



Swansfield Park Primary School

Friday Flyer

4th September 2026

Headteacher's update

Dear parents and carers,

What a brilliant first week!

The children have come back with energy, enthusiasm and ready to learn which has been a delight to see in all of our classrooms this week. I've loved hearing about so many fabulous summer holiday adventures and about the things that our children are looking forward to in the year to come. In assemblies this week, we've talked about the power of 'yet'. 'I can't do it yet but it's just around the corner' is a line from a new song that we've enjoyed singing together.

Reflecting back on the end of last term, can I extend thanks on behalf of the whole staff team for the kind wishes, cards and gifts that came into school before the holidays. Your thoughtfulness and recognition of our work is always very much appreciated!

Thank you to all of our families for getting to school in good time this week so that we can get the gates shut and make a punctual start to the school day. Thanks also for ensuring that children are looking really smart in their uniforms. Where children are still wearing earrings, please can you support us by taking these out. Where children still have visible hair dye, please can you support a return to your child's natural tone.

Our older children have shown real independence and responsibility this week with our Y3 and 4s lining up really sensibly in their class lines each morning and our Y5 and 6 children arriving and heading home from school with maturity. Keep it up!

Year 5 and 6 have followed our new expectations for mobile phones well this week. Please ensure that all phones are labelled with a name or initials so that they can be easily identified at home time.

I'm looking forward to a really successful year ahead.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grimes



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This week's Picture News



Let's look at this week's story

NASA is preparing to send a powerful new telescope into space to explore some of the universe's biggest mysteries. The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope will search large areas of the sky for distant planets and study galaxies, dark matter and dark energy. Scientists hope it will help us learn how the universe has changed and why it is growing faster.

EMPOWERING PARENT / CARER Programme

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A message from the family Hub

This programme is designed for parents and carers of children with additional and special educational needs. It begins on **Wed 16th September 10-11am at Alnwick Hub**. If you're interested, why not give the Family Hub a call on 01670 620 430 to find out more information and book your space.

Quick Reminders

- ★ If you haven't already completed your data sheet for this year, please do this ASAP so we have your child's up to date information
- ★ We'd be grateful if you could take the time to complete the RHE consultation form. We'd love to hear your views and feedback



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An Update from our Friends of Swansfield Park



Members of our FOSP committee will be joining me at the Park Gate on **Thursday morning** with a pop up coffee and refreshment stall. They'd love it if you could spare 5 minutes for a chat to find out about how you can get involved in raising money for our school through fun family events!

This will be followed on the **24th September by the Annual General Meeting at 5.30pm** at school. More details will follow about this but save the date and please do try to come along. If childcare is an issue, let us know and the Friends will try to support with this.



Our Halloween discos will be on Thursday 15th October and our Christmas Fair will be on Friday 27th November.



Grab a coffee or a tea on your way to work or home after drop off on Thursday and say hi to our FOSP committee who would love to meet you! They'll be at the Park gate from 08.35



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Keyboards Available

I have been contacted by a parent of children who attended our school a few years ago. She has two piano keyboards that her children no longer use. She'd love for these to go to a new home and be played.

If you'd like to know a bit more, drop us an email on admin@swansfield.school



The first headteacher postcard of the year goes to **Poppy** in **Sycamore class**. So many members of our school community have noticed and felt Poppy's **care** this week. We're glad you're part of our team, Poppy and we're lucky to have you!



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Special Visitors

We were delighted to welcome Ryuta and Motoko Minami from Tokyo, Japan to Swansfield Park on Thursday and Friday this week.

Motoko is a professor of Early Years education and was keen to learn more about primary education in Britain. Ryuta, her husband, is a professor at Tokyo University and we were grateful for his translation skills as we talked about the similarities and differences in our education systems!

Motoko and Ryuta thoroughly enjoyed a look around school, seeing our children hard at work. They then spent a morning with our Plum class friends and an afternoon in the company of our Pears and Apples. They left telling me how moved they were by the warmth of the relationships between our children and the adults who work with them and the enthusiasm and enjoyment that children showed towards their work. I was very proud!





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WAYS TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

5 TOP TIPS



ENABLE STRONG PRIVACY AND PARENTAL CONTROLS

Check the age ratings and default settings for every app your child downloads. Set all profiles to "Private" so only approved friends can view their posts, stories, or send them messages. Take advantage of built-in digital wellbeing tools to manage screen time.

DISCUSS SAFE SHARING HABITS

Remind your child that once a photo, comment, or video is posted online, it can be permanent and easily screenshared. Teach them to ask, "Would I send this to my family?" before sharing anything, and strictly forbid sharing personal details like home addresses, school names, or passwords.



DISABLE GEO-LOCATION SERVICES

Many apps (like Snapchat, Instagram, or BeReal) have built-in location-sharing features that can expose your child's real-time whereabouts. Turn off location services in the settings of your child's phone and ensure features like "Snap Map" are disabled to protect their physical safety.

TEACH THEM HOW TO BLOCK AND REPORT

Empower your child to take control of their online experience. Show them exactly where the block and report buttons are located on each platform. Encourage them to immediately block users who are being unkind, and assure them they will not get in trouble for coming to you about inappropriate content.



KEEP THE CONVERSATION OPEN AND ONGOING

Build a trusting relationship so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they are being bullied or see something upsetting online. Make it a habit to casually talk about their favorite apps, who they are interacting with, and how their online experiences make them feel.

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Upcoming Training Days

We have now set our Teacher Training days for 2026-27. Don't forget that you can take advantage of an extended October half term to enjoy a family holiday as there is a training day either side of the week off.

Friday 23 October 2026

Monday 2 November 2026

Monday 22 February 2027

Monday 28 June 2027

Please support us by keeping children in school each day during term time

Attendance

We've made a brilliantly strong start to the new school year with our attendance for the week at 97.4%. Let's keep this up