

# Even Swindon's Fortnightly Update

Thursday 28th March 2024

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## Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of term 4, I would like to thank our staff, children and parents for their great learning, hard work and support this term. We have had fantastic contributions to our charity event for Comic Relief – thank you!

Next term we look forward to more trips including our SRP visit to a working farm and our Year 4 and 6 residentials. Year 6 SATs also take place next term. Our Year 6, in particular, have been so focused and worked so hard, with many coming into school before and after school. Thank you to the staff in Year 6 for providing fantastic, additional support for the children. Keep up the practice over the holidays whilst also making sure you have time to rest and recuperate.

### **These are the enquiries for next term:**

Nursery: *What goes up and down?*

Reception: *How do we move? (transport)*

Year 1: *Has spring sprung?*

Year 2: *Who lives in a house like this?*

Year 3: *How does the world change and grow?*

Year 4: *Who decides what is right and wrong?*

Year 5: *Why are rainforests important to us?*

Year 6: *What does it take to survive?*

Signal Box – P1& P2: *How do we move? (transport)*

This week we have held parents' evenings and would like to thank you for attending and taking great interest in your child's education.

I hope you have a lovely, healthy and restful Easter holiday. Enjoy family time and lots of chocolate.

**Mrs Lowe**

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School will be closed to pupils on the followings days:

Monday 3rd June 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

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## Safeguarding Information



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### Comic Relief 2024

Thank you to everyone who donated to Comic Relief, we raised a total of **£349.94!**

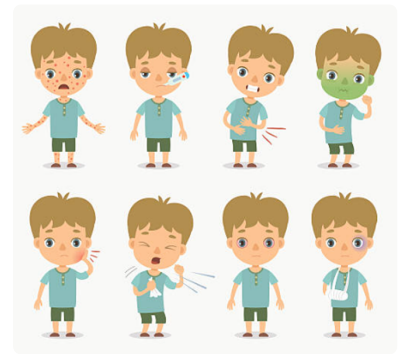
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## Illness Guidance

Being ill may prevent your child from coming to school, **but**, if they can get out of bed and play or enjoy TV, they should be in school. Coughs and sneezes are not an excuse to miss school and feeling tired is not an illness.

Looking after your child is very important to us and we will of course contact you if we feel they should be at home.

If your child's attendance falls below 90% due to illness, we may ask that you provide a doctor's certificate or other medical evidence to verify absences. If this is not provided they will be classed as unauthorised.



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## Term 4 Book Breakfast

Thank you to all the families who attended our book breakfast this week, in honour of Mothers' day. Once again, it was a great morning with lots of book sharing, whilst enjoying a drink and bite to eat. We have loved seeing so many regular faces at these sessions and would like to encourage other families to please join us for the last two of this academic year.



Our term 5 book breakfast will be focusing on the male role models in our lives, in honour of Fathers' Day and so we really hope to see dads, grandads, uncles, brothers and other special male role models, at the next session, which will be taking place on Wednesday 22nd May – booking forms will be sent out in advance of this date.





## OPAL update and Easter Bingo Challenge!

Since January, we have started working on OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning), which is an award-winning, mentor supported school improvement programme that is improving the quality of play opportunities for your children here at Even Swindon. There are lots of benefits to children from having lots of great play. We have already seen just how much of a positive impact play can make to our school; our children are having happier lunchtimes and the chance to engage in new and different play opportunities.



After Easter, we are aiming to improve play times further and open up new zones of play for the children. To do this, we are looking for donations of 'loose parts', which can be used within play. Each year group and class have been set an Easter OPAL Bingo Challenge and will be sent home



with their bingo card! The aim of the challenge is to see if we can collect donations from across the school of loose parts that we can then use within zones at play times. If you are having a Spring clear out during the Easter break, we'd love you to consider whether any of your unwanted items could be donated to school and used to support our children with their play – even better if they are an item on your child's bingo card! We are looking for any of the items on your child's bingo card to come into school on **Thursday 25th April (please not before)** to your child's classroom, where their class teacher will tick off all items and pass on to Miss Pattenden whether the class have been successful in collecting all items.

There will be an award and prize for winning classes who are successful in collecting all items.

We look forward to seeing which class/es will be the winners!

Many thanks for your continued support with the OPAL programme,

The OPAL Play Team

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## Fundraisers in school

A huge congratulations to these children who have been working hard raising money for Cancer Research and Children in Need. We are incredibly proud of you all!



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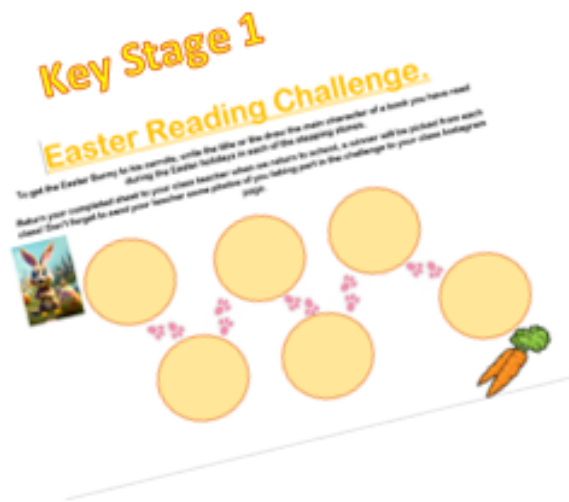
# Easter Reading Challenge

Once again, we are encouraging all children to continue reading over the Easter break, by taking part in our Easter Reading Challenge! Today, your children will be coming home with an activity sheet to fill out and as usual, all children will receive a certificate for participating and a class winner will be selected for a free book of their choice.

Reading is such a valuable skill and is the foundation for all other areas of the curriculum, so we do ask for your support in encouraging your child to participate.

Please return any completed forms to the class teacher by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Good luck and happy reading!



## Year 1 Parents Phonics Meeting - Thursday 2nd May at 9am in Brunel hall

We are inviting all parents to a meeting on Thursday 2nd May at 9am in Brunel hall. This is to discuss the Phonics Screening Check that all Year 1 children will complete in June 2024. This will be a very useful and informative session about what the children will be expected to do for the screening check. We will answer any questions relating to the screening and provide you with ways to support your child at home. After the meeting, parents are then

invited into the classrooms to see a phonics lesson. We do ask that no siblings come into the classroom, however, they are able to come to the initial meeting at 9am.

Many thanks,

Miss Ball, Mrs Mitchell and Miss Atkinson

## Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service

A worker from Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Services (SDASS) will be in school on the following dates at 8.30am, 17/4, 1/5, 15/5, 29/5. 12/6. 26/6. 10/7 – She is here to speak to if you have any concerns or questions about



Domestic Abuse, current or historic. This is a free and confidential service, no appointment needed just ask for Heidi at Reception.

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**Your wonderful school is creating a magical reading nook which will transport you to any realm you could dream of, but, we need your help to decorate it, ready for the journey. Use this sheet to show us what you would like painted. Think about what makes reading special to you, what it helps you imagine, your favourite characters and even what you might call this sacred reading space. We can't wait to see what your bright minds create and will use your ideas to come up with the final design.**

**NAME :** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS :** \_\_\_\_\_

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Dance classes held at Even Swindon primary School  
We take children from preschool upwards. Exams and shows performed  
regularly.

To enrol or for further information please contact  
[Gemmathompsondanceacademy@gmail.com](mailto:Gemmathompsondanceacademy@gmail.com)

Or find us on Facebook

New classes at the school starting after the Easter break.  
Monday timetable at Even Swindon Primary School

3.15-4pm (we will collect from classrooms) Pre-Primary ballet (age 4-6)

4-4.30pm Mini Movers Jazz (5+)

4.30-5.15pm Primary Ballet (7+)

We also have many more classes at the Community Centre, Jennings St

*All teachers Qualified, Insured, DBS checked.*

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*Outside summer fair  
Friday 14th June  
Even Swindon  
Primary School SN2  
2UJ  
Stall holders needed  
£15 a table - keep  
your profits!  
[ncope@evenswindon  
.co.uk](mailto:ncope@evenswindon.co.uk)*



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# Year 5 Open Day Tours

Year 5 Students/Parents/Carers  
are invited to our annual Open Day Tours

**Tuesday 2nd July 2024**

**Wednesday 3rd July 2024**

**Thursday 4th July 2024**

To make a booking, scan the QR Code or use the link



[www.commonweal.co.uk/commonwealopendaytours](http://www.commonweal.co.uk/commonwealopendaytours)

Our Open Evening will be Wednesday 18th September, 6-8pm  
Further details to follow

**The Mall, Old Town, Swindon, SN1 4JE, Tel: 01793 612727**



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**Celebration Assembly - Years 2, 3 and 4 - Friday 22nd  
March 2024**





Here we have Fred with an award for football for brilliant listening and team work, Matilda with a certificate for achieving her swimming level 3, Pippa with a Blue Peter Badge for growing her own vegetables. Then we have Anja, Clara, Mariana, Emily and Sophia with a certificate for singing at the Junior Voice Festival, Livia who has achieved an Amber award for swimming, Joaquim with a white belt in Jijitsu, Samuel with an infant red belt in martial arts, Aaliyah with her Gymnastics level 7, Leonardo with his swimming level 2, Ollie with a Football man of the match trophy and one for really good training and Ethan with a football champions league medal. Congratulations everyone!

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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:**

**April School Calendar**



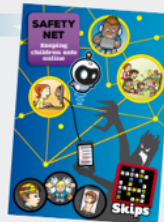
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 📅 BANK HOLIDAY	2 📅 School holiday	3 📅 School holiday	4 📅 School holiday	5 📅 School holiday
8 📅 School holiday	9 📅 School holiday	10 📅 School holiday	11 📅 School holiday	12 📅 School holiday
15 📅 Return to school	16	17 📅 Signal Box local walk	18	19 09:00: Celebration 📅 Assembly - Reception, Year 1 and Signal Box
22	23	24 📅 Signal Box local walk 📅 Year 4 to Hampton Court	25	26 09:00: Celebration 📅 Assembly - Years 5 and 6
29	30			

## May School Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 📅 Signal Box local walk 📅 Year 3 to Westonbirt	2	3 09:00: Celebration 📅 Assembly - Years 2, 3 and 4
6 📅 BANK HOLIDAY	7	8 📅 Signal Box local walk 📅 SRP to the Farm Project	9	10 09:00: Celebration 📅 Assembly - Reception, Year 1 and Signal Box
13	14	15 📅 Signal Box local walk	16	17 09:00: Celebration 📅 Assembly - Years 5 and 6
20	21	22 📅 Signal Box local walk 📅 Year 2 Berkley Castle	23	24 Dress down day in 📅 exchange for gifts for the Summer Fete 09:00: Celebration 📅 Assembly - Years 2, 3 and 4
27 📅 BANK HOLIDAY	28 📅 School holiday	29 📅 School holiday	30 📅 School holiday	31 📅 School holiday

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## A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

### Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with





# EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB BROOK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

**2nd - 5th April & 8th - 12th April 2024**

To book a place at our holiday club where lots of fun and laughter awaits, please visit our website to secure your place.



[www.swindonmultisports.co.uk](http://www.swindonmultisports.co.uk)

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MOUNTFORD MANOR  
MONDAY - FRIDAY  
2nd - 12th April  
08:45 - 16:15

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

These camps are a perfect blend of activities, combining different sports with a variety of team games. Every day is different!

Book now for a Easter full of fun!

For more information email Alana: [aturner@premier-education.com](mailto:aturner@premier-education.com)

Like our page for up to date offers, information and activity timetables, search 'Premier Education Swindon'

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Swindon HAF Programme  
**FULLY FUNDED HAF SESSIONS WITH LUNCH**  
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# Easter Holiday Fun Workshops



Croft Primary School, Marlborough Lane, Swindon, SN3 1RA  
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th April 2024 9:30am - 1:30pm

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- GAMES • SINGING • DANCE & MOVEMENT
- DRAMA • ARTS AND CRAFTS

Sessions are free for eligible HAF recipients, £20.00 per session for Non-HAF recipients  
Sessions are £20 for children who do not receive free school meals

To enrol, please go to [www.revolutionpa.co.uk/holiday-fun-swindon](http://www.revolutionpa.co.uk/holiday-fun-swindon). For any questions, email us at [office@revolutionpa.co.uk](mailto:office@revolutionpa.co.uk) or call us on 01793 792983 or text us on 07799691328





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