

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Summer Term! Let's hope that the nice weather over the Easter holiday continues into this term. Please remember as the weather can fluctuate, your child may still need a raincoat but also a sun hat for warmer days, they will also need a water bottle that can be refilled. Summer school uniform can be worn but please ensure girls have shorts on under dresses. PE clothes to be worn **ONLY** on PE days please, children in competitions/matches or games must wear uniform to school and then get changed. Trainers to be worn only on PE days.

This part of the term is quite short, with another Bank Holiday and a TD Day included. However, we have a lot to pack into these next 5 weeks. Please remember that Monday 5th May is a Bank Holiday and Friday 23rd May is a TD day – school will be closed on both these dates. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our VE day celebrations on 8th May; a wonderful event planned by Miss Little to celebrate 80 years since Victory in Europe day.

Our Year 6 children sit their Key Stage 2 SATs from Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May – please do not take your Year 6 child out of school during this time.

Last term we had a few incidents where parents brought dogs/puppies onto the school grounds – even carrying them in their arms. May we remind you that as in every school, that dogs are not allowed on a school site (even if you are carrying it). Anyone seen with a dog/puppy will be asked to leave the site for safety reasons.

May we also please remind you that schools are a no smoking or vaping areas. Please extinguish cigarettes or vapes before entering the school grounds. Again, anyone seen smoking or vaping will be asked to leave for the health of our children.

Finally, please continue to be respectful to our neighbours and the residents surrounding school. Please do not block their driveways or park on the grass areas. Please park away from school and walk in where you can. The children enjoy riding their bikes or scooters to school, please encourage them to be healthy and walk, scoot or cycle to school. Only parents with Blue Badges that have completed the form and shown their badges to the office may park in the carpark. We understand with the barrier not working that it appears you may just pull in, however the carpark is for staff and visitors to school only.



Mrs J C Andrews

Headteacher



8th May 2025 – please ensure you have returned your slips! Join us for our VE day style street party picnic and games! Children may dress up in the colours of the Union Jack, families invited for picnic lunch.

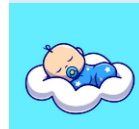




The Lighthouse Team will be visiting Covingham on **24th April, 22nd May, 26th June and 17th July**, please ask at the office for an appointment.



Heidi Starling from Society without abuse will continue her confidential drop-in service on 24/04, 12/05, 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 April is 'Safeguarding Unborn Babies and Under 2's'.

A new baby is a huge change for everyone in a family. This impacts on fathers as well as mothers. It is common for Dads to experience low mood and anxiety when they have a new baby.

Below are some additional resources to support fathers.

- ✓DadPad The Essential Guide for New Dads | Support Guide for New Dads (thedadpad.co.uk): information and advice for new Dads to feel more confident about fatherhood.
- ✓Research in Practice (RIP) free digital download: working effectively with men in families, gives practice pointers for including fathers in children's social care. ✓NSPCC (2022): Unseen men: learning from case reviews | NSPCC Learning
- ✓Swindon Local Offer - For dads: information for new fathers where they may be struggling with their mental health.
- ✓Working with male carers to reduce non-accidental injury to infants under 1 year old - Foundations explores current practice and the evidence base relating to working with fathers to reduce non-accidental injury (NAI) in infants under 1 year old

Support for all parents/carers

- Swindon Local Offer - Health Visitor Introduction Health Visitors encourage, empower and support parents, guardians and carers to ensure the healthy development of their children
- Swindon Family Nurse Partnership: a voluntary, preventative, home visiting programme for first-time young mums and families. A one minute guide about the service and contact details on Swindon Local Offer - Early Help Services
- Swindon Local Offer - Growbaby Swindon: provides free baby clothes, toiletries, baby equipment and food and formula for children between the ages of 0-5 years.
- Further information for parents and parents-to-be can be found on the Swindon Local Offer webpage
- Birth to Five booklet - Birth to five | HSC Public Health Agency (hscni.net)
- Services and support for parents - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
- Where can I go for support for my mental health as a new parent? | Healthwatch
- Support for parents | NSPCC

WHEN?	WHO?	WHAT?
22/04/25	All	Return to school
23/04/25	EYFS & KS1	Easter bonnet parade – lower school playground
23/04/25	Rowan class	Swimming
24/04/25	All	Light House drop-in
24/04/25	Maple class	Swimming
24/04/25 3pm	Football team	Girls football team match
25/04/25	Yr 1 Parents	Phonics screening parent's information session – lower school hall
29/04/25	Oak & Ash class	'Daisy the cow' – farm to fork session by Newbury Show Education Team
29/04/25	All	FoS - Bunny Bounce
29/04/25 3:15-5pm	All	Book fair – continues after school until 05/05/25
30/04/25	Rowan class	Swimming
01/05/25	Maple class	Swimming
01/05/25 5-6pm	All	Cosy Book session – come and join us for hot chocolate and stories – PJs/Onesies/ welcome
06/05/25	Yr 5	Educational visit to The National Gallery
08/05/25 pm	All	VE day street party and picnic lunch
12/05/25	All	08:30-09:30 – Heidi 'Society Without Abuse' confidential drop-in
12/05-15/05/25	Yr 6	SATS week
14/05/25	Rowan class	Swimming
15/05/25	Maple class	Swimming
19/05/25-22/05/25	All	Walk to School week
19/05/25	Yr 6	16 Yr 6's going to Quad Kids
21/05/25	Rowan class	Swimming
22/05/25	Maple class	Swimming
22/05/25	All	Light House drop-in
22/05/25	All	School photographer – class photographs
23/05/25	All	TD day – School closed
26/05-30/05/25	All	Half term
02/06/25	All	Back to school
02/06/-13/06/25	Yr 4	Multiplication Calculation Tests
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'
06/09/-13/05/25	Yr 1	Phonics screening week
09/06/25	All	08:30-09:30 – Heidi 'Society Without Abuse' confidential drop-in
11/06/25	Hazel class	Swimming
12/06/25	Aspen class	Swimming
12/06/25 – 4-5pm	New Yr R parents Sept 25	New parents talk
12/06/25 5-6pm	All	Cosy Book session – come and join us for hot chocolate and stories – PJs/Onesies/ welcome
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
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
25/06/25	Hazel class	Swimming
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
28/06/25	All	FoS – Inflatable fun day
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
02/07/25	Hazel class	Swimming
03/07/25	Aspen class	Swimming
03/07/25 4pm	Yr 6 group	Blue Kite School's Games – Swindon Athletic Ground
09/07/25	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
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
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	Aspen class	Swimming
17/07/25	Yr 6	Yr 6 production evening performance
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