



Swansfield Park Primary School

Friday Flyer

16th January 2026

Headteacher's update

The new term feels like it's in full swing this week. Our Pear Class children loved having family and friends in on Wednesday to share a roast lunch, UKS2 have been replenishing their book shelves through trips to the town library and our librarians headed out to Barter Books to get some new reading material for our fabulous Reading Den. That's all on top of the jam packed 'in school' curriculum, some of which is featured in our Flyer today.

I'm really pleased that our Spring term improvement in attendance has continued this week. Our whole school attendance for the last 5 days is 95.5%. That's so close to our 96% target and represents a great effort from our whole school community for children to come to school every day that they can. I have been in touch with a number of families about attendance over the last few weeks. Please do remember that our aim is always to support families with this and to ask the questions 'is there anything that we can do to help?'

Ahead of next week, here are the important things to remember:

- Teacher led clubs begin on Monday afternoon and continue on Thursday afternoon 15.00 - 15.45
- Our School Council will welcome Molly for a visit to Swansfield Park on Thursday. Molly is a student at Northumberland Skills, based at the Lindisfarne Centre and she's keen to come and talk to our Council about her experience of living with Cerebral Palsy.
- It's Beech Class assembly on Thursday afternoon. We look forward to welcoming Beech family and friends at 14.30. A little note to our Beech families... we've not forgotten that we need to rearrange your family lunch!

I hope you enjoy our Flyer this week, showcasing some of the fabulous things we've been up to.

With best wishes,

Anne-Marie Grimes



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Our Sporting Stars!

At the end of last term, our sports coaches at NUF kindly donated three gifts to be given in recognition of fabulous sportsmanship.

We knew it was going to be a tricky decision as our children work hard on a weekly basis in their PE lessons.

Luckily, NUF coach Michael was on hand to help us decide on the worthy winners. Huge congratulations to Albie, Grace and Lexi who went home at the end of term with some great Newcastle United gear in recognition of their great sporting efforts.



Picture News

Mrs Farrar thoroughly enjoyed the lively discussions in both our KS1 and KS2 assemblies for Picture news this week. Mr Beast was a favourite with everyone!



In the news this week

Famous online creators have come together at the 1 Billion Followers Summit in Dubai to talk about how their influence affects people around the world. Influencers at the event use their fame to share kindness, as part of the '1 Billion Acts of Kindness' campaign. One of the most well-known creators, MrBeast, has encouraged millions of people to take part, using his videos and social media to inspire positive actions.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk to someone at home about the summit and the campaign. Do you think lots of people will choose to take part? Why?
- > Share who influences you. Talk about how some of the people we admire or look up to are well-known or famous, and others may be family or friends.
- > Ask someone at home about who influenced them when they were younger. What impact did they have?



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Celebrating Reading Greatness!

Reading Plus set a challenge before Christmas to read over **50,000 words** and a great number of our KS2 children took this up. A huge well done to:

Bea Quillian, Becky Tutleman, Daisy Mallaburn, Danny Phelan, Dom Tyler, Katy Hutchins, Kye Campbell, Ollie Donaldson, Rowan Miller, Sofia Pearse, Una Morris-Watson, Wilfred Patten.

A massive well done to the following children who went over and above the 50,000 and hit **75,000 words!**

Darius Appleby, Jack Boutell, James Bonnett, Jessica De La Mothe and William Thomas.



Our First Stars of 2026

Let's give a big round of applause to our Stars of the Week:

Jacob McFall, Fallon Miller, Freddie McWilliams, Jovi Makepeace, Mya Tully, Theo Brown, Jack Hollingworth, Connor Roy Wright, Elbie Raine, Jack Ellis, Darius Appleby and Danielle Neville.

Well done, we are very proud of you

Our Week In Early Years



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'Cold Winter' has been our topic in Apple class since returning after Christmas and thanks to the weather, we have all been fully immersed in the theme! Exploring our wonderful outdoor environment has been lots of fun, especially in the snow! We have listened to the story 'Jack Frost' and taken part in lots of Winter based activities.



We used our pinchy fingers to rip, squeeze and scrunch tissue paper to make some wintery snowflakes and we rolled and squeezed tin foil to make icicles before adding a splash of paint in the cold colour of blue, before hanging them up to decorate our classroom. We made some indoor snowmen with cotton wool pads and snowman features as well as practising our scissor skills along the way! Our song of the week this week is 'Five Little Snowmen'



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In Plum and Pear Classes, the children have been enjoying the story of The Three Little Pigs in their Drawing Club session and also in the classroom provision. The children have built houses, looked at how they can make strong structures, retold the story in their own little books and in their role play and on many occasions, huffed and puffed and blown those houses down!



Checking in with KS1

We are exploring simple printmaking this half term in our Art work. In our first lesson we made simple prints using our bodies (hands and fingers) if the weather had been better we



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would have gone outside and used our feet too!) and when dry we added drawings of flowers using soft pencils and then fine liners and we also smudged in chalk. In the second lesson, we are making rubbings of different objects (natural and man made).



And In UKS2...

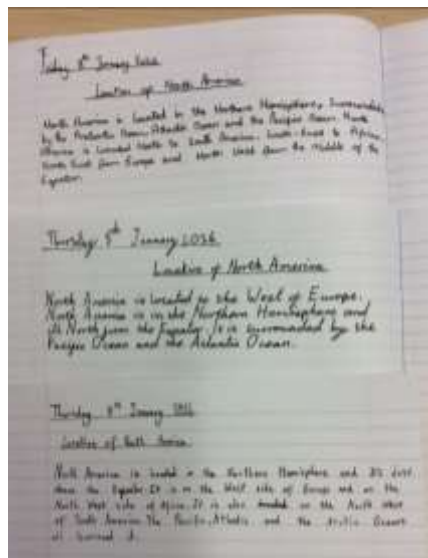
To start our new geography topic focusing on North America, we made sure that we had a clear and precise understanding of this continent's location. This was a great opportunity



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for us to show off our knowledge of the Northern and Southern Hemisphere, the Equator as well as the different oceans surrounding North America.

We then 'zoomed in' and started to locate the countries that make up North America as well as their capital cities. Did you know that North America is the third largest continent?



Librarians at Barter Books

Look at the reading treasure that our librarians brought back to school to share with everyone! Today at lunchtime, our librarians have set to work giving the Reading Den its



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Spring refresh. Story times with the librarians for our younger children begin in the Den next week!



Attendance

We continue to focus on attendance and punctuality so please remember that our school starts at 8.35am for KS2 children with classroom doors opening at 8.30am and 8.45am for Early Years and KS1



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with classroom doors opening at 8.35am. Anyone arriving after these times should enter school via the office and will be marked as late.

In excellent news, our attendance has risen again this week and is **95.5%.**

This is so close to our 96% target and is the highest we've had for quite a few weeks now. Many thanks to all families who are supporting children to come to school every day that they can.

A breakdown of attendance for this week is summarised below:

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Reception	95.5%	90.7%
Year 1	93%	95.6%
Year 2	97.4%	94.6%
Year 3	96.5%	94.7%
Year 4	94.5%	94.6%
Year 5	97.6%	94.1%
Year 6	94.6%	94%

Well done to Year 5 who are our top attenders this week!

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Key Dates for the Spring Term

Wednesday 14 th January	Pear Class Family lunch
Thursday 22 nd January	Beech Class Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 29 th January	Larch Class Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 4 th February	Rowan Class Family Lunch
Thursday 5 th February	Maple Class Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 23 rd February	Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11 th March	Plum Class Family Lunch
Thursday 12 th March	Oak Class Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 19 th March	Ash Class Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 25 th March	Maple Class Family Lunch
Thursday 26 th March	Willow Class Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 3 rd April	Bank Holiday
Monday 20 th April	School Reopens