



Swansfield Park Primary School

Friday Flyer

30th January 2026

Headteacher's update

There's a lot to tell you about this week!

There has been a lot of 'care' in the air around school - read on to find out about the work of our fabulous librarians and our school council. Our curious learners would like to tell you about their Geography and you can see that on the next few pages. There's been a lot of courage too - I'd like to mention Becky from Sycamore who also took part in the town's pantomime and didn't get a mention in last week's flyer and all of our Larch class friends who performed brilliantly in front of family and friends at their class assembly on Thursday.

Let's have a look at the week ahead:

- Teacher led clubs continue on Monday and Thursday after school
- It's Rowan Class family lunch on Wednesday. Please place your orders by 3pm on Monday and come to the main entrance for 11.45
- It's Maple Class assembly on Thursday afternoon. Please come and join us at 2.30
- It's National Storytelling week and we've got lots planned including the return of 'The Masked Reader' - more details further on in the Flyer!
- Bookings for Parent Consultations are now available to book online and these will take place in the first two weeks after the half term holiday.

Please can I give another reminder that **school is a mobile phone free site**. Many parents / carers continue to take calls on the way into school and after drop off. I'd be grateful if you support us by putting your phones away.

With best wishes,

Anne-Marie Grimes



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Picture News

Let's take a look at this week's Picture News:



In the news this week

The Football Association (FA) has published a review looking at behaviour in football across England. It wants to ensure football practice and matches are safe, fair, and enjoyable for everyone, including players, referees, and fans. The review encourages all involved in the sport to play their part in supporting and following values of positive behaviour.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your experiences of sporting or other competitive events with someone at home. Have you ever felt strong feelings when watching or taking part?
- Do you believe players and fans should have the same rules about respect?
- Discuss what you think might happen if winning becomes more important than respect.

Keeping Safe Online



Many of our children love to 'game'. Do you feel sure that the games your child is playing are safe? Are they playing online and are they able to chat with people they don't know? There's some great advice and support on the NSPCC website. Click [here](#) some helpful guidance and information





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Our Stars of the Week

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

Matilda Williams, Maisie Wilcox, Arielle Heathcote, Jai Potts, Oliver Chadwick, Henry Warburton, Frankie Mowbray, Annabelle Clements, Bonnie McHale, Akshith Armanath, Avya Shiel, George Rose and Oliver West

Well done, we are very proud of you

School Council



Our School Council met with Molly on Thursday. Molly is a young adult with Cerebral Palsy and she wanted to share her life story with us. Many young people living with Cerebral Palsy have endured unkind words, gestures or have even been bullied growing up. Molly wanted to come in and educate us so no one else has to go through what she has experienced in her past.

We thank Molly very kindly for sharing her positivity and inspirational words. We want to share Molly's story with everyone in school - to show all that she has

achieved and to ensure everyone knows what the impact of unkind words can be.

Thanks Molly and Mrs Johnson, we loved meeting you and hearing about your experiences.

Geography in KS1

Over in KS1, our Geography is 'going global' this half term as we learn about the oceans and continents of the world.

Why not ask us to name the continents or the oceans - we'll amaze you with our speed and knowledge!



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Last week we travelled around Europe with our passports visiting Iceland, France, Italy and the Netherlands. On our sightseeing tour we observed some human and physical features seen in these countries such as the Eiffel Tower and the Leaning Tower of Pisa which have been built by people and volcanoes and the River Seine which are natural. All the travelling made us hungry so we tasted some different foods; brie and croissants in France, pasta in Italy, Stroopwafels in the Netherlands and Rye bread in Iceland. This week we learnt about the Poles and the Equator and used oranges (as well as a globe!) to support our learning!



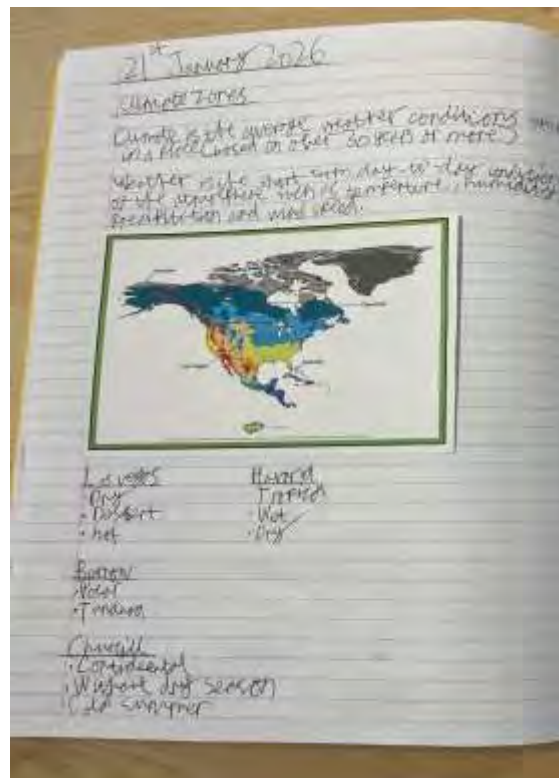
Geography In UKS2

In UKS2, we have been continuing with our North America topic. In our recent lesson, we were able to apply our knowledge of the lines of latitude and longitude to describe the location of the four main climate zones. Did you know that North America covers all four climate zones?



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We then dove deeper into climate zones using the Köppen system. The Köppen Climate Classification is a system that categorizes Earth's climates into five main groups based on temperature and precipitation patterns. We used the classification system to describe the climate in selected places in North America, using new geographical vocabulary such as tundra and arid.



Meet our Peer Mentors

We are delighted to introduce the newly qualified Swansfield Peer mentors who completed their training with Stacey and Mike from Be You this morning.

The children applied to be part of Swansfield Peer Mentors Cohort #1 and are now ready to begin their work supporting and coaching friends from right across school with any worries



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they might have. Stacey and Mike have been blown away by the maturity and sensitivity that these children have shown in their training and I'm so proud to hear this feedback. I can't wait to see the good work that they do in the coming weeks and months.



National Story Telling Week 2nd - 6th February

Next week is National Storytelling Week and we are really excited to share our plans with you...

From Monday, live on our school website, The Swansfield Masked Reader will be making a return! Miss Back has been working her way around school, filming some super storytelling



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sessions. Will you be able to work out which member of staff is reading a story? Who really is behind the mask?! Enjoy our daily storytelling clips each day next week.

In school, the children will also be spending some time talking about their favourite book characters and creating brightly coloured drawings of them. We will then be laminating their pieces of artwork and using them to decorate the inside of our fabulous Reading Den. This will make our Reading Den even more special!

And as if that isn't enough reading excitement for one week, the children will also have the opportunity to read with friends from other classes. Throughout the week, paired reading opportunities will be organised throughout school, enabling children of all ages to mix and enjoy some special storytelling moments with each other.

Look out for our National Storytelling Week Gallery in next week's Flyer!

Here are some super pictures of our magnificent Librarians who have begun their lunch time story sessions for our Reception friends.



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



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Our attendance has taken a bit of a dip this week at **93.3%**. There seem to be lots of bugs back in the community. Thanks for your continued support in keeping children at home for the time that they are poorly but getting them back to us as soon as possible and making sure that children come to school every day that they can.

Let's keep working towards our 96% target.

A breakdown of attendance for this week is summarised below:

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Reception	92%	91.1%
Year 1	94.4%	95.6%
Year 2	91.7%	94.5%
Year 3	95.9%	94.4%
Year 4	97%	95%
Year 5	89.3%	94%
Year 6	93.8%	94%

Well done to Year 4 who are our top attenders for the 2nd week running!





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Key Dates for the Spring Term

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