



# Swalwell Primary School

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

### **Upcoming Events**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Cross Country @ Gateshead Stadium (pm) – Selected Children

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – ARMS Coffee Afternoon @ 2:15pm.

### **🎃 Halloween Celebrations in School 🎃**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, we will be celebrating Halloween in school! Children are welcome to come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes and each class will enjoy a Halloween party during the day. To ensure all children feel comfortable and safe, please do not send children wearing masks or bringing accessories that resemble weapons, as these can be frightening for some of our younger pupils. Our School Catering Team will also be preparing a special Halloween-themed lunch, which will be available at the standard school meal price. We look forward to a fun-filled day of Halloween celebrations!

### **School Photographs**

All children should have brought home their school photograph proof and order form yesterday. The easiest way to place your order is by scanning the QR code on the proof and ordering online. If you wish to pay by cash, please place the correct change in the wallet provided, insert the proof, seal the wallet and return it to the school office.

The deadline for all orders is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2026. Please ensure orders are submitted by this date to avoid disappointment.

### **Parents' Evening**

Our Parents' Evenings will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October, from 3:20pm to 6:00pm. Letters were sent home this week. Please return the reply slip to your child's class teacher as soon as possible, indicating your preferred date and time slot, so that we can arrange your appointment. If you require another copy of the letter, please contact the school office

and we will be happy to provide one. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss how your child is settling into their new class.

### ARMS Coffee Afternoon

Parents and carers of children in our ARMS Units are warmly invited to join us for a coffee afternoon on Wednesday 21st October at 2:15pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other families, share experiences and build connections in a relaxed and friendly environment. We look forward to welcoming you for a chat over a cup of coffee and hope you can join us.

## Maths SPOTLIGHT

Maths at Swalwell Primary School is off to a fantastic start this year! Across the school, children have been developing a strong understanding of place value, building the foundations for success in all areas of mathematics. They are now using this knowledge to tackle calculations, exploring concepts through practical resources and hands-on manipulatives before applying their learning using formal written methods.

It has been wonderful to see pupils demonstrating resilience, confidence and enthusiasm as they develop their mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills. We look forward to watching their confidence continue to grow as they embrace new challenges throughout the year!



## Year 5 SPOTLIGHT

Year 5 have been exploring the work of the famous Cubist artist Franz Marc, learning about the key features of the Cubist style and how artists use shape, colour and perspective to create striking artwork.

The children have studied examples of Cubist art, practised sketching geometric shapes and patterns, and created animal drawings inspired by Cubist techniques. They have also been experimenting with colour palettes and discussing how artists use colour to create mood and impact.

The pupils have shown fantastic creativity and enthusiasm throughout the project. Next week, they will use their skills and knowledge to paint their own unique Cubist masterpieces. We can't wait to see their finished artwork!

