

Friday Flyer

Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents,

Although it has been a slightly shorter week in school due to the bank holiday, we have certainly packed a lot into our days. From the excitement of Forest School campfires to the delicious smells of pizza making drifting through the classrooms, there has been plenty of fun, laughter and hands-on learning taking place. The children thoroughly enjoyed choosing their toppings, although we are still wondering who decided pineapple belongs on a pizza. Alongside these memorable experiences, the children have continued to work incredibly hard in all of their daily learning, showing great enthusiasm and determination in subjects such as maths and English. It has been another wonderful week full of curiosity, creativity and smiles across the school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Wednesday 13th May	Parent Coffee Morning at 9:15am
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May	Half Term – school closed
Monday 1st June	School reopens after Half Term
Thursday 25th June	Online RSE parent workshop – more details to follow
Friday 26th June	Sports Afternoon. Parents welcome for Picnic from 12pm. More details to follow.
Wednesday 1st July	Parent Coffee Morning – 9:15am
Friday 17th July	Last day of term
Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July	INSET Days – school closed

Dahl Class

It's been another busy and exciting week for our students!

In Maths, we've been exploring factors and multiples, tackling some tricky word problems, and sharpening our problem-solving skills.

In English, the children have been practising descriptive writing using ambitious vocabulary, and they've had great fun creating their own monologues filled with character and expression.

In Science, we've been learning about animals and how they grow, discovering the fascinating stages of life in different species.

During PE, we designed a mini assault course with hurdles and beanbag throws into hoops. The students loved recording each other's times and trying to beat their personal bests!

In Cooking, we rolled up our sleeves to make our own pizza dough—the pizzas looked (and tasted) amazing!

In History, our focus remains on the Qing Dynasty. Students worked hard adding new information and creative touches to their PowerPoint presentations.

Finally, in PSHE, we explored criminal law with a mock courtroom activity, complete with a judge, jury, and lively debate—it was a big hit!

A fantastic week of learning and fun all around. Enjoy your weekend! Miss Anderson

Cayuga Class

This week in Cayuga Class, we have continued our investigation into classifying plants and have been developing our understanding of observable characteristics to help identify and group them more accurately. In English, we have been looking at discussion texts, forming our own opinions, and using evidence to support and strengthen our opinions. In Maths, we have been developing our skills in reading scales and practising counting in 25s to support our understanding of number and measurement. This week also included the local elections, and the young people contributed thoughtfully to discussions, showing a good understanding of why these events are important and how they help shape our communities. In Geography, we have been learning about how to stay safe during an earthquake and exploring the steps people can take to protect themselves in an emergency situation. Today is also Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, and we have been talking about some of his incredible television programmes and the amazing wildlife moments he has shared over the years. What is your favourite moment you can remember from seeing him on screen? We hope you all have a great weekend! Mr Noone.



Parks Class

In Parks class this week we welcomed three of our new students in class and they all said they have enjoyed their time in Selwyn school! For example, one of the new learners absolutely loved our chickens and we went into our chicken coop and held them such a therapeutic experience! In our cooking lesson we learnt how to bake pizza with ham, mozzarella and pepperoni - delicious! In MFL French we learnt numbers one to twelve, and we consolidated our learning with a dice game, taking turns to say the English and French numbers - do you know your numbers in French?



Butterfly Class

As you may have seen, today is Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. Butterfly class were very prepared for this, having made him some birthday cards a couple of weeks ago. With him in mind, we have had a couple of great science lessons looking at plants and classification. The boys were sent out to forage in the school grounds for plants with flowers and plants with fruits. As you can see from the photo, they returned with a vast array of different species. One of the boys asked if we had pineapple plants in school, which would be delicious, we are lucky enough to have in our orchard area apple and pear trees, which we enjoy in the autumn. Spotted in our orchard this week as I closed the classroom windows was a rabbit, hopping about, happily munching on the grass. It made me realise that we need to make sure our new growing area is rabbit proof when it has plants put in it!



Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Angell

Hamilton Class

This week Hamilton class have been interpreting fossils in Biology, looking at ratios and the different units for measuring things in Maths and English, they continued their analysis of Shakespeare's Macbeth. Furthermore, they have invented their own pollical movement / sect, continued researching the starting requirements for different careers and started a module on money, finance and budgeting. The class made sticky-toffee pudding and ran the gauntlet of getting home with making a stick toffee taxi and have been studying nutrition in PE.

Mandela Class

The short week has flown by! The children have been working very hard and should be proud of the writing they have produced. Along the way, I've enjoyed hearing all about their interests, including Minecraft, swimming preferences, Ninjago, and we've even had some thoughtful discussions about the importance of staying safe when play fighting. In maths, we used a differentiated approach so each child could work at a level that supports and challenges them appropriately, with some interesting results. We also had lots of fun with some EHCP-focused activities, particularly practising giving and following instructions. Overall, it has been a very enjoyable and productive week in the Mandela classroom.

Otzi Class

We have expanded our look at ecology this week to explore food 'webs' as a more realistic representation of the movement of energy in environments than 'chains'. After all, carnivores can also be killed by bacteria and insects! We were all very much amazed at just how inefficient the transfer of energy is as we travel along the web. We've been looking at how crime maps work as part of Geography this week. Is it a good idea for rural police to have tractors instead of high-speed cars? What sort of crimes might we find recorded in the city vs the town, and why might some crimes not be reported? In Maths we have been looking at 'input' machine equations, which has been fun. Lots of lovely weather this week for us to go out walking – we even had a little fire activity! Have a lovely weekend.

Darwin Class

The children have had a brilliant week filled with lots of exciting learning and activities. In Science, we explored pollination and learned about the important role insects, such as bees, play in helping plants reproduce. The class also enjoyed a fun cooking activity where they made their own pizzas, carefully choosing their favourite toppings before creating some delicious results. Unfortunately, we missed our PE session this week, but the children are already looking forward to Athletics next week and getting active outdoors. We hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend. Miss Joy

Frenchie Class

Frenchie has managed to pack a lot into our 4-day week. Maths has seen us understanding how to collect data and use it to plot and create graphs. Frenchie class spent a morning collating data from their peers to create their own bar charts. Science this week has seen us continue the topic of life cycles in animals. The class took a deep dive into the life cycles of different species, looking at cycles of mammals and reptiles. We focused on the cycle of a green turtle and discussed as a class the differences between how mammals and reptiles treat their young. Yesterday afternoon, the class had a go at mixing their own grime music, followed by an afternoon of Lego 'Block' therapy. The young people in the class worked together to create a Lego structure. Two young people impressed TA Mr Martin with their knowledge of Lego and were teaching him the names for all the Lego pieces. We have finished the week making the most scrumptious chocolate cheesecake. It was a great lesson and the first time we have conducted cookery with four young people taking part; suprisingly it went with limited mess. We know you're going to really enjoy this one when it comes home, as all of Frenchie class got together at the end of the day around the same table to sample Mr Prince's cheesecake as a big, giggly, fun, chocolatey collective. Enjoy the weekend. We are looking forward to welcoming you back on Monday - Mr Prince and the Frenchie Team.



Kelly Class

We have had a busy four days this week in Kelly Class. It has been so lovely to see the engagement and fascination in Science, where we have been learning about mixing and separating minerals, as well as exploring how we determine the size of shadows. In Maths, we have continued our ratio topic and have been applying our understanding when looking at the hypotenuse of a triangle. We also made some delicious-looking pizzas from scratch this week! It was great learning how to make the dough — who knew it was such a simple and useful skill?

For Careers, we looked at the various jobs staff members have had over the years. We learnt some interesting facts which helped us to understand the different pathways available for our young people.

As always, we have been lucky to enjoy some glorious sunshine this week, which has made break times especially enjoyable. Football has been particularly fun when staff have joined in the games — it has been lovely to see the teamwork on display and the celebrations after scoring a goal! Hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Final Thought

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our Coffee Morning on Wednesday 13th May at 9.15am. This will be a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to come together with staff, enjoy a coffee and chat, and discuss the new legislation surrounding restrictive practices in a supportive and open environment. We hope the morning will provide a chance to share information, answer questions and continue strengthening the partnership between home and school. We hope to see many of you there!

Yours faithfully

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