

Swalwell Primary School

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 23rd October 2026

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 3rd November – Key Stage 2 Sportabilty Festival – selected pupils (pm only)

Friday 6th November – Key Stage 2 Reading Breakfast – 9am – parents invited

Tuesday 10th November – Water Safety Workshop (in school)

Staffing Updates

We would like to inform parents that Mrs McCall will be retiring from Swalwell Primary School at the end of this term and her last day in school will be Friday 18th December 2026.

Mrs McCall has made an enormous contribution to our school community over many years and has played an important role in the lives of countless children and families. Her commitment, care and unwavering belief in helping every child achieve their best have been at the heart of everything she has done.

Many of you will know Mrs McCall through her work as Assistant Headteacher and, more recently, through her continued support of the school. She has been a valued colleague and leader, and her dedication to the children of Swalwell has never wavered. When I first joined the school in 2019, she was relentless in her drive to enable me to get to know our school.

Whilst we will be very sad to see her retire and leave the school, we are incredibly grateful for everything she has given to our community over the past 12 years. I know that you will join me in thanking her for her hard work, dedication and service, and in wishing her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

On behalf of all the staff, governors and children, I would like to thank Mrs McCall for her outstanding contribution to Swalwell Primary School. She leaves with our heartfelt thanks and very best wishes for the future.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Osborne, who will be leaving Swalwell Primary School next half term.

During her time with us, Mrs Osborne has worked across many areas of the school and has made a valued contribution to the lives of our children and families. We are particularly grateful for the role she has played in developing our Sensology provision, helping to create positive experiences and opportunities for many of our pupils.

As Mrs Osborne, moves on to an exciting new chapter in her career, we would like to thank her for her dedication, commitment and hard work. We wish her every success and happiness for the future and know that she will be greatly missed by colleagues, children and families alike.

Bikeability - Last Chance to Sign Up

Year 5 pupils have the opportunity to take part in a Bikeability course in school from 16th to 18th November. Places are limited, so please sign up as soon as possible using the link sent to parents. Children do not need their own bike or helmet, as these can be provided if required. Registration closes on 30th October during the half-term holiday and no additional pupils can be added after this date. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to build confidence and learn essential cycling skills.
https://thecyclepartnership.cycleready.co.uk/Invitation/validate/4fb23fd695c944d65d4308df10b6b072.OKJV5ClQblonX3GPUSeEGJDUQPw2JsCQgE66imHRaSY=

Key Stage 2 Reading Breakfast – Friday 6th November at 9:00am

We are delighted to invite parents and carers of children in Years 3 to 6 to our KS2 Reading Breakfast on Friday 6th November at 9:00am. Join your child for a relaxed morning of reading and fun activities as we celebrate the joy of reading together and inspire a lifelong love of books. We look forward to welcoming you!

Muddy Monsters Reminder 🌿

A reminder that children attending Muddy Monsters on Thursdays should come dressed in warm, old clothing suitable for outdoor activities. We recommend dark-coloured clothing and, as the weather is getting colder, children should bring waterproofs, a warm coat, hat, gloves and scarf. Please note that Muddy Monsters takes place in all weathers, so appropriate outdoor clothing is essential.

Children in Need - Friday 13th November

We're looking forward to supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November with a fun non-uniform day! Children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes and, if they wish, add a splash of Pudsey-inspired fun with spots, bright colours, ears, headbands or other Children in Need-themed accessories. Donations can be made via ParentPay, with a payment link being shared with families closer to the event. Thank you for helping us support this fantastic cause while having lots of fun along the way!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies and a range of Remembrance items will be available from the school office from Monday 2nd November. All items are available for a donation, with proceeds going to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you for your support in helping us remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed.

The Swap Shop is Now Open!

Our attendance Swap Shop opened its doors for the very first time this week, giving children the chance to exchange the stamps they have earned through excellent attendance for a range of fantastic prizes!

Regular attendance helps children get the very best from their learning. To celebrate this, pupils receive a stamp for every full week in school. At the end of each half term, they can visit the Swap Shop and trade their stamps for exciting rewards.

It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying their well-earned prizes this week, and we're looking forward to seeing even more stamp cards filling up over the coming half term!