

# Even Swindon's Fortnightly Update

Friday 12th January 2024

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to term 3. I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break, enjoyed your family time and amongst all the festivities managed to have fun and time to relax. I would like to thank you all for attending the many Christmas events we held at school and of course to the wonderful staff at Even Swindon who worked with the children and each other to provide us with the most magical times and memories. Another thank you is on behalf of the staff who received lovely gifts; they are most gratefully received.



The new year is a time to re-group and focus, whether that's resolutions we have made to stop eating as much chocolate or take-up a new activity. I would like to ask you to have a resolution to continue to support your child with their learning by ensuring they do their homework in small bursts and regularly and that they become avid readers, reading every day. We all know that doing things regularly and routinely is what helps for it to become a habit and so let's help our children to foster these good ones.

It is Martin Luther King day on Monday 15th January and we will be celebrating his life and work in our assembly so I thought I would include one of his quotes that fits right for this time of year and also for our school.

We look forward to a term 3 full of learning, great progress and fun.

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## TD Days for 2023/2024

School will be closed to pupils on the following days:

Monday 19th February 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

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## Safeguarding Information



Safeguarding Contact Information:

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## Attendance and late arrivals

## DON'T LET YOUR CHILD MISS OUT!

It is important that children arrive to school on time. If they arrive late they have a bad start to the day.



### If your child arrives late for class:

- They miss out on important learning, which could affect their achievement.
- They miss out on the social time to settle into class.
- It can be embarrassing for them.
- They may disrupt the learning of the rest of the class and this is not fair on the rest of the children.

<b>LATENESS = LOST LEARNING</b>	
<b>Figures calculated over a school year.</b>	
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

### What you can do:

- Have a regular routine for the start of the day.
- Help your child get their clothes and equipment ready before they go to bed.
- Set a reasonable bed time to make sure they get enough sleep.
- Leave time to take account for traffic

### Reminder of start times:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 -doors open at 8.35am and the register is taken at 8.40am

Years 3,4,5 & 6 - doors open at 8.40am and the register is taken at 8.45am.

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## Book Breakfast

We hosted our second book breakfast last term and it was a fantastic turnout! Lots of families joined us for a hot drink, a bite to eat and lots of wonderful books. Thank you to those children who brought their own to share too.

Look out for our next book breakfast this term - we'd love to see you there.





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## After school library - Change of day



Our school library will be open to parents with their children after school, until 3.30pm, on Thursdays for terms 3 and 4. All our children at Even Swindon are able to borrow books from the library which is in the Year 5 and 6 building. Please use the library door which is located in the middle of the building on the carpark side.

Come and choose a book for the weekend!

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## 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)



**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. Below her, a girl says "I'm going to big School". At the bottom left, a group of children says "I will make lots of friends at school". The background is decorated with colorful shapes and illustrations of children.

## Reminder - Book Breakfast

On Wednesday 7th February, we will be holding another of our popular 'Book Breakfasts' from 8.15-8.45am in Hawksworth Hall. These are for one parent to join their child/children for some complimentary tea and toast and to enjoy some story time together.

Please keep an eye out for the booking form, that will be available from 6pm on Friday 19th January.



We accept  
2-year-old  
funding &  
30 hours

EVEN SWINDON SCHOOL



Believe, achieve, inspire

2, 3 and  
4-year-old  
spaces  
available

## Nursery Open Evening



Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024



4.00pm – 6.00pm



**Even Swindon Primary School**  
**Pasture Close, Swindon, SN2 2UJ**

Please join us to have a look around our Nursery and  
meet the staff. Children and parents



*All children on our waiting list will be sent an invitation soon.*

*If your child is not on our waiting list, please email*

[admin@evenswindon.co.uk](mailto:admin@evenswindon.co.uk)

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## Autumn Reading Challenge Winners!

Congratulations to the Upper Key Stage Two winners of the Autumn Reading Challenge with their book prizes!





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## Celebration Assembly - Years 2, 3 and 4 - Friday 12th January

### Awards from outside of school

Today we had Santiago and Freddie with their football trophies, Archie and Hendrix with their jiu-jitsu white belts, Lexie-Mae with 2 certificates, a medal and a trophy for her dancing, Owen with a medal for his footballing hat-trick, Joel with a certificate from his investment into Scouts and Clara with a certificate for dancing in tap and ballet. Congratulations to all of you!



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

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

## January School Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 School holiday	2 School holiday	3 School holiday	4 Return to school	5 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Years 5 and 6
8	9	10	11	12 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Years 2, 3 and 4
15	16 Author Jon Kirk visiting school - Key Stage 2	17	18	19 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Reception, Year 1 and Signal Box
22	23	24	25	26 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Years 5 and 6
29	30	31		

## February School Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Years 2, 3 and 4
5	6	7	8	9 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Reception, Year 1 and Signal Box
12 School holiday	13 School holiday	14 School holiday	15 School holiday	16 School holiday
19 Return to school TD day - school closed to children	20	21 Signal Box local walk	22 13:30: Swindon Music Service Wind Roadshow	23 09:00: Celebration Assembly - Years 5 and 6
26	27	28 Signal Box local walk	29	





Half Term Camp

# PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

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## PREMIER CAMPS NEAR YOU

### Mountford Manor Primary School

Christmas: 18th to 22nd Dec 23  
18th & 19th - Holy Family Primary School  
20th - 22nd Dec 23 - Mountford Manor  
February: 12th to 16th Feb 24  
Easter: 2nd - 12th April 24  
Whitsun: 28th - 31st May 24

Age: 5- 11      08:45-16:15      £20.99 Per Day

**PLEASE BRING**  
Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!



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## Parking

We have recently had a complaint from a resident near school who missed a medical appointment as a result of one of our parents blocking in the resident's car at the end of their driveway while the parent/grandparent attended a performance in school. **Please can all parents park respectfully - no driveways should ever be blocked.** This is not something that we should need to get involved in as a school and so we would ask that parents help us to focus on educating and nurturing your children and not having to get involved in parking. We want to be able to live well within the community and keep all safe; at present this is being compromised.



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