



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 6 May 2022

KS2 SATs

Good luck to all of our Y6 children taking SATs next week.

[KS2 SATs](#)

Monday 9 May – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (Papers 1 & 2)

Tuesday 10 May – Reading

Wednesday 11 May – Maths (Papers 1 & 2)

Thursday 12 May – Maths (Paper 3)

Whilst SATs are important, we want to recognise that children are 'more than assessments'. We know that many of our children excel in sport, music, art – and lots of other things too. We want to know that we have educated our children to be kind and thoughtful and good friends.

We know that children will worry, but today, Miss Fogg shared this message with the children:

WORRYING IS LIKE A ROCKING CHAIR.
IT GIVES YOU
SOMETHING TO DO, BUT IT DOESN'T
GET YOU ANYWHERE.



We have reminded the children today that Y6 can come into school between 8.15am and 8.30am through the South Street pedestrian access to join us for an Early Bird Club on Monday-Thursday next week. It is not compulsory, but just a good way to get everyone in, settled and acclimatised to the school day. Our Leadership Team, Y6 Staff and Pastoral Team will be on hand for during this time to support the children.

Good luck Y6 – we know you will be amazing!

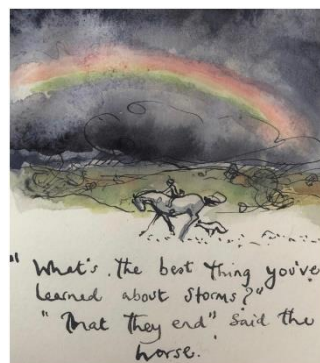
Mental Health Awareness Week



Next week (Monday 9 May – Friday 13 May) is Mental Health Awareness Week. The irony of this being the same week as KS2 SATs has not been lost on us!

The theme this year is loneliness. We are acutely aware of the impact that recent news items in our immediate community have had on many of our staff, parents and pupils. We are always here for anyone who is struggling with their mental health to help signpost you for help. You can find further information from Derbyshire County Council here about [Tackling Loneliness](#)

On **Friday 13 May**, we will be encouraging all classes to engage in more relaxed activities in recognition of the need to recharge our batteries now and again to support our wellbeing.



Don't forget, you can always e-mail the ppod@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk to help to signpost you to support.

#itsoknottobeok

#itsgoodtotalk



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KS1 SATs

Y2 staff will be administering the SATs on the following days:

Reading – Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 May

Spelling – Wednesday 18 May

Maths - Monday 23 and 24 May

Here is a copy of the information shared with parents at Parents' Meetings:

[KS1 SATs](#)

All Stars Cricket

Last week, children in years 1 and 3 took part in a fun cricket session led by a coach from Derbyshire Cricket. The children had a great time learning new skills. If your child enjoyed the sessions, or if your child is in another year group and has an interest in Cricket, there are some new clubs starting soon based at local clubs, including Swanwick Cricket Club. Click to find out more:



[All Stars Cricket](#)



Knowledge Organisers Summer 1

Please click here to find this half-term's [Knowledge Organisers - Summer 1](#)

Dangerous Driving ☹️

We are saddened to hear (yet again) that a small minority of our parents continue to drive without thought of our children and other pedestrians around the school site.

This week, we have been informed of dangerous driving on Bolton Street. Just because the speed limit is 30mph doesn't mean it is safe to drive at this speed.

Children can be very unpredictable, and can step out at a moment's notice. Please, please, drive with due care and consideration. Even better, leave your car at home or park further away from the school gates and walk if you are able to.

There has been a change in the Highway Code this year to make pedestrians feel safer. The government have said, 'road users who can do the greatest harm have the greatest responsibility to reduce the danger they may pose to others'.

We do not want to be dealing with a fatal accident and we can't imagine how any parent would feel if they were responsible for the injury, or even death of a child due to their dangerous driving.

We ask that any parents with concerns about driving around the site report the issue to the police. If they receive enough complaints or concerns from other people rather than just the school, we hope that they will send support out into the area to remind people about speed and parking.

Thank you to all of our parents who drive and park considerately, or leave their cars at home



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Athletics Opportunity

[AVSSP Athletikids](#)

Amazing Authors

At half-term, there is an opportunity to see some favourite children's authors. Please click here to find out who: [Derby Book Festival](#)

Uniform Ordering

We have been reminded by our uniform providers about deadlines for September ordering:

[Order by August 1 2022](#)

If your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium, we will again be providing vouchers towards the purchase of uniform. We know this was very popular last year. We will get in touch once this is organised.

Class Photographs

Well, the sun came out yesterday for our photographer. Thank you for sending your children in looking super-smart!

We are waiting for the photographs to be sent into school. Once they are, we will let you know how to order a photograph if you would like one.

Covid Vaccinations – NHS England

'For decades, vaccinations have protected our children and young people from potentially serious diseases, including measles, flu, meningitis and mumps.

By the time they leave school, a child will typically have been offered vaccinations against 18 different diseases or infections – the COVID-19 vaccine is one more vaccine that children will soon be able to have to protect them from illness.

The Government's Joint Committee on Vaccinations and Immunisations recommends that 5-11 year olds be offered the vaccine, which has been approved by the UK's medicines regulator. The vaccine will reduce the chance of your child becoming unwell from COVID-19 and increase their protection against any future waves. Your child will be offered two paediatric (child) doses of the vaccine, with at least 12 weeks between doses. A paediatric dose is smaller than doses given to those aged 12 and over.

The NHS will send parents and guardians information on how to make an appointment for their child to be vaccinated. These appointments will be available from April over the Easter holidays and further slots will become available later.

COVID-19 is still active and causing some children to miss out on their education and things they enjoy, and getting your child vaccinated will boost their immunity and keep them doing the things they love.'



Please continue to inform us if your child has C19 by e-mailing covid@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk
Thank you



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Netball Success

Congratulations to the year 5 and 6 netball team who took part in a competition last night at Ripley Academy. It was a super evening of netball and the team performed really well, showing great skill and teamwork. After 6 very close matches we finished in 4th place. Well done, you represented the school well and should be very proud of yourselves.

Miss F Wright and Mrs Turner

Items for the Swanwick Story

We are always happy to celebrate children's recent successes in the SS each week. Please note that if you include other children's names/photographs, we would need permission from the other parents too. We do love to see what everyone has been getting up to!

Have a great weekend everyone!

