



Autumn 1 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **A Warm Welcome!**

Welcome to our very first newsletter of the school year! We are absolutely thrilled that it has been such a positive start to the year with your children. It has been great seeing them excited to meet their new teachers and their friends. There has been a lovely ethos throughout the school; children focused on their learning and showing kindness to others – it's been great to be a part of.

## **Staffing News**

As you may have noticed, Mrs Brewer-Martin has not yet been able to take up her role as head of school, as announced in the newsletter before the summer break. She is off for personal reasons, but we hope to see her back in school very shortly.

In the meantime, I'd like to thank our whole staff team for pulling together so magnificently in her absence to ensure that the children have been able to enjoy such an incredibly positive start to the school year. In particular I'd like to thank Mrs Flint, Mrs Cleghorn and Mrs Down who are all new to their senior leadership posts, but have really stepped up to ensure the school is running smoothly.

We are so lucky to have such a wonderful team here at Swaythling Primary.

## **Year R**

Year R have made a wonderful beginning, starting their first full week last week. They are starting to learn new routines and make new friends. Last week drawing portraits of themselves using mirrors and starting to describe how they look. They were fantastic.



## **Year 4**

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the year! In English, we have begun exploring *The Iron Man* and are already enjoying diving into the story. In Maths, we've been working hard on place value, building strong foundations for the year ahead. We've also loved getting creative in class and are especially excited to begin our new Science topic on electricity – it's going to be a bright spark of learning!





## Year 5

Year 5 have made an excellent start to the term and have quickly settled back into school life. In our first week back, we learned about famous figures and how they were once young people with a dream! As part of this, we created some incredible black hole art work inspired by the work of Stephen Hawking.



In English, the children have enjoyed learning about the historical context of the 'Hidden Figures' behind the scenes in the 'Space Race' and in Maths the children have continued to consolidate their understanding of Place Value.

## Year 6

Have had a brilliant start to the year. We have been so impressed with how they have stepped up as a class to being role models for the younger children and how focused and settled they have been in class. We have had a busy couple of weeks catching up about our summer breaks, enjoying lots of activities based around a selection of Little People Big Dreams books, and even hosted a visit from Cantell which was very exciting. Not only that, but we have also introduced our new class pets - six White Cloud Mountain minnow fish which we have had lots of fun naming. I really am so proud of Year 6 for a superb start to the school year.

## Flu Vaccinations

On **9th October**, the school immunisations team will visit us to administer flu vaccinations. To make the booking process simple, we've provided a QR code on the flyer sent home earlier this week

Your child's school code is: **CW116109** (Swaythling Primary)

<https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>



Session Date: **9th October 2025**

Please complete the consent form **at least 2 working days before the session** to ensure your child will be vaccinated at the school session. If you submit the consent form after this time your child may be unable to receive the vaccination in school but will be offered a clinic appointment.



## Year 5 Bikeability

Pedal Power are coming to school for a week from 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025. They will provide free bikeability training during the school day, they can also provide children with a bike and helmet for those who do not have either or. Please use the QR code to sign your child up. Thank you.

## **Swaythling Primary Bikeability - Year 5**

Is your child nervous on a bike or riding everywhere? Bikeability helps EVERY child. This FREE training builds confidence AND teaches riders how to stay safe on local roads. Children learn at their own pace during school hours. We can provide FREE bikes and helmets to use to make sure no one misses out. All children deserve these important skills, Scan the code and sign your child up today

**THE BIKE DR**

The Bike Doctor is coming to your school!

Bring your bike to your school's Bike Doctor event to help keep it in tip top condition! The Bike Doctor will provide a FREE safety check and fix minor issues.

**Location:** Swaythling Primary School – please leave bikes by the Annexe.

**Date:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**Time** All morning.

**All bikes will be given a RAG Rating:**

- Red - Requires Further Repair**  
Bike cannot be ridden until further repairs are completed.
- Amber - Needs Minor Repair or Maintenance**  
Bike can be ridden, but may need further repairs in the near future.
- Green - Ready to Go**  
Bike has been thoroughly checked and is safe to ride.

southampton.gov.uk/getting-around



Pedal Power: Enabling Independent Journeys with Expert Cycle Training across the South Coast



## After school Clubs

We are in the process of finalising our school led after school clubs. It has been decided that we are going to run them slightly differently this year, over a term rather than a different club every half term. Please look out for an email for your child's year group to sign up over the coming weeks.



## Secondary school applications

Secondary school applications are now open, see link below. Many Secondary Schools are holding open evenings, we have included some helpful information for you below.

[https://ems.southampton.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE](https://ems.southampton.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE)

Date	School and time
Wednesday 17 September 2025	Oasis Academy Sholing - 5-7pm St Marks - 6-8pm
Thursday 18 September 2025	Bitterne Park - 4.30-7pm Oasis Academy Mayfield - 5-7pm Redbridge - 6-8pm
Wednesday 24 September 2025	Oasis Academy Lord's Hill - 5-7pm St Anne's - 6-8pm Weston - 6-8pm Woodlands - 6-8pm
Thursday 25 September 2025	Regents Park - 5-7.30pm
Wednesday 1 October 2025	Cantell - 5.30-8pm
Thursday 2 October 2025	Saint George - 5.30-8pm

## Housekeeping Reminders

- **Parking:** Please avoid parking on the yellow lines outside school and be mindful of our neighbours by not blocking driveways or dropped curbs.
- **Dogs on Site:** We kindly remind parents that dogs are not permitted on school grounds. If you walk to school with your dog, please ensure they wait outside on the pavement.
- **Nut-Free School:** As we have students with severe nut allergies, we ask that no nut-based products (including Nutella) be packed in lunches. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all.
- **Trips & Dinner Money:** Exciting school trips are planned for this year! We'll notify you about your child's trip as the date approaches. Payments can be made via SCOPAY. Please also ensure any outstanding dinner money balances are topped up. Thank you for your support!



## October half term

### EASTLEIGH FC



#### OCTOBER

#### HALF TERM HOLIDAY COURSES

EASTLEIGH FOOTBALL CLUB,  
STONEHAM LANE, SO50 9HT  
9AM-3PM | AGES 5-14



BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE



SCAN HERE

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT JOSH

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FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE  
FOR FIRST TEAM GAMES!  
FUN FOOTBALL PRIZES  
MEET FIRST-TEAM PLAYERS



### BUSHCRAFT HOLIDAY CLUB

SPEND YOUR HOLIDAYS EXPLORING THE OUTDOORS!

Unleash your adventurous side at our Bushcraft Holiday Club! This one-day outdoor course is perfect for young people aged 9-14 (Year 5 and up) who are ready to explore the great outdoors and learn real bushcraft skills.

Spend the day building shelters, cooking delicious food over a campfire, mastering the use of Kelly Kettles, and trying your hand at woodwork. Whether you're a first-time explorer or an experienced adventurer, there's always something new to learn! Sign up and book your space through the QR Code

School holidays  
Itchen Valley Country Park, Allington Lane



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### WOODLAND HOLIDAY CLUB

SPEND YOUR HOLIDAYS EXPLORING THE OUTDOORS!

Unleash your sense of adventure at our Ofsted Registered Forest School-themed holiday club!

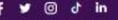
Designed for children aged 5-11 (Year 1 and up), our holiday club offers a magical mix of outdoor activities. From shelter-building and campfire cooking to woodland art, games, nature walks, and habitat exploration, there's something for every young explorer. Join us for a holiday experience full of learning, fun, and fresh air!

Sign up and book your space through the QR Code  
School holidays  
Outdoor Learning Centre, Bishopstoke Road, Eastleigh



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Flu Vaccination  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 – Harvest Festival  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Individual School Photographs  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Half Term  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Inset day