

Friday Flyer

Friday 13th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I actually can't believe how quickly this week has flown by. It has felt like the speediest week of the year. It has been glorious to have the sunshine back and the children, and adults, have all been having fun outside. We had a number of visitors, this week, and it was brilliant to have a monologue read to them by one of our young people on the swing. They had been inspired by their reading of The Diary of Anne Frank and it was a beautifully written piece, which made us listeners rather emotional. This week has been full of super learning, lots of laughter as well as fun and games in the sun.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Friday 27 th June	Sports Day and Parent Picnic from 12pm
Monday 14 th July	Parent Coffee Morning
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last day of term. School ends at 3:30pm

Cat Class

It's been a short week in school for me this week, I have been on a two-day trauma informed practice workshop hosted by the Polaris training team based in Milton Keynes. Although we have regular training in trauma from the virtual school and other agencies, it is always good to gain a different perspective and as the Polaris trainer is also a qualified counsellor, she had lots of insights to pass on. One of the discussion points was about it not being the iceberg above the water that sunk the Titanic, but the iceberg that couldn't be seen, the one under the water. Thoughts and feelings that are not evident can be internalised and if not shared they cannot be supported. They can be the most damaging. I was able to share information on our bespoke PSHE based curriculum, how we can get to know our class well, so can spot any changes, or we wait for the young people to feel comfortable enough to open up to us. All our classes have a soft start to the day, making them atmospheres for chat and calm. It made me feel very proud of our school and the other Polaris professionals said that it sounds like a great place to work. It is! As I scrolled through the iPad looking for photos to illustrate what the cats have been up to in my absence I was delighted to see the photos of the boys dancing. One in a TAs leather jacket and in another photo of a maths lesson, another cat is wearing another TAs jacket. Like most young people, they don't wear their own jackets. I love the way they dress up, they go to assembly in Harry Potter cloaks, they may have plastic fake glasses on a lot of the time, sometimes they give me them to wear. They use their imagination in such creative ways; there was even a story time while making daisy chains in the sunshine. What an interesting, fun week for myself and the young people in Cat class. Have a good weekend. Mrs Angell



Figge Class

This week saw the children in Figge class have to really focus on themselves in many different ways; daily PSHE lessons made the children connect with the zones of regulation and reflect on how they were feeling and what they needed to feel more regulated. I was really impressed by the children using strategies, such as a sliding ladder scale,

to mark their feeling and to decide what they needed to do to feel more settled. Going outside, running, swinging and digging holes seemed to do the trick on most occasions, as did the need to be hydrated and fed! It is great to see how the children have really started to take more responsibility for their actions and can be reflective. These are such huge steps. Another successful RSE lesson saw the class listen, share ideas and show real maturity on the theme of conflict in relationships; they all focussed and engaged in discussions with great thoughts and opinions. Children loved delving into the world of the artist Escher this week and they created two types of optical illusion art; the first was a series of lines which then resembled floating spirals and the second was to create the look of a hole in the piece of paper using clever shading, lines of perspective and patience! They were impressed by their art and inspired others at drawing club to try the style. Enjoy the sunshine this weekend. Miss Chandler and Miss Joy



Okapi Class

What a fantastic week we've had in Okapi class! The atmosphere has been buzzing with positive social engagement between peers. It's been a joy to see friendships strengthening as we've spent time playing games like Monopoly and Grabolo - both of which sparked laughter, strategic thinking, and teamwork. Our creativity truly came to life this week as we explored the bold and colourful world of Yayoi Kusama. The young people created vibrant, eye-catching artwork inspired by her distinctive style. The results were incredible, and the process was filled with focus and joy. We've been developing our ball skills through rally activities using a racquet and tennis ball. Everyone gave it their best shot, and it was heart-warming to see the court filled with big smiles and determination. What progress we've made in coordination and teamwork! In English, we delved into review texts. Pupils had the chance to share their thoughts and write about their favourite games and devices. There were some thoughtful opinions and persuasive writing on display! A highlight of the week was the class discussion about the recent discovery of the *Khankuuluu mongoliensis*—a new dinosaur species believed to be an ancestor of the Tyrannosaurus. The news sparked curiosity and lively conversation, with many excellent questions and theories from the children. It's been a week full of creativity, collaboration, and curiosity. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine. See you next week! Mr. Noone



Otzi Class

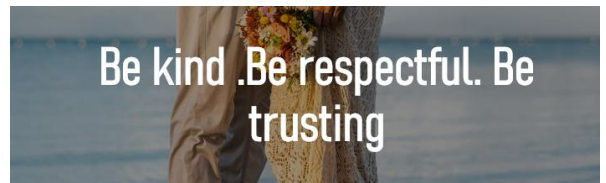
Last week ended with toasting marshmallows and making hot chocolate round a fire in the forest school area, so this week had a lot to live up to! In RE, we have been exploring Humanism and how people may choose to make ethical decisions without religion. This was quite fortunate as we also had to decide who to chuck out of our hot air balloon. Not literally, fortunately for me. We had a 'balloon debate'; to survive, they must lighten the load to reach a deserted island. Which five people (or skill sets) are vital to save until the island? Some great use of debate language and ethical reasoning – although I was surprised the teacher didn't make it! In art this week, we explored graffiti: vandalism, art or a bit of both? Lots of opinions and a chance to create their own graffiti-style name tag courtesy of our art maestro Miss Abbs. Add to all that some practical maths with string and sticks, riddles and some fantastic football matches and it has been a wonderfully busy week. Have a lovely weekend!



Hamilton Class

Hamilton Class have had another successful week. We have started to read a non-fiction text about Lionel Messi, making sure we write down any tricky/powerful words to help us to sound out their syllables and discuss their meaning. We also continued with our RSE topic, Healthy Relationships, extending our knowledge when creating a non-fiction text to advise others about what a healthy relationship is. Good use of ICT skills to create an engaging PowerPoint with backgrounds, different fonts and headings. In maths, we have moved on to equality and equivalence, introducing and re-capping algebraic equations. We also adapted our use of language using modal verbs to create a polite and respectful tone and a catchy heading with repetition and a list of three! An excellent week and lots of focus once again! Have a lovely sunny weekend

😊 Miss Rixson



How to create a healthy relationship:

First ,you can respect others by listening to them.

Next ,you should treat people with kindness.

Marco Polo Class

What a brilliant week we've had in Marco Polo class. In English, we continued exploring *Anne Frank's Diary*, showing great detective skills as we found quotes to support our understanding and compared how Anne's mood changes throughout the diary. In maths, we worked on ratios and applied our knowledge to scale drawings—everyone really impressed us with their attention to detail. History lessons focused on life before and after the Industrial Revolution, with some fantastic drawings and labels showing how things changed. In music, we had a lot of fun learning how music is used in advertising—some of the videos gave us a real laugh! Science was all about the changes of matter, exploring solids, liquids, and gases through engaging activities. In DT, we created step-by-step plans for the clay containers we'll be making next lesson—some brilliant ideas are already taking shape! We ended the week by enjoying the sunshine with a lovely reward session: relaxing outdoor arts and crafts. A wonderful end to a busy and creative week!

Final Thought

We are enormously looking forward to our sports day in a couple of weeks. We hope to see many of you there for both the picnic and the event itself. Before we get to it, please can I remind you all that we are a non-smoking and vaping site and that we will be carrying on with the silent cheering from last year. We want all our children to enjoy the day and, for some, the cheering can be very triggering and overwhelming. I would also like to let everyone know that mobile phones need to stay in pockets or bags. The staff at school will be taking photos on the school devices but, for safeguarding reasons, we can't allow parents and carers to take pictures. We thank you in advance for your continued support with this and hope you understand that it is for the safety and wellbeing of all our students.

Have a great half term.

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