



Swalwell Primary School

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 4th September 2026

Upcoming Events

Thursday 10th September – Muddy Monsters – Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 – weekly lesson

Thursday 10th September – Year 5 – Swimming – weekly lesson

Muddy Monsters

Following the success of last year's Forest School sessions, we are delighted to continue our partnership with Muddy Monsters this academic year. This year, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3/4 will take part in weekly Forest School sessions every Thursday.

We ask that children in these classes come to school every Thursday wearing old, weather-appropriate clothing and footwear suitable for outdoor learning, as Forest School activities can be muddy. In addition, children should bring a spare set of clothes and footwear to change into after their session each week.

Please ensure they are dressed appropriately for the weather, including a waterproof coat if needed.

PE Kits

We would like to remind parents and carers that you must provide a PE kit for your child this year. This should consist of a plain white T-shirt (with or without the school logo), plain black shorts, and trainers or plimsolls. Year 5 must also bring swimming kit on a Thursday consisting of a swimming costume or shorts/trunks, a towel and goggles.

Children are welcome to keep their PE kit in school or bring it in on PE days. However, we recommend bringing PE kits into school on a Monday and taking them home on a Friday for washing.

PE days for each class are listed below:

- Monday: Year 6
- Tuesday: Year 5 and Year 6
- Wednesday: Year 1 and Year 2
- Thursday: Year 5 (Swimming)
- Friday: Year 3 and Year 4

Holidays During Term Time

We would like to remind parents and carers that all holidays taken during term time will be recorded as unauthorised absence and will be referred to the Local Authority for consideration of a Penalty Notice. Under current government guidance, a Penalty Notice is issued at £160 per parent, per child, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. A second Penalty Notice issued within a three-year period will be charged at £160, with no reduced rate available. Persistent unauthorised absence may result in further legal action being considered by the Local Authority.

We encourage families to arrange holidays during school holiday periods wherever possible to minimise disruption to children's learning and attendance.

Parent Phonics Workshop

We are delighted to invite parents and carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to attend our Parent Phonics Workshop on Tuesday 30th September at 2:30pm.

The session will provide an overview of how phonics is taught in school and explain the approaches we use to help children develop their reading and early writing skills. Parents will also be given practical advice and strategies to support phonics learning and reading at home, helping children to become confident and successful readers.

This is a great opportunity to find out more about your child's learning, ask questions and gain ideas for making reading fun and engaging at home.

School Uniform Reminder

It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children back to school looking so smart and ready for a successful year ahead. We would like to take this opportunity to remind families of our school uniform expectations.

Our school uniform consists of a royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan, white polo shirt, black or grey trousers, skirt, school shorts, pinafore dress or blue gingham summer dress. Footwear must be plain black school shoes or black trainers. All uniform must be worn in the correct school colours and should follow the school's uniform policy at all times.

We appreciate the support of parents and carers in maintaining our high standards. Where a child arrives at school in incorrect uniform, a telephone call will be made home asking parents/carers to provide the correct uniform. This helps to ensure consistency across the school and promotes a sense of pride and belonging amongst our pupils.