



Swansfield Park Primary School

Friday Flyer

26th June 2026

Headteacher's update

Dear parents and carers,

I'd like to start this week with some heart-felt thanks to some brilliant people who have worked so hard for our school community this week.

Firstly to our magnificent Friends of Swansfield Park committee who have been extremely busy over the last few weeks as they organise and prepare to host our summer fair. Events like these don't just happen - they take place because of time and care spent planning and organising. As I write this, I'm unsure whether the weather will be kind to us so that we can enjoy all the fabulous stalls, games and refreshments in our beautiful school grounds. As you read this - that will be clear!

I'm so grateful to our committee for all that they do. I really hope that our school community comes out to support the fair and raises a great total!.

Secondly, I'd like to thank the school staff who have supported our children to enjoy curriculum enrichments this week. Thanks to Courtney and Laura who accompanied a group of Y6 children to the 1892 Cup at the Newcastle United training ground on Tuesday afternoon.

Thanks to Miss Back, Laura, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Sapor and parent helper Kirsty Hume for accompanying the children to their watersports day at Druridge Bay on Wednesday and ensuring that everyone had lots of safe fun in the lake.

Let's see what's happening at Swansfield next week:

- Sports clubs continue with NUF and with Tom Vickers for cricket
- Teacher led clubs continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school
- It's roll-up day on Wednesday - children will enjoy spending time with their new class teams
- We have a parent meeting for our new to Reception parents on Wednesday afternoon at 15.15. Please come to the main entrance
- We have friends from Northumberland Library Service coming to visit us on Thursday to introduce this summer's reading challenge. Look out for this information coming home and encourage your child to take part. It's a brilliant motivator to 'keep reading' in the holidays!
- It's sports day for KS2 on Friday. The fun starts with LKS2 in the morning. Please come to the Park gate for a 09.45 start. Then UKS2 take up the baton at 13.30. By 15.00, the winning Castle team will have raised the cup and made their victory lap of the school field. Please do come along!



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Best wishes, Mrs Grimes

This week's Picture News



Let's look at this week's story



India has started one of the world's biggest counting projects, its national census. People across the country will be asked questions about their homes and communities to help build a picture of life in India today. The information collected will help leaders make decisions about services and support for more than 1.4 billion people.



Our Stars of the Week

Bea Bailey, all of Pear Class for their great assembly, Jai Potts, Bella Wall, Emma Hutchins, Joshua Cuthbert, Myla Packard, Mae Hall, Jessica Angus, Hugo Hughes and Adam McRoberts

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

Well done, we are very proud of you

Caring Curious and Courageous

A Headteacher postcard was awarded to Harrison in Sycamore class today. Harrison shone in a demonstration English lesson this week - showing what a curious learner he is and how much care he puts into all that he does!



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Let's look at English learning across school this week:

In **Apple class** this week we have been listening to the story of 'Mister Seahorse'. We have been getting creative with paint and glitter, decorating our own seahorses and then practising our scissor skills by cutting them out. Some of us coloured them in beautifully too! We have been continuing to think about sea creatures and which ones we might see if we went to the beach in our country or the beach in different countries. We are learning about our senses and enjoyed discussing the things that we might see, hear, smell, taste and touch at the beach. We then got into groups to make our very own short 'senses story', on a large scale, complete with illustrations. We are becoming great storytellers!

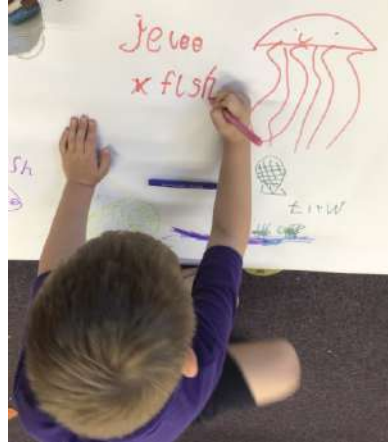
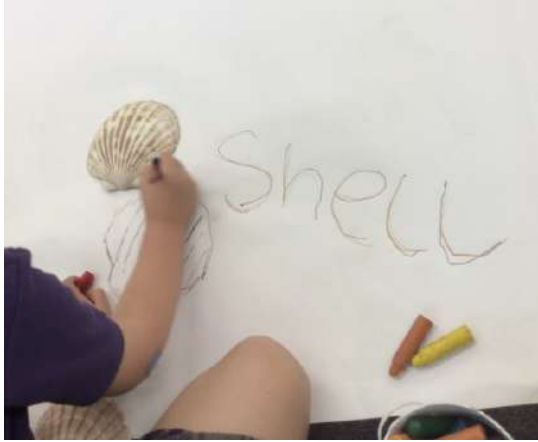


Pear and Plum classes have thoroughly enjoyed their literacy work this week, with a particular focus on listening to seaside poems. The imagery of the coast really captured their interest, and they have used the poems as inspiration to create their own lovely drawings and writing. It has been great to see them engage so well with the topic and express their ideas so thoughtfully.



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In KS1, we have continued our focus on *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon.

In **Oak and Ash** we have been developing our use of descriptive vocabulary. Firstly we imagined and drew what Beegu's home planet might be like before writing a description of it. Then we made our own fantastic aliens out of plasticine which will support us when we come to write about them. We have started to plan the descriptions we will use in our sentences.

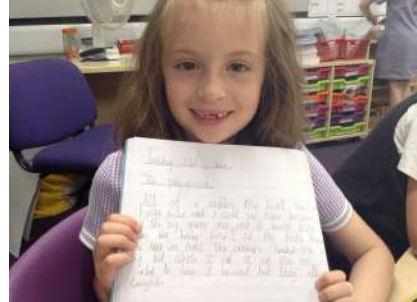
In **Beech class**, we imagined what it might have been like for Beegu when she finally found some children to play with, thinking carefully about her feelings and experiences. Using these ideas, we wrote a short recount from Beegu's perspective. We have also begun learning how to write

instructions. We are thinking about the games we enjoy playing and how to explain them clearly, step by step, so that we can teach Beegu how to join in.



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In our English lessons in **Chestnut class**, we are basing our writing around the classic children's book, Matilda by Roald Dahl. Matilda - as well as being brilliant and somewhat of a child prodigy - is also famous for playing devious tricks on her parents; including sticking her dad's hat to his head with superglue, convincing the whole family that the house is haunted and pouring peroxide into her dad's hair tonic. We have been thinking about *other* tricks that Matilda could play on Mr and Mrs Wormwood. There have been some corkers (and grown-ups at home had better watch out!), including pouring itching powder in his socks, putting the garden hose in the upstairs window so they think there has been a flood, and putting a spider in Mr Wormwood's cup of tea with his breakfast!





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In **Willow class** we are also reading Matilda by Roald Dahl in English lessons at the moment. We are loving all of the cheeky pranks and tricks that Matilda thinks up and we have been thinking of our own ones too! This week we learnt more about playscripts and the features we might expect to see in them. We had a go at performing some dialogue and the results were fantastic!





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In **UKS2**, in celebration of National Writing Day, students unleashed their imaginations for a special writing competition. The challenge? Write a story where their teacher turns out to be an alien!



A Maginificent Afternoon at the 1892 Cup

On Tuesday, some of our UKS2 pupils travelled to Newcastle United Academy to take part in the 1892 Cup run by Newcastle United Foundation. Each child was generously given a 2026 / 2027 Newcastle United kit to wear to the event and keep as a memento. Despite the sweltering conditions, the children gave it their all and should be very proud of their performances.



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Year 6 Transition - It's Your Move

Our Year 6 children have welcomed Rachel from Ignite along with some of the volunteers from Open the Book to support them with their preparations for transition to secondary school. They were each given an 'It's Your Move' book and enjoyed completing lots of craft activities, focusing upon their hopes, worries and goals for the coming months. The children created some beautiful memories bunting and they are looking forward to displaying this in their leavers assembly on the last day of term.





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Year 5 Watersports Day

Year 5 headed out to Druridge Bay to take part in our adventurous activities. Working in pairs we had to communicate and make sure we were using our paddles correctly so we didn't just spin in circles. During our time on kayaks, we worked in teams to try and collect as many plastic ducks as we could and also played a game of chase the peg. The day was filled with laughter and of course finished off with our favourite part - jumping into the water.





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Our KS1 Authors

Our friends in Key Stage 1 have been very busy creating Monsters and using their English skills to label them. Our fantastic creativity has been recognised and some entries were chosen to be published. We can't wait to see the creation in print and part of our very own library.





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Sports Day News

In preparation for next Friday, KS2 have been taking part in sprint heats to determine the finalists who will compete for individual and Castle glory!
Here are the all important results:

Year 3:

Girls - Grace S (Alnwick), Emily W (Bamburgh), Myla P (Dunstanburgh), Alexis H (Warkworth) + Victoria E (Alnwick) and Alice P (Dunstanburgh)
Boys - Carlisle (Alnwick), Joshua S (Bamburgh), Artie (Dunstanburgh), Frankie T (Warkworth) + Greyson (Alnwick) and William G (Warkworth)

Year 4:

Girls - Poppy (Alnwick), Karina (Bamburgh), Eliza (Dunstanburgh), Elbie (Warkworth) + Melody (Warkworth) and Charlotte V (Dunstanburgh)
Boys - Tom (Alnwick), Alfie (Bamburgh), Nico (Dunstanburgh), Luke-James (Warkworth) + Teddy (Bamburgh) and Oscar K (Alnwick)

While over in UKS2, the results look like this:

	Alnwick	Duns	Bam	Wark	Runner Up 1	Runner Up 2
Year 5 Girls	Jessica A	Ayva S	Summer W	Charlotte G	Anna H	Daisy B
Year 5 Boys	Noah P	Jasper P	Harrison C	Logan D	Jack E	Oliver W
Year 6 Girls	Ivy A	Rowan M	Amelia S	Katy R	Amelie J	Lexi A
Year 6 Boys	Theo J	Louis W	Matthew S	George R	Will R	Harry B



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The mosaics designed and made by our fabulous Y5 children are now on display at Alnwick Playhouse. You can see them there this weekend as part of the Wonderful World Festival.



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Advance Notice

We have now set our Teacher Training days 2026-27:

Tuesday 1 September 2026

Friday 23 October 2026

Monday 2 November 2026

Monday 22 February 2027

Monday 28 June 2027

Please note that there are training days either side of the October half term holiday. It is hoped that this supports families to take advantage of off-peak travel prices, avoiding term time holidays.

Quick Reminders about uniform

- Please remember that hair colour should be natural
- Please remember that school shoes should be leather look
- Please remember that on PE days, children can wear purple shorts or black joggers, shorts or leggings. Please note that these should not be patterned or have visible logos.



Please continue to remind your children about the importance of safe and responsible behaviour in the park after school. The park is there for everyone to enjoy.



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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.

Our attendance has risen slightly this week to 92.9%. Our whole school attendance for the year is currently 93.9% . With everyone's combined efforts we can raise this above 94% by the end of term. Please support us by keeping children in school during the summer term. A breakdown of attendance for this week is summarised below:

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Reception	91.3%	91.4%
Year 1	95.8%	94.5%
Year 2	96.8%	95.0%
Year 3	98%	95.3%
Year 4	90.5%	95.2%
Year 5	92.2%	92.0%
Year 6	85.7%	93.9%



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Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
26th June	FOSP Summer Fair
1st July	Roll-Up Day
3rd July	09.45 LKS2 Sports Day 13.30 UKS2 Sports Day
10th July	Reception and KS1 Sports Day 13.30
15th July	Leavers Lunch
17th July	Leavers and Achievers Assembly