

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the final term of this academic year. This is the long stretch before the summer break and is filled with exciting trips, events and activities. Please remember that the children will need hats, sunscreen and water bottles if the warm weather continues, as well as a raincoat for the odd downpour!

This term we will be thinking a lot about transition. We welcome all our new Reception children for September 2025 for their induction visits and our Year 6 children will be visiting their Secondary Schools. We will also be thinking about moving up to new classes for all our other year groups. During this term, the teachers will be working out the classes for September 25; all children will be mixed up again, but staff will ensure that each child has 1 or 2 particular friends in their new classes with them. This information will come home to you via letter later on this term. Our number on roll for this next academic year has dropped as we have a lower number of new Reception starters; therefore, we will have 13 classes instead of 14. There will be no change next year in Key Stage 2 but in EYFS and KS1 we will have mixed aged classes. The children will be organised as follows in lower school:

Yr R – Spring & Summer born Yr R

Yr R & 1 – Autumn born Yr R & some Yr 1

3x mixed Yr 1 & 2 classes

We will continue to offer our Orchard intervention provision, but this will move into the main building in the current Yr 2 Willow classroom. All KS1 and EYFS children will start the school day with doors opening at 08:35 and the register at 08:45.

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Johnson (Birch), as she has successfully obtained a new teaching post closer to her home. As you already know, Mr McKinnon (Aspen) is leaving us as well this term. We also say goodbye to Mrs Bacon, our School Business Manager in July and Mrs Goodwin, a current Yr 6 teaching assistant. We wish them all the best for the future.

We welcome, 2 new teachers to Covingham Park to replace Mr McKinnon and Miss Johnson. They are Miss Drury and Mrs Colon. We hope to see them on class move up day. We also welcome back Mrs Tarrant (nee Miss Davies) from maternity leave – she will be in Maple class from 14th July and Miss Patten will return to Covingham Park in September.

Last term we had the Year 6 SATs, and this term we have the Year 4 Multiplication Check, and Year 1 Phonics Test. Please see the dates below and ensure that your Year 4 and Year 1 children are in school during these weeks. Any new dates or information has been highlighted in purple for ease.

Finally, your child's teacher is busy writing their end of year report. After this is sent home, you will have the opportunity to discuss it with your child's teacher should you so wish to, this is not an official 'parent's evening'.

We look forward to seeing you all the different assemblies and events this term. There are lots of opportunities for you to come in this term, including the new 'Headteacher open session' – an opportunity to come in and chat with me (no appointment necessary) – please see dates on the calendar below.



Mrs J C Andrews

Headteacher





The Lighthouse Team will be visiting Covingham on **26th June and 17th July**, please ask at the office for an appointment.



Heidi Starling from Society without abuse will continue her confidential drop-in service on **09/06 and 08/07 – 08:30-09:30**. Please just come to the office and ask to see Heidi. These sessions are for anyone who has/is experiencing domestic abuse or is worried about someone who maybe experiencing domestic abuse.



The Swindon Safeguarding Partnership theme for May is Mental Health Awareness

In many ways, mental health is just like physical health: everybody has it and we need to take care of it.

- Good mental health means being generally able to think, feel and react in the ways that you need and want to live your life. But if you go through a period of poor mental health you might find the ways you're frequently thinking, feeling or reacting become difficult, or even impossible, to cope with. This can feel just as bad as a physical illness, or even worse.
- Mental health problems affect around one in four people in any given year. They range from common problems, such as depression and anxiety, to rarer problems such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

Resources and support

Local support for Adults (18+)

- Second Step
- Lift Psychology
- IPSUM
- PAPYRUS
- Twigs Community Gardens
- SOBS
- Swindon Mind
- The Samaritans
- Counselling Directory
- Citizens Advice (financial/ debt advice and support)

WHEN?	WHO?	WHAT?
02/06/25	All	Back to school
02/06/25	KS2 Parents	Meeting after school regarding the Relationship and Sex Education curriculum
02/06/-13/06/25	Yr 4	Multiplication Calculation Tests
03/06/25	Yr 5/6	Girl's cricket
03/06/25	Yr 6	Transition support from Light House
04/06/25	Rowan class	Swimming
04/06/25 pm	Yr 6	Junior Good Citizen
05/06/25	Maple class	Swimming
05/06/25	Yr 3	Science educational visit to 'We the curious'
06/06	Yr 6	Police talk
06/06/-13/06/25	Yr 1	Phonics screening week
09/06/25	All	08:30-09:30 – Heidi 'Society Without Abuse' confidential drop-in
09/06/25	KS1 Parents	Meeting after school regarding the Relationship and Sex Education curriculum
10/06/25	KS2 football assembly	KS2 football team celebration assembly – parent's invited
10/06/25	Yr 5/6	Girl's cricket
11/06/25	Hazel class	Swimming
12/06/25	Aspen class	Swimming
12/06/25 – 5-6pm	New Yr R parents Sept 25	New parents talk – Upper school hall
12/06/25 5-6pm	All	Cosy Book session – come and join us for hot chocolate and stories – PJs/Onesies/ welcome – lower school hall or outside
13/06/25	All	Non-uniform day in aid of Young Carers – please bring £1 donation
16/06/25	Yr 5	Life Path – educational visit to Malmsbury Abbey
16/06/25	Yr 2 Dance festival	pm at the Wyvern – further details to follow
17/06/25	Yr 6	Transition support from Light House
18/06/25	All	Sport's day & picnic– school field – further details to follow a.m KS2 classes p.m EYFS & KS1 classes
18/06/25	Hazel class	Swimming
19/06/25	Aspen class	Swimming
24/06/25	All	Swindon Library Service summer reading challenge assembly
24/06/25	Yr 5/6	Girl's cricket

25/06/25	Hazel class	Swimming
25/06/25 9-10:30	All	Headteacher drop in session – no appointment necessary
26/06/25	All	Light House drop-in
26/06/25	Aspen class	Swimming
27/06/25 - pm	All	Covingham Time Capsule – more details to follow
30/06/25	Yr 2	Educational visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park
01/07/25 a.m	All	Maths stay and play sessions – further details from Miss Gunning to come
01/07/25 pm	New Yr R 2025	New Reception children for 2025 visit p.m
01/07/25	Yr 5/6	Girl's cricket
02/07/25	Hazel class	Swimming
03/07/25	Aspen class	Swimming
03/07/25	Yr R	Educational visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park
03/07/25 4pm	Yr 6 group	Blue Kite School's Games – Swindon Athletic Ground
08/07/25	All	08:30-09:30 – Heidi 'Society Without Abuse' confidential drop-in
08/07/25 pm	New Yr R 2025	New Reception children for 2025 visit p.m
08/07/25	Yr 6	Transition support from Light House
08/07/25	Yr 5/6	Girl's cricket
09/07/25	Hazel class	Swimming
10/07/25	Aspen class	Swimming
10/07/25	All	FoS Disco – further details to follow
14/07/25	Yr 6	Yr 6 production dress rehearsal for pupils
14/07/25	All	Annual reports sent home
15/07/25	All	Class move-up morning – new Reception children in
15/07/25 pm	Yr 6	Yr 6 production afternoon performance
15/07/25	Yr 5/6	Girl's cricket
15/07/25	Yr 6	Yr 6 production evening performance
16/07/25	Yr 6	Trip to Lego Land
16/07/25	Hazel class	Swimming
16/07/25	Yr R-5	Optional parent's evening
17/07/25	All	Light House drop in
17/07/25 a.m	Yr 4	16 Yr 4's Quad Kids
17/07/25	KS1	Infant Music festival – more details from Mrs Crabbe to follow

17/07/25	Aspen class	Swimming
17/07/25	Yr 6	Yr 6 production evening performance
21/07/25	All	Headteacher drop in session – no appointment necessary
22/07/25	Yr 5/6	Girl's cricket
23/07/25 pm	Rock Steady pupils	Rock Steady concerts
24/07/25 a.m	Yr 6	Yr 6 Leaver's assembly
24/07/25 pm	All	3:10 pm school finishes for summer holiday



Walk 'N' Talk

Wednesday Swindon

EVERY WEEK MEETING @ 6PM

JUST TURN UP AND MEET NEW PEOPLE

Coate Water Café, Coate Water Country Park
Marlborough Rd, Swindon SN3 6AA

Are You or Someone You Know Going Through a Tough Time?

Join us for an open and supportive discussions, where we can share experiences, offer guidance, and explore ways to navigate tough times together.

No matter what you're going through, there's always someone ready to listen and help.

Or simply go for a walk.

These events are **FREE** to attend and aimed to make your life better, all you need to do is take the first step



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