

Friday Flyer

Friday 4th July 2025

Dear Parents,

What a day we had last Friday, in the beautiful sunshine with so many families and friends to support our young people. It wasn't only the sun that shone, it was your children as they hurdled, jumped and gutter-balled. This morning, in assembly, each young person and each class got a certificate for their sporting prowess, their effort and their teamwork. It really was a day that made my heart sing, and I hope you are equally as proud of all your young people; they were exceptional. For this reason, this Friday Flyer is a 'Special Sports Edition'. Who needs the Olympics when we have Selwyn Hall School Sports Day!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 14th July	Parent Coffee Morning 9-10am
Wednesday 23rd July	Last day of term. School ends at 3:30pm
Monday 1st September	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 2nd September	INSET Day – School closed for pupils
Wednesday 3rd September	Pupils return to school after summer break

Marco Polo Class

What a fantastic week we've had in Marco Polo class! Although Miss Borgeson was away, the children adapted remarkably well and maintained a warm and cooperative atmosphere. Despite the very high temperatures that left everyone feeling a bit drained, it was wonderful to see the children supporting one another and embracing opportunities to relax and recharge during these hotter days. This week we continued our exploration of Anne Frank's life. The children crafted thoughtful interview questions for Anne - an activity that promoted empathy and critical thinking. The class also planned a newspaper report based on her story, showing impressive engagement and deep comprehension. Many of the children contributed insightful facts, some new to even us teachers! They then moved on to writing up their newspaper articles, planning layouts and transforming their ideas into a polished final product. In maths, our focus was probability, terms like 'likely' 'unlikely' 'even chance' 'impossible' and 'certain' were reintroduced. The children practiced using these terms with fraction examples, building their understanding on how probability works and strengthening their mathematical reasoning. During our art session, each child created a silhouette portrait filled with words describing what matters most to them. This creative exercise fostered personal reflection and helped students express their identities uniquely. Our physical education this week was practicing for sports day, where the children got an understanding of the activities and a chance to practice them. Sport's day was absolutely amazing, it was lovely to see the children collaborate to make a banner in the morning which some of the parents held up in support of them. Their teamwork was clearly visible during the events, especially when doing the gutter ball! The enthusiasm and support all parents, children



and staff showed created such a wonderful atmosphere for the children to enjoy their day. Their resilience and outstanding efforts in all of the events was awesome to see. What a week - onto the next!

Cat Class

Cat class, the class with the greatest number of staff, I thought for the Friday Flyer I would get a snapshot of their views from Sports Day. Without being too gushy (although I must say I have thoroughly enjoyed their company, hard work and resilience this year) they are a wonderful group of people; as a team, we try to keep a jolly, relaxed classroom environment, we laugh and learn together and in adults modelling expected behaviours, the children have learnt so much from them this year.

My favourite part of sports day was seeing the joy for the parents of our young people as they watched them participate in activities.

My favourite part of sports day was seeing the teamwork and respect that the young people showed each other.

My favourite part of sports day was how some parents looked out for children who had no parental supporters able to attend.

My favourite part of sports day was the Selwyn community spirit being evident throughout the afternoon.

My favourite part of sports day was seeing how incredibly happy all the children were whilst working together.

My favourite part of sports day was seeing all the children using amazing teamwork skills and communication to get the activities done.

My favourite part of sports day was how exciting and varied the range of sports activities were – something for everyone!

I have been to many sports days, as a child, teacher and parent, and I must say it really was a splendid afternoon, thank you for all your support and kind words to the staff during the afternoon.

Have a great weekend. Team Cat Class



Figge Class

Figge class enjoyed a very successful sunny afternoon of sports, the children were particularly strong in the football dribble and shoot activity with a fabulous score of 41 points. They showed good control of the ball and accurate scoring skills - great work Figge Class! After a tricky start to Gutter Ball, they worked as a team to communicate the best way of working together to reach a 2 metre longest run which was a fabulous achievement. There was excellent scoring on the Howler Target Throw where the children scored an impressive 206 points, with many of them scoring the maximum 10 points available. They were thrilled with their result and thoroughly enjoyed this activity. We were very impressed by the teamwork and sportsmanship of the class and hope the parents enjoyed watching as much as Figge class enjoyed participating. Have a lovely weekend. Team Figge Class

Hamilton Class

Hamilton class had a very important role for sports day, to guide and encourage our younger pupils to take part in the football skills station where they had to dribble around the cones and then shoot in the goal, with two points up for grabs. It proved to be a very popular activity with all pupils taking part and trying their best. Hamilton class utilised their ball skills to demonstrate and then coach pupils with which foot to use and what angle to strike the ball into the goal. The obstacle/fancy dress race was also very popular and was once again showcased by Hamilton class who explained what to do and demonstrated each step of the race. The wigs were a firm favourite for pupils and staff and did well to remain on heads during the pupil and TA running race which saw Hamilton class speed to victory and earn themselves a well-deserved ice lolly to finish off. A delightful time was had by all, staff and parents watched with pride from the sidelines. Happy weekend and we look forward to next week!

Okapi Class

Okapi Class enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day filled with excitement, energy, and team spirit. The day kicked off with the long jump, where the young people soared through the air, showing off their strength and balance. Next came the howler throw, with some impressively far launches that had everyone silently cheering. The hurdles brought speed and agility into play, as the young people leapt over each barrier with determination. A highlight of the day was the inventive Gutter Ball challenge. Each pupil had a piece of guttering, and together they had to line up, passing a ball from one end to a goal without dropping it. This activity was a fantastic test of communication, problem-solving, and teamwork; it was great fun to watch! The egg and spoon race, where careful focus (and a steady hand!) helped many make it to the finish line without a single crack. Every young person gave it their all, showing resilience, teamwork, and great sportsmanship throughout the day. Okapi Class should be proud of their efforts- I know Mr Noone and the Okapi staff are! Well done to everyone! Have a great weekend! Mr Noone.



Otzi Class

We had a reduced team for this year's Sports Day but that didn't stop us! Even though we were using rackets and balls for the egg-and-spoon race, staff still unfortunately ended up with egg on their faces after the pupils beat them convincingly. The basketball station was a bit of a revelation with the youngest and oldest member of our class bagging three-pointers and dunking like NBA veterans. During the Howler Target Throw, pupils requested that I stood directly in front of the target which did seem to improve the accuracy of their throws. Good job it wasn't with shotputs! There were also a few inter-family competitions at the standing long jump and hurdles to spice things up. The final event involved running whilst stopping to put on random clothes and our competitor got the 'W' against a pupil many years older than him. All-in-all it was a great afternoon. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and siblings that helped make it such a wonderful day. Next stop the Oztlympics!



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Pine
Headteacher

General School Information

Uniform

There is a school uniform for Selwyn Hall School which can be purchased from the school office.

Prices are:

Polo Shirt: £8.25

Sweatshirt: £9.25

Cardigan: £10.25

T-shirt: £ 4.95

School Lunches

All children will be encouraged to have a school lunch and we will order them one every day.

School meals are free for all children at Selwyn Hall School. The menu can be requested from the school office; we are pleased to offer a choice of desserts as part of the meal options and salad and bread are also included as part of the daily meal options and are provided as standard.

There is also an allergen matrix for the menu choices per day.

Please talk to your children about the menu as we will be putting orders in every morning by 9.15am. Children will be eating their lunch with the adults in school at 12pm.

Thank you.

Term dates for the academic year 2024-2025

Summer Term 2025

Summer Term begins

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May 2025

Summer Half Term

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 2nd June 2025

End of Summer Term

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Autumn Term 2025

School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 1st September 2025

School Closed for Staff Training

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Autumn Term begins

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Autumn Half Term

Monday 27th Oct to Friday 31st Oct 2025

End of Autumn Term

Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 5th January 2026

Spring Term begins

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Spring Half Term

Monday 16th Feb to Friday 20th Feb 2026

End of Spring Term

Friday 27th March 2026