



Friday 19th January 2024

Welcome back after the Christmas break.

We do hope you got the chance to enjoy time together as a family.

As 2024 begins, we have updated the calendar of events, with some new additions. You can use [this link](#) to access the full calendar.

Below, we have listed the more imminent events for your information.

Events Spring 1 Term	
31 st January	ALL-Online Safety Assembly- Delivered to children in class
2 nd February	ALL-NSPCC Rocks, Number Day- Dress up day and fundraising event. All proceeds to go to the NSPCC Click here for a letter regarding this event.
5 th February	EYFS – Animal Man Visitor (Plus animals!)
6 th February	ALL-Safer Internet Day Activities delivered across the school day for pupils
7 th February	YEAR 4-MTC Multiplication Check Meeting for parents in Year 4- Option 1 2:45-3:15pm School Hall (Details can be found in this Swanwick Story)
7 th February	YEAR 4-MTC Multiplication Check Meeting for parents in Year 4. Option 2- 7:00-7:30pm Via Teams (a link will be shared closer to the date via Parent Hub)
12 th February	PARENTS-Friends of Swanwick Meeting 7:30pm
13 th February	YEAR 1- Explorer Day- Details can be found within this Swanwick Story
15 th February	EYFS Animals Who Came to Tea – Details can be found in this Swanwick Story
16 th February	ALL-Random Acts of Kindness Day- In school events Break up day

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received during my first couple of weeks as the new Headteacher of Swanwick Primary. Already, I have recognised the many great things already happening at the school and the excellent support received from its community. During my first term as Headteacher, I plan to learn all I can about how the school currently operates and as part of this process I will be working with parents/carers. I will be shortly sending out a brief pulse survey so that I can get a flavour for parental views of the school. As in all schools, there will be many strengths and some areas in which we can improve. When the survey comes to you, please take the time to complete it. Your view is really important to me and this feedback will be instrumental in moving the school forward.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers that have made the time to meet with me after school this week. It has been a pleasure meeting you all. If you couldn't make these meetings but would like to introduce yourselves, then please feel free to stop and chat with me on the gate. I want to be regarded as transparent and approachable- I will always make time to speak with you whenever I can.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and I am very much looking forward to working with you all in the future. Have a wonderful weekend!

Regards,
Mr. Wray

P.s. I have also loved spending time with your children- they are superstars!

Safeguarding

The most important part of our job is to keep children safe. We have updated our [Safeguarding Poster](#), which you can find here. Please remember that **Safeguarding is everyone's business** and it is crucial that you report any concerns to the correct Safeguarding Leads as a matter of urgency. Use [this poster](#) to familiarise yourself with who these adults are and the process at our school.

Safeguarding Lead	Deputy Safeguarding Leads				
					
Mr Wray Headteacher	Mrs Jilavu Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Stone Pastoral Lead	Mrs Walton SENCo	Mr Morris Assistant Headteacher	Miss Wright EYFS and Year 1 Leader



Year 1 Theme Day



Tuesday 13th February- Y1 Non Uniform

Year 1 are invited to come dressed in outdoor, weather appropriate clothing- this could be 'Explorer' themed. Children will take part in outdoor orienteering activities, enjoy a hot chocolate at basecamp (upper field) and engage in mapping and symbol tasks. We will be making our own binoculars/ telescopes to support our adventure!

EYFS Theme Day



Children in Acorns and Conkers, you are invited...

to an EYFS Tea Party!

On Thursday 15th February, please come to school dressed in your best animal attire for our 'The Animals Who Came to Tea' tea party. You are welcome to bring along a furry (toy) animal friend to join you in our festivities.

NSPCC Rocks



On Friday 2nd February. We are supporting the NSPCC by take part in 'NSPCC Rocks' which is a collaboration with Times Tables Rock Stars. This will be a fun-filled day of maths activities and games. We are asking for a donation, either cash or via ParentPay, that will go directly to NSPCC and support NSPCC services such as Speak out Stay Safe and Childline. More information about this event can be found [here](#).

Who is Who at Swanwick Primary School?

Did you ever wonder who a member of staff was, as you passed them in school? Now you can see all staff photos on our school website, with job roles listed.

Thankyou to Mr Williamson for creating this! You can find our staff page on the website, using the tab 'Our School', or you can use [this link](#).

Swanwick Stars Concert Raffle

In March, we will be holding our annual Swanwick Stars Concert.

Last year, the raffle raised a fantastic amount of money, which we were able to use to buy over 30 glockenspiels, recorders, boom whackers AND a steel drum experience for all children in school!

As we are getting closer to March, we will be contacting local companies to see if they are willing to donate prizes for our raffle. If any parents/carers are able to donate or know of any companies who would be willing to donate, please get in touch as we would be so grateful for any help! If you have anything you can offer, please send an email titled- 'Swanwick Stars Raffle' to info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk, with details, and we will get back to you!

Thank you,

Miss Harris
Music and Writing Lead

Year 4 Multiplication Check Event

If you have a child in Year 4, your child will be participating in the 'Multiplication Tables Check' (MTC) in June, 2024. Please [click here](#) for more information. There will be some meetings on **Wednesday 7th February at 2:45pm (face to face in school hall)** and **7pm (via Teams)** where more information about the MTC will be shared and you will have the opportunity to ask questions. Please fill out this [Microsoft form](#) to confirm attendance:
Mrs Staley
Mathematics Lead



Our Sports Council



Online Safety – Screen Time

If you're anything like me, I'm sure your children will have been really excited about their new toys and gadgets at Christmas, especially digital ones (in my daughter's case, it was Super Mario Brothers Wonder, which I can highly recommend as a great family game!).

However, it isn't always easy to limit your child's screen time or see what they've been doing on their new devices and companies don't always make it obvious how to do this for their technology either. So, I was really pleased when the National Online Safety group published a poster giving advice on how to set up parental controls on a variety of devices.

You can access the poster by clicking the link here: [Parental Controls Guidance](#)

If you have any questions or worries, please remember to always contact me.

Mr Cartwright
Computing Lead



Swanwick Primary School is on Facebook!

We would like to invite you to our new Swanwick Facebook page! Officially launching Monday 22nd January, this will be a great place to find the latest information and activities that our fabulous school take part in.

Click on the link below (or copy it into your browser), then like the page and make sure you've set your profile to follow us for all the latest information!

www.facebook.com/swanwickprimaryschool

Mr. Cartwright



Before Christmas, the children in KS2 were given the opportunity to apply for the role of Sports Council Representatives. It was amazing to see so many children complete an application with so much enthusiasm around the development of Physical Education, physical activity and school sport at Swanwick Primary. The quality of the application forms was excellent and there have been some great ideas already shared. Well done to all those who applied it was a really tough decision selecting pupils, and there will be opportunities for new representatives next year.

On Friday, the successful applicants met for the first time and took part in some training. We looked at their role and they have now been tasked with finding out about the things the children in school enjoy about PE and Sport. From this they will then look at ways of improving Physical activity in school. Some of the tasks they will be taking on involve: helping to make decisions on what equipment is needed to improve active break and lunch times, purchasing equipment from a budget, helping to make decisions on after school clubs and other activities they would like to happen in school and organising events.

I look forward to working further with the new Sports Council Representatives who have already shown great enthusiasm for their new role. Hopefully they will be able to update you later in the term on the things they have been doing.

Mrs Turner
KS2 PE Lead



Year 5 Holocaust Trip- Thought provoking and insightful!

On Tuesday 16th January Y5 had a fascinating and thought-provoking day at The National Holocaust Centre near Newark. Rowan and Sycamore class experienced what it was like to be a 10-year-old Jewish boy named Leo, living in Berlin in 1938. They explored his home and school, before finding out what happened on the night of Kristallnacht to his fathers' tailors shop. They searched for a secret room, where Jewish families could have hidden and then boarded a Kinder Transport bound for London. In the afternoon the children walked around the memorial garden and placed a stone on the memorial to all the children who died in the Holocaust. Finally, they listened to a talk from a Hedi, who fled from Austria to London with her family in 1939. She spoke about her experiences as a Jew and the anti-semitism she suffered as a child. The teachers and children learnt so much from the day, and they will certainly all remember it for a long time to come. Well done to all of the children for the way they conducted themselves throughout the day. They were a credit to the school and showed great engagement, teamwork and respect asking some excellent questions.



Bedtime Reading Event-

Thank you for coming!



We hope you enjoyed our KS1 Bedtime Reading event this term. Children had the chance to come to school in their Pjamas, share stories by lamplight and enjoy a hot chocolate and cookie! Here are just a few pictures from the event.



Thankyou to Mr Morris for organising this event and for being 'Chief Storyteller'!



Celebrating Achievements

We were thrilled to hear about the extra-curricular activities that Ella and Ella have been up to in their spare time. Both girls took part in the Emily Grace School of Dance 'Musical Magic' Christmas show 2023. It was a huge success and they both thoroughly enjoyed performing in 5 sold out shows!

Below picture - 'The wizard of Oz' Dorothy and Toto.



After-School Club and Easter Club



Swanwick Kids Club

OPENING MARCH 4TH

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB AND EASTER HOLIDAYS

A new and exciting after-school and holiday club based in Swanwick, reserve your space now and contact us at Swanwickkidsclub@outlook.com

Ages 4+
Fun games & activities,
Secure outdoor play

Fully trained and qualified staff with full DBS checks

Centenary Centre, Chapel Street, Swanwick, DE55 1BJ

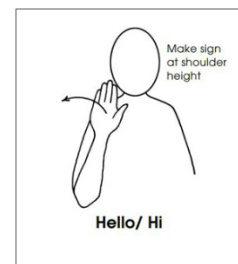
Swimming Club

Makaton Sign of the week



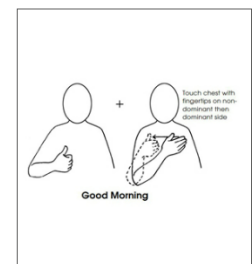
We are taking an opportunity to revisit our first set of signs from our Makaton Journey. We encourage the children to use these throughout the day, in order to become fluent.

Greetings



Hello/Hi

To say hello, move your hand from one side to the other once at shoulder height.



Good morning

Do a thumbs up and then wipe your hand across your chest.

We wish you all a happy weekend and thank you for making it to the end of this week's Bumper Swanwick Story!

