

Even Swindon's Fortnightly Update

Friday 17th November 2023



Pudsey came to school!

BBC Radio Wiltshire came to see us today following the bearpee challenge we have been undertaking this week and they brought with them a very special visitor - Pudsey! We have achieved an impressive 24,936 bearpees. A big thank you to all the children and staff for helping raise money for Children in Need.

Now, grab yourself a cuppa and your diary. With this being such a busy term we have a lot of notices for you.



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TODAY CIN 2023



School Closed For Teacher Training

Reminder.....

Please remember we have a Teacher Training Day on **Friday 24th November**. School will be closed to children.

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

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Cosy Reads for your children to consider this winter time

COSY READS

With a chilly breeze blowing outside, get cosy with a blanket and explore these brilliant reads as the nights become a little darker.

Explore our Cosy Reads list on our [bookshop.org](#) store. World Book Day is an affiliate of bookshop.org and 10% of purchases made through our shop contribute to World Book Day's charitable work.

BEGINNING READER



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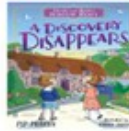


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EARLY READER



BLOOMSBURY EDUCATION



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QUARTO KIDS



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FLUENT READER



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INDEPENDENT READER



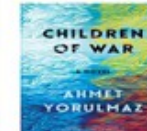
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Homework Policy Overview

Homework

We hope that your child/ren have now settled into the new homework routine and we really appreciate all the positive comments and feedback we have had since September around the new English and Maths focus. In addition to these weekly tasks, we would also like to remind parents of the other aspects of our homework policy. The detailed version can be found on our website but here is a quick-glance overview for each year group:

Year Group	Timing	Homework tasks
Nursery	Daily story time Enquiries throughout the year	Books should be shared on a daily basis – Nursery have a lending library available. Questions will be posed on their class Instagram for children to investigate. Parents should respond to these posts with comments or pictures.
Reception	Daily phonics practice Daily reading From term 3, alternate English and Maths tasks	Phonic sound cards and grapheme tiles practiced as the children learn them. 1 phonically decodable book to be read by the child; one story book to be shared with the child. From term 3, homework is to be completed either in the homework book or evidenced on their class Instagram page.
Years 1 & 2	Reading daily for 10 mins. Daily practice of spellings and times tables. Up to 15 minutes for completing homework tasks.	The English and maths homework will be set weekly and will be reviewing concepts already learned in class. This is to ensure that the children develop automaticity in retrieving key skills.
Years 3 & 4	Reading daily for 15 mins. Daily practice of spellings and times tables. Up to 20 minutes for completing homework tasks.	
Years 5 & 6	Reading daily for 20 mins. Daily practise of spellings and consolidation of times tables Up to 30 minutes for completing Homework tasks.	

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	Reception & Year 1 ONLY		
		Cheese & Tomato Vegetable Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread (V) (2,7) and Raisins	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	Cavoro Nero, Potato (2,4,7) and three cheese wellington lattice	Cavoro Nero, Potato (2,4,7) and three cheese wellington lattice	Cavoro 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 (2), Carrots, 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 - Wednesday 22nd November

As mentioned in the last newsletter, individual school photos will be taken on Wednesday 22nd November during the school day. If you have younger pre-school aged children who you'd like to be photographed with their older school-aged sibling, please come along to Hawksworth Hall at 8am. Please keep your child/ren with

you until school starts at 8:35am.

Likewise, if you have a young one and an afternoon nursery child, please bring them along at 8am for a group photo if you would like to.

Please ensure they are wearing full school uniform for their photographs.

Virtual Book Fair - 22nd November - 28th November

We are lucky enough to be able to hold another Books for Bugs book fair at the end of this month - **Launch date: Wednesday 22nd November**

Closing date: Midnight Tuesday 28th November.



Every order that you make during the Book Fair week enables the school to buy books for children throughout the school to enjoy.

Books make an ideal gift. Your colourfully wrapped order will come direct to school, meaning free postage and packing. You will be able to collect it in person from school, or it will be given to your child to bring home.

Non-uniform day in exchange for a donation - Thursday 23rd November



Christmas Fair - Money tree envelopes

At our Christmas Fair we will be having the very popular 'Money Tree'. Please could your child decorate the envelope in a Christmas theme, pop in an amount of money (anything from 50p to £5) and then return to school by Thursday 23rd November. The envelopes were sent home yesterday.



Thank you very much for your support. From the Even Swindon School PTA



Reception Class 2024 Open Evenings

**Do you have a child starting school (Reception Class)
in September 2024?**

If so, Even Swindon School would like to invite you to attend one of our
Reception Class Open Evenings, being held on the following dates:

Tuesday 28th November 2023 - 3:30 - 4:00pm

Tuesday 28th November 2023 - 4:30 - 5.00pm

Thursday 30th November 2023 - 4:15 - 4.45pm

Thursday 30th November 2023 - 5.15 - 5.45pm

Please email admin@evenswindon.co.uk to book your space.



We look forward to meeting you!





Even Swindon Primary School

Friday 1st December 3-4.30pm

Christmas Fair Stall holders needed

£15 a table

Contact

ncope@evenswindon.co.uk



We are a collection hub this year for the Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal. If you would like to donate, please bring them in by Friday 1st December.

Workshop for parents - separation anxiety

On Wednesday 6th December between 2-3pm, we will be hosting a workshop for parents around the theme of separation anxiety: understanding what it is, how it presents and how families can be supported through it. Spaces will be limited to 30, so if you feel this is something which would benefit your family, please look out for the sign-up email, which will be landing in your inbox in the next few weeks.



Year 5 WOW day - Ancient Egypt

On Wednesday 6th December, Year 5 will be having a WOW day as part of their learning about Ancient Egypt this term. We will be completing lots of fun activities to consolidate our learning on this exciting History topic. For the day, we are asking children to come to school in a costume to



reflect ancient Egyptian times. This doesn't need to be a bought costume. It could be a simple white dress/ t-shirt with a colourful belt or necklace.

Stay and Play - Penzance Nursery

In Penzance we have some stay and play sessions for you:

Penzance PM class - Christmas stay and play Thursday 14th
December 2pm-3pm in Brunel Hall.

Penzance AM class- Christmas stay and play Friday 15th December
8.45am-9.45am in Brunel Hall.





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

Applying for School Places

The deadline date for applying for a school place in reception is **15th January 2024**. Online applications should be made via the Swindon Borough Council website:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions

Celebration Assembly - Year 2, 3 & 4 Friday 10th November 2023



In no particular order, the following children have celebrated their out-of-school achievements in Assembly. We have Lexi-Mae with a medal for running the Race for Life, Martha with her Blue Peter badge, Freya with an award for the most goals scored in her football match, Santiago with an award for man of the match, PJ with an award for man of the match, Pippa with her Blue Peter badge, Lizzie who earned herself performer of the week, Luana who has passed her Gymnastics Level 7 and Olivia with a certificate awarded by 'Just for fun club' for good listening and being kind. Congratulations to all of you!

Celebration Assembly - Reception, Year 1 and Signal Box Friday 17th November 2023

Today we had Riley with his Blue Peter Badge, Joshua with a trophy for football and Daisy with her Level 8 Gymnastics Certificate. Congratulations to you!



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

Please click to view calendar on the school website or see images below:

November School Calendar

13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-bullying week Children's Mental Health Week - Wear odd socks day 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-bullying week Children's Mental Health Week 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-bullying week Children's Mental Health Week Signal Box local walk 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-bullying week Children's Mental Health Week 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-bullying week Children in Need Children's Mental Health Week 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Reception, Year 1 and Signal Box
20	21	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual and sibling photos being taken Signal Box local walk Virtual Book Fair 14:00: Year 1 Grandparent Talk - speak to class teacher beforehand 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress down day in exchange for gifts for the Christmas Fete 14:00: Year 6 Celebration of Reading - parents welcome 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TD day - school closed to children
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15:30: Reception Class 2024 Open Evenings 16:30: Reception Class 2024 Open Evenings 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signal Box local walk 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signal Box local walk 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16:15: Reception Class 2024 Open Evenings 17:15: Reception Class 2024 Open Evenings 	

December School Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 📅 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Years 5 and 6 📅 15:00: Christmas Fete
4	5 📅 15:15: Years 5 and 6 (incl. Y5&6 Signal Box chn) Please collect from Hawksworth Hall	6 📅 Signal Box local walk 📅 Year 5 WOW day - Egyptian Dress 📅 14:00: Parent Workshop - Separation Anxiety	7 📅 15:15: Reception and Year 1 (incl. Rec & Year 1 Signal Box chn) Please collect from the classroom 📅 15:15: Years 2 (incl. Y2 Signal Box chn) Please collect from their classroom 📅 15:15: Years 3 and 4 (incl. Y3&4 Signal Box chn) Please collect from Hawksworth Hall	8 📅 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Years 2, 3 and 4
11 📅 13:30: Year 1 Carols in Church	12 📅 Christmas lunch - Reception & Year 1 📅 09:15: Plymouth Class Nativity	13 📅 Christmas lunch - Years 2, 3 & 4 📅 Class Christmas Parties for Years 5 & 6 📅 Signal Box local walk 📅 09:15: Totnes Nativity	14 📅 Christmas lunch - Years 5 and 6 📅 Class Christmas Parties for Year Reception, 1, 2, 3 and 4 📅 09:15: Newton Abbot Nativity	15 📅 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Reception, Year 1 and Signal Box
18 📅 14:00: Reception Christmas Show 📅 18:00: Year 3 Carols by Candlelight - Hawksworth Hall	19 📅 08:15: Xmas themed book breakfast 📅 10:45: Nursery Christmas Carols	20 📅 Christmas Jumper Day 📅 Pupils finish at 13:30 today 📅 Signal Box local walk	21 📅 School holiday	22 📅 School holiday
25 📅 School holiday	26 📅 School holiday	27 📅 School holiday	28 📅 School holiday	29 📅 School holiday

Experience...

£3.50 Adults
£1.00 Children
Under 3s go free

CHRISTMAS

AT STEAM



10am to 5pm
2 & 3 December 2023

STEAM
Museum of the Great Western Railway

STEAM - Museum of the Great Western Railway
Fire Fly Avenue, Swindon SN2 2EY
www.steam-museum.org.uk



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

**WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER, FROM 7PM
AT CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON OLD TOWN**

Get in the Christmas spirit and join us for traditional
carols, music, mulled wine and mince pies.



Book tickets at
juliashouse.org/swindoncarols

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Childminder Recruitment Month!

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