

Friday Flyer

Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding spring term, we would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support. It has been a term filled with enthusiasm, curiosity, and lots of wonderful learning experiences. We are incredibly proud of all the children and the progress they have made: academically, socially, and personally. It was especially great also to have so many parents at the coffee morning where Miss Borgeson talked through changes and parent voice to the annual review process.

We hope you all enjoy a restful and peaceful break, filled with sunshine, joy, and perhaps a little too much chocolate! This is a well-deserved time to relax, recharge, and spend special moments together.

We are already looking forward to welcoming everyone back for the final term of the academic year, where there is still so much to look forward to and achieve.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th April

Students return to school after Easter Break

Kelly Class

In art, we started our designs for our Batik project, showing great concentration and creativity as we developed ideas that we looked forward to bringing to life. In French, we practiced our greetings before moving on to research interesting facts about France and its rich culture.

In cookery, we made an Oreo cheesecake, a recipe chosen by the children, which was a great success. They looked amazing and we are assured they tasted great too. In maths, we focused on recognising prisms and calculating the area of compound shapes, developing our problem-solving skills. In English, we explored how a setting influences mood, learning how to set the scene effectively and how changes in the environment can impact a story. In science, we studied the ear and how it works, gaining a better understanding of how we hear and process sound.

Our young people were rewarded for their hard work this term with trips to bowling and Gravity Trampoline Parks, which they thoroughly enjoyed. It has been a busy term here in Kelly class and we hope all young people and their family enjoy a restful Easter.



Butterfly Class

As we arrive at the end of the second term, and have entered the Spring equinox, Butterfly class this week completed their next stage of the class seasonal display board. Each season they have used a paper mosaic technique to decorate their names in seasonal colours. This season we have also used chicks and lambs to add to the display and the boys spent a lovely time crafting this week. Now that they are in their third season in Butterfly class I can see the improvements in their techniques – the simple act of cutting and sticking can be a huge barrier to children with a neurodiversity and it could be very easy as grown-ups to say, 'let me do it for you.' Tasks that would take us a few seconds can take considerably longer. Our children cannot avoid glue etc for all their lives, so they need to learn how to make adaptations and find ways to cope with things that are part of everyday life. Butterfly class all managed their own cutting this time around and were all able to use glue sticks. Like I say, a simple task, but one that they struggled with in Autumn, but now they all managed it independently, this is just one of the many moments of proudness I have had from them this term. Another moment of proudness was on Thursday afternoon

this week when they presented Mrs Carter with her leaving card at her leaving tea party. They all wrote a note of thanks inside the card, and the front was decorated with photographs of the wonderful selection of baking and making that Mrs Carter has taught Butterfly class this year. It has been my privilege to have her as a colleague at Selwyn Hall since she joined me in Cat class and my Butterfly boys and all our staff wish her all the best for her next, exciting role closer to her home. We taught the boys the song 'for she's a jolly good fellow' and we all sang it to Mrs Carter with great gusto! A real Selwyn community act to end the term. Have a happy holidays.

Dahl Class

Although the weather has been overcast and gloomy this week, Dahl Class have continued to be adventurous and fully embraced the great outdoors. In maths, we explored new measuring skills using trundle wheels and tape measures. The children enjoyed taking their learning outside, where they measured different areas of the school grounds in metres. It was wonderful to see how engaged they were with this hands-on approach to learning. Our English lessons brought us to the end of our Shakespearean journey. The class reflected on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, discussing how Shakespeare's language captured their attention and how it differs from modern English. We also shared our dreams and uncovered the myths behind their meanings, sparking lively discussions and plenty of surprises! In science, we focused on accurate scientific data recording. Our budding young scientists showed great enthusiasm and perseverance as they developed their skills in collecting and interpreting data. Life skills took us outdoors once again, where pupils learned how to safely construct and ignite a small campfire. They then toasted marshmallows to create delicious, gooey s'mores—thoroughly enjoyed by both pupils and adults in the class! A highlight of our week was Selwyn's Spectacular Story Day. Dahl Class chose *Percy Jackson* as their theme—one of our absolute favourites! The classroom was filled with excitement, creativity and laughter as everyone embraced the chance to dress up and become a character from the story. This term has been filled with new skills, strengthened friendships, outdoor adventures, and opportunities to explore future aspirations. We are incredibly proud of each individual in our class and the progress they have made. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and return refreshed for another term of fun, laughter, and learning.



Cayuga Class

As we approach the end of the Spring term, it has been a great opportunity for the Cayuga team to pause and reflect on the incredible progress the young people have made across all areas of school life. From engaging more confidently in lessons to developing independence and curiosity across a range of subjects, their growth has been clear to see. The young people have shown fantastic resilience this term, consistently rising to challenges and supporting one another along the way. It has been especially rewarding to see the Cayuga community strengthen—not only in the relationships built with staff, but also in the friendships formed across different classes. Our classroom has been filled with daily laughter, positivity, and a real sense of pride as we've celebrated both big achievements and small wins together. This week, the young people earned a well-deserved trip to Footgolf. It was terrific to see everyone enjoying themselves, showing teamwork, and embracing something new (even if Mr Noone's aim wasn't always "up to par"!). Experiences like this are a great way to celebrate effort and build confidence outside the classroom. We have ended the term on a high with our Selwyn Spectacular Storytelling Day. The young people immersed themselves in creativity—developing their own stories, inventing unique characters, and bringing superheroes to life through imagination and collaboration. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and originality on display. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming Cayuga back in two weeks for another exciting term ahead. Mr Noone.



Otzi Class

Here we are again, ok - let's be honest! We are ecstatic ... it's the Easter Holidays, which means two whole weeks of no school! The excitement outshines all work done this week 😊 but nonetheless let's prod on.

We still have the dreaded lurgy hanging onto some of our students and staff! But we are Otzi Class - mighty and strong, we will stand strong against the Ice Age.

We've had some amazing maths work from all students this week, they really enjoyed 'online shopping' and learning how to spend wisely, purchase sale items, understand percentages and work on the discounts given, also be able to keep within budget to do their weekly 'grocery shop'.

Science was great as well, students continue to learn about the Digestive System, we also incorporated Nutrition & Hydration Week UK into our lessons and spoke about choices we make in keeping our body fit and healthy. Without fail Otzi Class keeps to their 'daily mile' routine as keeping fit is important.

We said good-bye to our Cookery tutor Mrs Carter, of course our students were concerned about their Tuesday routine as making and eating delicious treats is one of their favourite lessons.

Well, that's it for now! We've shared some of our highlights from this week, we wish everyone a happy and healthy Easter Break, we hope it's an "egg-citing one.

From Mrs Bridgeman, Mr Nightingale and the rest of Otzi Class



Darwin Class

This week we had our end of term trip to gravity in Stevenage. A very successful trip earned after hard work this term. We finished up our Science lessons thinking about experiments. Our DT lesson was designing a product using CAD software. Our last day of term will be "Selwyn Spectacular Story Day" where we will encourage the students to think about and possibly write stories. We hope everyone has a lovely Easter holiday and we will welcome back Miss Joy for the Summer term.

Hamilton Class



The last week of term has arrived, and this term has flown by! I have been particularly impressed by Hamilton class and their approach to sensitive topics in PSHE, the contributions and work completed when studying Macbeth, their focus and resilience in maths and also their ability to accept change with maturity and positivity as we welcomed Mr Barnes as the new Hamilton class teacher, as I move on to another role in a new school next term. We are looking forward to our class trip today at IWM Duxford museum and this



will be a lovely way to end the term. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach Hamilton class, and I will treasure the memories I have made at Selwyn Hall School. Keep working hard and remember you can achieve anything you put your mind to! Have an amazing Easter and Best Wishes for the future, Miss Rixson.

Mandela Class

It's been a lovely week of measuring in maths, so we could practice conversions. We've measured with rulers, measuring tapes and measuring wheels, inside and outside, and all sorts. We've also done independent research with presentations in geography; played a few games of badminton and been to the park. Lots of finishing off, including our wooden cars, and celebrating our fantastic cars. Now we're off for to make some Easter cakes. We hope you have a lovely break!



Frenchie Class

What a lovely end to the half term we have had. There has been a good mix of learning and fun. In Maths, we have been continuing with our understanding of how to measure the area and perimeter of shapes, focusing on how to calculate the area and record the measurements correctly. Poetry and performance have been our focus in English, and we ended the week with each member of the class performing their own poem in front of everyone. We have had a very successful music lesson this week, and the class are absorbing Mr Prince's passion for music. They have been learning how to read musical notes, and there is always a chance for singing too. In PE, we have continued with athletics, and this week the class had a go at throwing the javelin. There will be an introduction to the shot put next term. We have been researching our future job prospects as part of our weekly careers lesson. One young person

had a school trip to Starbucks and has been inspired by the visit to consider a job there in the future. This Friday, we celebrated Selwyn Hall's Spectacular Story Day. Some of the staff and children dressed up to celebrate words and books. We loved seeing the children come to school dressed up and have been impressed with the effort put into the costumes; staff also enjoyed taking part. We had a lovely cookery lesson today where the children made Easter biscuits to take home and enjoy with their families over the Easter break. I'm sure you will have noticed the brightly coloured biscuits, bejewelled with sweets and chocolates, that have come home with Frenchie students today. We wish you all a restful and sunny Easter holiday.

Final Thought

As we reach this special time of year, Easter means something different to every family. For some, it is a time of faith and reflection, marking hope, renewal and new beginnings. For others, it is found in the simple joys of family traditions: sharing meals, spending time together and making happy memories.

Whatever Easter means to you, we hope it brings a sense of peace, comfort, and happiness and a chance to pause and appreciate what matters most.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 13th April.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Pine
Headteacher