

# Even Swindon's Fortnightly Update

Friday 3rd November 2023

## Mrs Lowe says....

Dear parents and guardians,  
Welcome to Term 2; it is always one filled with fun and very busy times. Please make sure that you check the calendar on the newsletters and also Parentmail notifications so that you are up-to-date. We also have some important Christmas event dates for your diary so please check those out.

Our themes this term are:

Assembly theme: Compassion

Good to be green: Collaboration

PSHE: Celebrating Differences

Our first assembly this term was about compassion. If you are able to come in on a Monday at 10am to help us out in assembly talking on these themes that would be fantastic. Please contact Mrs Lowe [head@evenswindon.co.uk](mailto:head@evenswindon.co.uk).

I would like to thank you all for the continued support with your child's learning, hearing them read and attendance at parents evenings. If you did not manage to make an appointment with your child's class teacher then please contact the school office to rearrange.

Have a great term!

Mrs Alison Lowe

**Headteacher**



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## ATTENTION!

Please can we remind parents that children should not ride their bikes or scooters in the school grounds. Parents and children are getting knocked trying to go out of the school gates and also, in the side roads and alleyways. Please remind your child/ren to be careful and considerate riders at all times.

Please can we also ask that parents and carers park any vehicles away from the school grounds to ensure safety for all coming into and leaving the school site.



### Uniform donations

If you have any uniform your children have grown out of and you would like to donate it, please bring it into the school office. We would be very grateful for it. Thank you.

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### Keeping our children safe online

During a recent IT survey it was apparent that many children use YouTube at home. We would strongly recommend ensuring your children use **YouTube Kids** and to have a look at this link to give you more information about setting up tailored profiles for your children to help them stay safe while using you tube.



[Parental Control Tools & Resources - YouTube Kids](#)

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## Safeguarding Information



Safeguarding Contact Information:

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

Dear parents/carers,

Anti-Bullying week will take place from Monday 13th November to

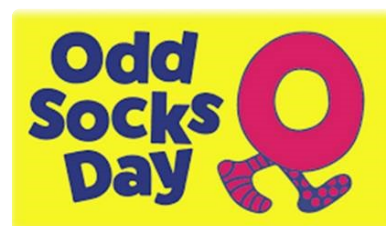
Friday 17th November and children will be completing lots of

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





## Children in Need - Making your donations

Please note it's Children in Need Day on Friday 17th November. Children are welcome to wear yellow, spotty or Pudsey clothing on the day. Please use the link below to make your donation to Children in Need or bring cash in on the day.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11491>

## 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					
<b>Christmas Lunch &amp; Christmas Party Week</b> Monday 11th December - Friday 15th December		<b>Years 2,3,4,5 &amp; 6 ONLY</b>	<b>Reception &amp; Year 1 ONLY</b>		
		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		
		<b>Reception &amp; Year 1 ONLY CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b>	<b>Years 2, 3 &amp; 4 ONLY CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b>	<b>Years 5 &amp; 6 ONLY CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b>	
	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)	
		<b>Years 5 &amp; 6 ONLY CHRISTMAS PARTIES</b>	<b>Reception, Year 1,2,3 &amp; 4 ONLY CHRISTMAS PARTIES</b>		
		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 Handsworth Hall at 10.30am.



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 clean clothing for their pictures.

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### **Year 1 Grandparent Talk - 22nd November 14:00 - 15:00**

For our history enquiry this term the children will be comparing their own childhood to a childhood from the past. To help them with this we are asking for grandparents to volunteer some time on Wednesday 22nd November 14:00 – 15:00 to come into their grandchild's class and have a chat about what their childhood was like. The children would love to hear about the difference and similarities in toys, games, clothes and what school was like. Grandparents are welcome to bring in some toys, photographs or memories to show the children. If you are able to take part please let the class teacher know as soon as possible.

Thank you,  
The Year 1 Team.

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### **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.



### **Year 6 - Celebration of Reading Session**

On Thursday 23rd November, between 2 and 3pm, Year 6 would like to invite parents to a celebration of reading session. We'll read some stories together and you will also have a chance to share a book or two with your child. If you have a favourite story at home, then please feel free to bring it in. Pyjamas/comfy clothes are optional for all! If your child/children would like to wear them, please send them in a separate bag and they will have a chance to get changed in school before the session begins. Should you have any questions, one of the team will be happy to help.



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### **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.



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### **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.

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## Christmas-themed Book Breakfast

After the success of our Book Breakfast in Term 1, we will be offering the opportunity to attend our second event – a Christmas-themed Book Breakfast on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 8:15am**. We will open up the booking system on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm** and will again have space for 50 families to attend. If you sign up and find that you are then unable to attend the event, please contact the office to free up the space for someone else as this is an extremely popular event.





**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 11<sup>th</sup> October  
North Swindon Library  
10am-2pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October  
Town Centre Library  
10am-4pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:schooladmissions@swindon.gov.uk)

The poster features a young girl reading a book at the top right, a girl with a speech bubble saying "I'm going to big School", and a group of children with a speech bubble saying "I will make lots of friends at school". The background is decorated with autumn leaves.

## 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](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions)

**Click here to meet Even Swindon's PTA-let us know if you'd like to be involved.**

## ***Celebration Assembly - Reception, Year 1 and Signal Box Friday 13th October 2023***

Here we have Holly with a certificate for her bravery after having some teeth removed and Maryam with a certificate for taking part in the reading challenge. Congratulations to both of you!





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## ***Celebration Assembly - Years 5 and 6 - Friday 3rd November 2023***

Today we have Kieran with his well earned black belt in Martial Arts, Spencer with a trophy for being the most improved player in football, Riley with a trophy for man of the match in football, Billie with many dance awards; Junior Classical, Annual Presentation Award, Medals for dance competitions in Bristol, Bea with Dance awards; performance award and Musical Theatre along with medals for group dance, duets and solos, Tallulah with awards for a gymnastics competition and Zoe with a Blue Peter Book Club badge. Congratulations to all of you!



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

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		1 Signal Box local walk	2	3 Bath Spa start their swimming lessons today 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Years 5 and 6
6	7	8 Signal Box local walk	9	10 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Years 2, 3 and 4
13 Anti-bullying week Children's Mental Health Week - Wear odd socks day	14 Anti-bullying week Children's Mental Health Week	15 Anti-bullying week Children's Mental Health Week Signal Box local walk	16 Anti-bullying week Children's Mental Health Week	17 Anti-bullying week Children in Need Children's Mental Health Week 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Reception, Year 1 and Signal Box
20	21	22 Individual and sibling photos being taken Signal Box local walk Virtual Book Fair	23 Dress down day in exchange for gifts for the Christmas Fete	24 TD day - school closed to children
27	28	29 Signal Box local walk	30	

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				1 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Years 5 and 6 15:00: Christmas Fete
4	5	6 Signal Box local walk Year 5 WOW day - Egyptian Dress 14:00: Parent Workshop - Separation Anxiety	7	8 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Years 2, 3 and 4
11	12 Christmas lunch - Reception & Year 1 09:15: Plymouth Class Nativity 13:30: Year 1 Carols in Church	13 Christmas lunch - Years 2, 3 & 4 Class Christmas Parties for Reception and Years 5 & 6 Signal Box local walk 09:15: Totnes Nativity	14 Christmas lunch - Years 5 and 6 Class Christmas Parties for Year 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

# BRANCHES SUPPORT GROUP EVERYONE WELCOME



Tel: 07486 873405  
Email: [swindonsendfamiliesvoice@outlook.com](mailto:swindonsendfamiliesvoice@outlook.com)

BRANCHES is a support group open to all parents and carers of children and young people with any Special Educational Need or Disability, aged 0-25 years

**When?**  
Thursday 9th  
November

**Where?**  
The Meadow, Leigh Road,  
Swindon,  
SN2 5DE

**Time?**  
10AM-11.30AM

**Working Together  
Strengthening Support  
Reaching Out**

**Guest Speakers**  
Pauline - Educational Psychologist  
Roger - Independent Travel Team  
Preparation for Adulthood Team - SEND  
Service  
Andrew Myrie - Local Offer

Swindon SEND  
Families Voice

An exhibition of immersive & interactive artworks by Lou Baker, Juliet Duckworth & Alyson Minkley at Unit 9, The Designer Outlet Centre, Swindon, SN2 2DY

**Social Scaffolding**  
art collective

11th-26th November  
**Open 12 noon-6pm**  
Wednesday-Sunday  
Book an exclusive session for your school or community group from 10am-12 noon

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**An exhibition of immersive & interactive artworks by Lou Baker, Juliet Duckworth & Alyson Minkley at Unit 9, The Designer Outlet Centre, Swindon, SN2 2DY**

Come and visit Social Scaffolding in Swindon, it's free and not like a normal art gallery with 'do not touch' signs, in fact we encourage you to explore the artworks & invite you to get involved.

Become a *Living Sculpture* posing or performing in Lou Baker's quirky knitted, wearable art or contribute to the growing immersive *Social Knitwork* installation. Join Lou to knit, knot, plait, crochet or even make a pompom.

Help Juliet Duckworth weave a giant nest with local recycled resources. Can we build as successfully as the rooks whose nests feature in *Urban Rookery*, bringing the outside inside to help us contemplate human relationships with nature?

Or join Alyson Minkley for a social stitching session contributing your own thoughts and stories about isolation and connection to the co-created work *Synapse* – a series of human-scale cocoons that you can even climb into for a moment of calm contemplation.



Drop in 12-6pm Wednesday-Sunday from the 11th-26th November  
Or book an exclusive session for your school or community group from 10am-12 noon

[www.socialscaffolding.art](http://www.socialscaffolding.art) or [@socialscaffolding.artists](https://www.instagram.com/socialscaffolding.artists)  
for further information or email [socialscaffoldingartcollective@gmail.com](mailto:socialscaffoldingartcollective@gmail.com)

Upcoming Family-Friendly Events at St Augustine's Church,  
Summers Street, SN2 2HA



We warmly invite you to join us for Messy Church on the third Saturday every month (except for August). It is a time of crafts, fun, story, celebration and we end with a lunch together.

We have a different Bible story theme each time and we have a special Christmas session in December (details below). All are welcome to come along, it's family-friendly and free.

Come and see - Saturday 18th November at 11am!

We invite you to join us for a short family-friendly service, ideal for the younger ones!

A little bit of Messy Church in a Sunday service.  
Followed by snacks/refreshments.

All are welcome! Sunday 26th November at 4pm

Messy  
Sunday



SUNDAY  
AFTERNOON  
4pm - 4.45pm



A special Christmas edition of Messy Church!

Wear your Christmas jumpers (optional!), pop your hats on and join the party for Christmas themed crafts and celebrations!

We will end with a buffet party lunch together.

Fun for all ages and it's free!

Saturday 16th December at 11am



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