

Even Swindon's Fortnightly Update

Thursday 12th October 2023



Mrs Lowe says....

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated cakes, money or attended our Coffee Morning which enabled us to raise £259.08 for Macmillan and also to those who donated items for the Harvest Festival which has since been collected by the local food bank. We are very grateful to all of you.

For our Harvest Festival all of the Children in Signal Box took part in a performance at St Augustine's Church, pictures below, and we are so very proud of them, they did incredibly well. The year 1 children and our Signal Box parents watched their performance - thank you for coming to watch.



ATTENTION!

Also a reminder to PLEASE drive safely near school. One of our children came off his bike on Wednesday morning when crossing the road because a car was coming so fast that the child panicked crossing the road. We need to keep our/your children safe. Please

drive and park carefully and away from the school. We would appreciate parents sharing this message. Thank you.

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International Walk to School Day - Friday 13th October

Dear parents and carers,

On the **Friday 13th October**, we will be celebrating International Walk to School Day. Please could we ask for all parents/carers to support us by walking your child to school or using the scooter or parking and striding for children to enjoy the benefits of walking.

Many thanks,

Miss Menezes and Mrs Butcher



Dear parents/carers,

This October, to celebrate International Walk to School month, we are collaborating with Living streets, the UK charity for everyday walking and inviting families to snap photos of wildlife they see on the way to and from school.

Don't walk to school? Don't worry, you can take part on your walk to work or even the shops.

Once you've spotted something, make an observation by taking a photograph on your phone and upload it using the free [iNaturalist](#) app. Take note of anything you see on roadsides - whether it's an animal, plant, or fungus - see it, snap it, record it!

Each week there will be a theme to inspire you but any wildlife counts. Why not set yourself a challenge to see how many different species you can [spot](#)?

Download iNaturalist and register for the project

1. Download app

You can download the free iNaturalist app onto your smartphone, either from the [Google Play store](#) for Android phones or the [Apple App store](#) for iPhones. If you'd rather use your camera and a browser, then you can sign up on the [iNaturalistUK website](#), then upload your photos later.

2. Register for the project

Create an iNaturalist account and join the [Street Safari](#) project. **Please note:** you **must** join the project for us to be able to see your findings and for you to be able to see other people's entries.



Parent Evenings - Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October

As you will know, our parents evenings have been arranged for Monday and Tuesday. If you haven't already booked your meeting, you will receive a time on Friday 13th October.

We will have some stalls set-up in Churchward Hall for pre-loved uniform, wellbeing, our library, Special Educational Needs and some bites to sample from the school kitchen. Please do come along and find out more.



Message from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for being so responsive to our first book breakfast – all places were booked up within 24 hours!

Don't worry if you missed out on a place this time though: we will be having themed book breakfasts every term, as well as story

afternoons for the different year groups throughout the year.

If you were lucky enough to get a place on our first one, please come over to Hawksworth hall at 8:15am on Wednesday 18th October, where you will find lots of books to share with your children as well as some tea and toast. Please feel free to bring in some of your own favourite stories too.

Half-Term Reading Bingo

Half term is nearly upon us! In order to maintain high levels of engagement in reading, we are once again sending out a reading challenge for your children to complete over the half term break. We are offering some fantastic prizes to encourage your children to read regularly over the break and ask for your encouragement with them in order to complete the challenge, ready for returning to school in Term 2. The children will be shown the challenge in their assemblies in the final week and will come home with a paper copy to complete before the end of term. Please return all completed sheets by Friday 3rd November so that your child can be included in the prize draw for a free book.



Notice for year 6 parents and carers

On the first day back after half term (Monday 30th October), Year 6 will have a WOW! day linked to our work on WW2. On this day, children may come in dressed up in WW2 costumes if they would like to. There is no need to buy a costume - a simple outfit could be a child evacuee in school uniform with a label/tag with their name on it and a bag or small case. Please see our class Instagram pages for further ideas.

Anti-bullying week - Monday 13th November - Friday 17th November

Dear parents/carers,

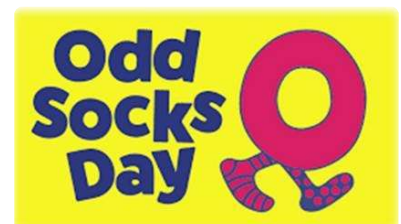
Anti-Bullying week will take place from Monday 13th November to Friday 17th November and children will be completing lots of

different activities and assemblies where we are reinforcing the messages about how our school approaches bullying. This includes knowing what steps to take if someone is being bullied, ensuring our pupils know what to do if they are being bullied, how to deal with anyone who bullies and that everyone should take bullying seriously because of the long-term impact it can have on friendships, self-esteem as well as emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

On Monday 13th November, to support Anti-Bullying Week, please send your child into school wearing odd socks.

Many Thanks,

Miss Menezes and Mrs Butcher



Christmas 2023 - Lunch Menu - please book by 20th November

Even Swindon Primary School Whistlestop Café Menu					
School Meals Price:		Free for Reception, Year 1, Year 2		£2.30 per day for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	
PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDERS ON THE PARENTPAY WEBSITE BY 20TH NOVEMBER, MAKING A CHOICE BETWEEN THE 3 OPTIONS					
FRESH FRUIT IS AVAILABLE EVERY DAY					
Christmas Lunch & Christmas Party Week Monday 11th December - Friday 15th December		Years 2,3,4,5 & 6 ONLY Cheese & Tomato Vegetable Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread (V) (2,7) and Raisins	Reception & Year 1 ONLY Cheese & Tomato Vegetable Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread (V) (2,7) and Raisins		
		Reception & Year 1 ONLY CHRISTMAS LUNCH	Years 2, 3 & 4 ONLY CHRISTMAS LUNCH	Years 5 & 6 ONLY CHRISTMAS LUNCH	
	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Turkey Pigs in Blankets (2,7,14)	Roast Turkey Pigs in Blankets (2,7,14)	Roast Turkey Pigs in Blankets (2,7,14)	Beef Burger in a Bun
	Plain Pasta with Cheese or Tuna	Cavero Nero, Potato (2,4,7) and three cheese wellington lattice	Cavero Nero, Potato (2,4,7) and three cheese wellington lattice	Cavero Nero, Potato (2,4,7) and three cheese wellington lattice	Veggie Burger in a Bun
	Jacket with Beans and Salad	with Homemade Sage & Onion Stuffing (2,4,7,14), Yorkshire Pudding (2,4,7), Roast Potatoes (2), Carrots, Peas, Sweetcorn, Gravy (1,2,7), Cranberry Sauce	with Homemade Sage & Onion Stuffing (2,4,7,14), Yorkshire Pudding (2,4,7), Roast Potatoes (2), Carrots, Peas, Sweetcorn, Gravy (1,2,7), Cranberry Sauce	with Homemade Sage & Onion Stuffing (2,4,7,14), Yorkshire Pudding (2,4,7), Roast Potatoes, Carrots (2), Peas, Sweetcorn, Gravy (1,2,7), Cranberry Sauce	Jacket and Beans with Salad
		Please note that the Christmas Lunch will be adapted for all those with allergies and food preferences	Please note that the Christmas Lunch will be adapted for all those with allergies and food preferences	Please note that the Christmas Lunch will be adapted for all those with allergies and food preferences	
		Red Velvet Christmas Tree Cupcakes (2,4,7)	Red Velvet Christmas Tree Cupcakes (2,4,7)	Red Velvet Christmas Tree Cupcakes (2,4,7)	
			Years 5 & 6 ONLY CHRISTMAS PARTIES	Reception, Year 1,2,3 & 4 ONLY CHRISTMAS PARTIES	
			No lunches today - Party Food Only	No lunches today - Party Food Only	

School photos - Individual and siblings in school - Wednesday 22nd November

A professional photographer will be coming into school on Wednesday 22nd November to take individual photos of the children. If you have siblings in school and would like a photo to be taken of them together, please use this link to let us know. Photos of siblings will only be taken if this form is completed by 9am on Monday 30th October.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?>

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Even Swindon Primary School

Friday 1st December 3-4.30pm

Christmas Fair Stall holders needed

£15 a table

Contact

ncope@evenswindon.co.uk





Attention – all parents

If your child is born between **1st September 2019 – 31st August 2020** they are due to start Reception in **September 2024**.

If your child is currently in Year 6 – you need to apply for a Secondary School place for **September 2024**.

School Admissions Drop in sessions

Wednesday 11th October
North Swindon Library
10am-2pm

Tuesday 24th October
Town Centre Library
10am-4pm

Tuesday 9th January
Town Centre Library
10am-4pm

"I'm going to big School"

"I will make lots of friends at school"

Tel: 01793 445500 Email: schooladmissions@swindon.gov.uk



Exploitation can **happen anywhere**

Don't wait. Report it.

Child Exploitation - can you spot the signs?

#LookCloser is a partnership campaign between The Children's Society, the National County Lines Co-ordination Centre and the British Transport Police aiming to raise awareness of child exploitation and abuse and to encourage the public and businesses to better identify and report concerns. The campaign also seeks to challenge assumptions and victim stereotypes, highlighting that child exploitation can happen anywhere, and any

young person can be a victim.

Our week of action will focus in particular on the role that everyone can play in preventing child exploitation and the importance of ensuring that young victims are effectively identified, safeguarded and supported, as they transition to adulthood. Please use this link to find out more: <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/our-work/child-criminal-exploitation-and-county-lines/spotting-signs>

[Click here to meet Even Swindon's PTA-let us know if you'd like to be involved.](#)

TD Days for 2023/2024

School will be closed to pupils on the followings days:

Friday 24th November 2023

Monday 19th February 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Celebration Assembly - Years 5 and 6 on Friday 29th September



In no particular order, we have Tallulah with medals for gymnastic, Louis with a cricket award, Fifi with a certificate for completing the summer reading challenge, Arthur with an award for rugby, Max with a football award, Rhett for mixed martial arts, Phoebe with a certificate from PGL and Thomas for being most improved Junior Percussionist. Congratulations to all of you!

Celebration Assembly - Years 2, 3 and 4 on 6th October



Above we have Quinn who has recently adopted a Donkey, Harper with an award for football, Lara with a gymnastics award, Chloe with a gymnastics award, Leonardo who took part in the reading challenge, Amalia with an award for gymnastics, Hadi who took part in the summer reading challenge, Catalin with a swimming award and then we have Pippa, Denzel, Pixie, Sreshta, Adri, David, Freya and Milo for Collecting Stars in Doodle Maths. Congratulations to each and every one of you.

School calendar of events - Please click here!



Julie Chesworth

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