



SWANWICK STORY

Friday 9 September 2022



We hope you have all had a relaxing break and have made lots of memories together!

We will be altering the frequency of our Swanwick Stories to go out every other week. This is to avoid information overload!

This means that the next Swanwick Story will go out on Friday 16th September.

Any key Year group reminders or urgent messages will still go out via Parent Hub. If you are not signed up with Parent Hub, please stop by the school office for a leaflet explaining how you do this.

Late Process

Gates open at 8:45am and Gates close at 8:55am. Year 1- Year 6 are now expected to walk independently to their classroom doors from the gates. A member of staff will be at the classrooms to greet your children.

To ensure records are correct in the event of an evacuation, pupils arriving after 8:55am will be marked as arriving late up until the register closes at 9:15am. Pupils arriving after 9:15am will be recorded as an unauthorised absence for the morning session.

All pupils arriving after the gates are closed, must be taken to the school office and parents and carers will be asked to sign their child into school- giving a reason for their lateness.

Communicating with Teachers

Feedback from our surveys prior to the Summer Holidays indicated that families found it tricky to contact and communicate with Teaching staff. We wanted to address this feedback with a solution, and from Monday 12th September onwards, a member of your child's teaching team will remain outside the classroom at the end of the school day. If you have any day to day queries around learning, or simply want to pass a message on about changes to routines at home- please do approach the staff to do this.

Staff can also signpost you to the correct people for any other questions.

Children in Year 5 and Year 6

We want to ensure we have robust systems in place to keep our children safe. If you are giving your children permission to walk home from school independently, please complete this Microsoft Form

[Click here for the form](#)

Class teachers will also hand out this form at the end of the school day for children in year 5 and 6.

Medicines

All medicines should be handed into the school office with the correct medical form [Click Here](#)

Children must not be given Medicine in their bags.

Allergies

We have children with severe nut allergies in our school. Therefore, we ask that no meals or snacks contain nuts. Thankyou.



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Thrive and Positive Relationships

We wanted to take the opportunity to explain our school system to maintain positive relationships and behaviour in school.

You can find our policy [here](#).

As part of our policy, we discuss children's Rewards and Consequences. We focus heavily on how to repair relationships and how we teach the children that their actions have consequences.

Some of the things you might hear about in school are our wide range of rewards.

In EYFS, our children have an additional visual aid to support positive decisions and actions. Using a Sunshine, Rainbow and Pot of Gold.

Through our school we also have the following rewards

- Swanwick Silver Pots allowing children to gather coins as a class, for a collective reward
- Praise Pads or postcards might be sent home to alert you to good choices
- Star of the week certificates are given out to children in our Friday Assembly
- Staff may make a phone call home to share good choices.



Forest Schools Item Request



If you have any old waterproof jackets and/or trousers or wellies that your child/children no longer use or they no longer fit, then we would be really grateful if you would consider donating them to school for our Forest Schools group to use. If you have something to donate then please could you send it in to school with your child who can then deliver it to Mrs Denny or Miss Ball in school as soon as you are able? We would be most grateful for your donations!

Food Bank

Please remember that if you are struggling with rising costs and are finding it hard to make ends meet, we are able to collect and deliver food bank parcels to your door or make these available for collection in school. This is a completely confidential service discussed only between yourselves and the PPOD team.

Please contact the PPOD for more information using the email-

ppod@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk



Sport at Swanwick Primary

We are looking forward to an exciting year of sport at Swanwick Primary. This year we are welcoming 3 new sports coaches from the Amber Valley School Sports Partnership (AVSSP), Mr Ellis, Miss Carnelley and Mr Adams. These coaches will be working in school alongside classes in their PE lessons, running lunch time activities and after school clubs.

Swanwick Kilometre

We are again committed to continuing our Swanwick KM initiative this year as a way of developing health and wellbeing and supporting children to be more active. Children are encouraged to run or walk laps of the track with personal scores logged allowing them to earn the following distance certificates: 5km, 10km, 20km, 40km and our Ultimate 100km certificate. Individual scores are also collated with classes working together as a team to see which class has run the furthest each week.

Autumn 1 PE Days

	Wear Kits if you are in...
Monday	Year 2, Year 1 and Year 6
Tuesday	Year 1 and Year 5
Wednesday	Year 3 and EYFS
Thursday	Year 4 and Year 3
Friday	Year 5, Year 4 and Year 2 Year 6- Swimming



After School Clubs

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

- Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby
- Year 3 and 4 Athletics
- Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics

School competitions

Throughout the year the school will be entering a variety of sporting competitions which are led by AVSSP. These competitions are part of the National School Games Programme, which is a Government scheme providing opportunities for children to take part in a variety of sporting competitions against other schools. The school Games values of Honesty, Respect, Teamwork, Determination, Self-belief and Passion are promoted through the competitions and within school. We look forward to sharing news from these competitions in the future. Each year the school applies for the School Games Award and last year we are pleased to announce that we achieved the Gold Award.

