Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to many of you and welcome to our new families who have joined us, this September. I hope you all had a joyful summer in the glorious sunshine that we had. As well as new families, we are also welcoming new staff. It has been wonderful to see, this week, the team building again between adults and young people. Games of Uno, class name choosing and a re-introduction to learning has been the order of the week. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to catching up with you over the coming weeks.

Car park and roundabout

With new students and staff starting, there are more cars on and around the roundabout. Please could everyone drive around the roundabout area in a clockwise direction, pausing at the door/gate to your child's building to let them out. Please don't park or drive the other way around, as this has caused traffic jams and a near accident when a car reversed out of a parking space. Please be patient and adhere to the one-way system at the roundabout. Thank you.

Communication with school

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please do so by emailing them. Their email address is: firstname.surname@selwynhallschool.co.uk. We aim to respond to all email communication within 3 working days. If you need to contact the school more urgently, please contact us by phone on 01223 626625. The mobile number I have as a work phone is not always with me, so the school phone is more reliable.

Reporting absences

If your child is not going to be in school, for illness, appointments etc, please let the school know by emailing the school office by 9am, on: schooloffice@selwynhallschool.co.uk . Any unknown absences have to be checked and we need to account for all children, every day. Thank you for your support in this.

School lunches

All children will be encouraged to have a school lunch. School meals are free for all children at Selwyn Hall School. Ms Carter has sent home the menu but feel free to call with any questions or concerns. 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. 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 in school at 12pm. Thank you.

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

We ask that children wear trainers, tracksuit bottoms / shorts and a t-shirt for PE and that school shoes are black. If you would like to place an order, please speak to the school office: schooloffice@selwynhallschool.co.uk . Thank you.

Miss Anderson's Class

It has been wonderful to welcome all of the young people back to Selwyn after the holidays and this week, I have had the joy of teaching in Miss Anderson's class. Three new young people have joined the new class, and they have all settled so well over the last few days - it feels like they've always been at Selwyn. The class have enjoyed getting to know each other and multiple games of Uno have been played (with some rather competitive players!); the class have got well acquainted with the chickens with daily visits to the coop and we definitely have some chicken whisperers in the class, as you can see from the photos. Fergie (the school dog) has also enjoyed being walked and meeting her new friends at Selwyn. Happy Weekend everyone. Miss Chandler

Cayuga Class

Welcome back after the summer holidays! It's been wonderful to see familiar faces—both young people and staff—joining our class and to hear all about the exciting things the young people have been up to. Over the past three days, we've spent time settling in, getting to know one another, and building our class community. We now have our class name... drum roll please... Cayuga (a duck)! It's been a fantastic start, and we are really looking forward to the term ahead. Mr Noone

Darwin Class

What a fantastic start we've had in Darwin Class! It's been a lovely few days filled with a mix of nerves, laughter, and settling into our new space together. We've spent time playing a range of games – including keeper of the keys, heads down thumbs up, card

games, and win it in 5 minutes. These activities were all about helping students and staff connect, have fun together, and start building positive relationships across the class. We also teamed up with Kelly Class for a fun game of Capture the Flag. It was a great chance to mix with other students, work together, and enjoy some friendly competition outdoors. In between all the fun, we've also shared ideas for class trips and worked together to choose our class name – Darwin, named after Charles Darwin. We're proud of how everyone is adjusting and we're looking forward to discovering what the rest of the term brings. Wishing you a restful weekend. Miss Joy.

Hamilton Class

It has been a fabulous start to the term so far and our focus this week has been to settle back into routines and for Hamilton class to welcome our new young people to the class. We have been considering our classroom rules which mainly focus on the word respect. Respecting individual opinions, emotions and ideas, not being afraid to make mistakes or feel embarrassed as these are acceptable human traits that we all have in common. Our discussions have enabled us to learn new things about each other and to feel proud of who we are and what each young person can bring to our lessons. We all have our own strengths and experiences which are very much valued in Hamilton class, and I look forward to learning more about everyone in the coming weeks. From Monday, we will be following our new timetable and enjoying a variety of subjects including Art, Cooking and computing. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to a strong start on Monday. Miss Rixson

Otzi Class

Otzi Class remains the same as all of our young people have moved up together. We have decided to mummify the Otzi name as we continue to evolve from the glazier! This week, we have dived into some crazy medieval medicine learning - Do you know how doctors tested for diabetes 2 in medieval time? Well, every young person now knows the answer, it cannot be forgotten! We have also enjoyed a fantastic maths lesson, have explored art and had games of football to end each day. It is wonderful to have all our young people back! Let's see what the Autumn term brings. Mrs Bridgeman





Term 1

Our school value this term is:
Pride
Our British Value is:
Individual Liberty







Butterfly Class

Back to school is always an exciting time for us all. To get back into routine is tricky for us all after six weeks of late nights and lie ins. We have been so impressed by the boys' ability to get stuck into their new routine and come into class as if it is the norm. They have all found their preferred place to sit; by the window to watch nature's beauty, by the door to be first out to play or opposite the smart board to maximise viewing ability. The conversations and chit chat we have had so far have been fabulous, the boys getting to know new staff and us getting to know them and of course, maintaining important relationships with 'old faithful staff'. We have even been discussing where our first class trips should be! One of our first tasks was to decide which animal name we ought to call our class; this was a joint effort, when I put six name choices in a hat, and yes, we had a pirate hat, the names went in and a TA pulled out the winner and another TA was proud to announce that the winning name is butterfly class. A splendid choice — as it's through a caterpillar's metamorphosis that a beautiful butterfly emerges; much like a young person's Selwyn journey. Here's to a fabulous 2025-26 academic year. Have a great weekend Mrs Angell

Kelly Class

We kicked off the term with a fun and exciting random vote to choose which England footballer we wanted to name our class after – and Chloe Kelly came out on top! So, we are now proudly known as Kelly Class. Over the past few days, we've been getting to know each other through team-building games, and with UNO quickly becoming a class favourite. We've also tapped into our creativity by designing our own unique sneakers and crafting personal "player profiles" to showcase our strengths. To round it all off, we reflected on the people who inspire us most and wrote facts about them and how and why they inspire us. It has been a very busy first few days!

Mr Stone

Frenchie Class

We have had an amazing start to the new school year! We have enjoyed hearing everyone's summer stories, getting to know our new class and welcoming two new students to Selwyn Hall. To choose our class name, each child added an animal they would like to represent us into a box, and Frenchie (the French Bulldog) was chosen at random. We have created colourful postcards of our favourite summer memories, including making hot drinks for parents, going on trips to exciting new places, enjoying fish and chips, and relaxing days at home. In Forest School, we made art with leaves, and back in class we have been busy building with Lego, K'nex, beads and clay. We also played fun maths games on the laptops to practise our number skills. It has been a fantastic start to the term, and we are so excited for the year ahead! Miss Borgeson

Final Thought

This is the start of another wonderful year at Selwyn Hall School, and we are excited to take the journey with you. If you ever have any thoughts, questions or ideas for us, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We feel privileged to be working with your children.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Pine Headteacher