Take us to Texas
Friday 27 th October	Non Uniform Day- Autumn Themed Craft Sale in hall-3:15-3:45pm Last day of Term 1



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TT Rockstars

In the last Swanwick Story, we shared our new [Homework Policy](#). Within this policy, you will find details around your child's year group specific homework. Your child will have differentiated expectations, dependent on their age. Homework has been sent out this week for all children in Year 1 upwards.

Children in Year 3,4,5 and 6 will be asked to complete work on the TTRockstars Platform.



Our Maths Lead, Mrs Staley, has more information on this in the following letter. You can also click on the image below to find out more. [TTRockstars Letter](#)
Login details will be sent home with your child.



Children in Y1 and 2 will be introduced to a different platform called Numbots, and this will be introduced later in the school year.

Spelling Bee



Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will also have Spelling Homework accessible via the Spelling Bee App. Your child will have log in information in their school diary and words are set on the app on a Friday as per the Homework Policy. If in any doubt, please see the class teacher. They can also provide paper copies.

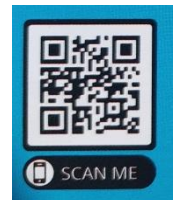
Tesco Tokens- We will be in stores soon!



We should be appearing in the Alfreton Store at the start of October. PLEASE VOTE FOR US and spread the word 😊

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Have your circumstances changed? If you feel your child may be eligible for Free School Meals (not universal free school meals) then please fill out the eligibility check using the following link:



[Pupil Premium Form](#) or by clicking the QR Code below. Please do this even if your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 as it is different to the universal free school meals.

Pupil Premium is an amount of funding provided from school for children who are eligible for free school meals which means we can offer more support in school.

There is further information from Derbyshire County Council below:



5 Star Rating in our Kitchen!

The kitchen has had an inspection by Amber Valley Environmental Health this week and we have got a 5* which is the highest score you can get!

Well done to our Catering Team.





Hello Yellow Day- 11th October 2023 Wear Yellow!

We initially had this planned for 10th October however this is also school photo day, so we have amended the date.



It is World Mental Health Day on **Wednesday 11th October** and we will once again be going yellow to raise money for Young Minds to show young people that they are not alone with their mental health.

On this day, we invite staff and children to come dressed in yellow and donate £1 (via ParentPay). All of the money raised will be donated to Young Minds.

If you would like to find out about what support Young Minds can offer to parents and young people then click this link: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Vacancies in School

We are currently looking for additional Midday supervisors to cover our lunch times. If you are interested, please use the following links.

[Midday Supervisor](#)

[Midday Supervisors Relief](#)

Staffing News

Welcome to Miss Daniels



Miss Daniels has joined us as an Emotional Literacy Support

Assistant and is going to be available to support children 1:1 and she will also be helping to run our Snowy Owls and Tawny Owls groups in school as well as Forest School. Please say hello to her if you see her around.

If you feel that your child would benefit from support then please feel free to speak to Miss Daniels, Mrs Stone or Mrs Walton in school. Alternatively, you can email in to the PPod using the following address: ppod@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk



Congratulations to Miss Cope who married over the holidays and is now called Mrs Bellis and to Miss Sabin who also married over the holidays and is now called Mrs Mason.

School Council Programme

Our School Council programme is for pupils in Years 1 through to 6. This initiative aims to foster leadership skills, encourage student participation, and strengthen our school community. We held in-class elections this week to promote a School Council representative from each class. Your child may come home with the news that they are their class representative! This means they will be attending daytime meetings each term to help shape the future of the school. They will be asked to take school issues back to their class and collect ideas and responses. They may be asked to support the Senior Leadership Team when we have visitors or events. They may be actively involved in organising events within the school year.

Let's work together to empower our children and build a stronger school community through the School Council.

Coat Reminder- Please ensure your child brings a labelled coat into school.



Alfreton Town Mascots

Well done to the below Year 4 boys who were Mascots on Saturday for Alfreton Town! Alfreton Town won 4-0. They are part of the newly formed Scorpions Team, for Alfreton Juniors.

You have made us proud!



External Events



Would you like to play the **FLUTE** or **CLARINET**?

Lesson spaces available **NOW** or for September!

Lessons are with Kirsty Harden, an experienced, accredited woodwind teacher who already teaches in your school.

Individual, paired or group lessons are available, so you can learn with your friends.

Lessons are in school and available to everyone Year 3 and above.

Loan of an instrument is available and can be FREE in certain circumstances.

Financial support is available for families receiving Free School Meals, on Pupil Premium or income-based-benefits.



If you are interested and would like more information please contact:

Kirsty Harden

Accredited Teacher with Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership

Email: kirstyharden@hotmail.com

Mob: 07812 413723



Superhero Night Walk

£5.50 per child (adults free)

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Saturday 14th October 2023
At Queen's Park, Chesterfield, S40 2ND
4.30pm–8.30pm

www.ashgatehospice.org.uk/superhero-night-walk-2023

Be a Hero, Be Involved

Unleash your inner hero and join us for an evening of extraordinary fun, courage, and compassion at our Superhero Night Walk.

Lace up your boots, put on your cape, and get ready to make a difference on an adventure like no other!

walk 1 mile or 3 miles

Join our family event at Queens Park on Saturday 14th October from 4.30pm and step into the shoes of your favourite superhero in support of Ashgate Hospice.

Everyone can be a hero and you can choose to walk either one or three miles on the night.

Sign up your superhero squad today!
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Every participating child will receive a superhero cape, glow in the dark mask and unique walker number to take part in the event!

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The next Swanwick Story will be sent out on Friday 29th September. Have a great weekend!