

Friday Flyer

Friday 5th June 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the half-term break. We hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy the glorious sunshine and spend some special time together with family and friends. Although the weather has certainly been more changeable this week, it hasn't stopped us making the most of the sunny spells whenever they have appeared, bringing smiles and a sense of brightness both outdoors and throughout our school. We have also been delighted to welcome Toni Reedman, our Director of Education, into school this week, supporting us as we continue to reflect on and develop the next steps in our journey. In addition, we are very pleased to have welcomed new staff and children to Selwyn this week. A very warm welcome to you all – we are delighted that you are now part of the Selwyn community and look forward to the many exciting experiences and achievements we will share together.

**** A gentle reminder that we are a nut-free school—please do not bring in any foods containing nuts, including items such as hazelnut chocolate spreads****

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

Cayuga Class

This week we welcomed the young people back to Cayuga Class for Summer Term 2. Wow – where has the time gone? It is hard to believe that we have nearly spent six terms together already! We are looking forward to making the most of our final half term and have certainly started as we mean to go on. In English, we have been diving straight into newspaper reports, securing our understanding of inverted commas and learning how to accurately report speech when writing about news events. In Maths, we have been exploring capacity and comparing different amounts of liquid. The learning has certainly been overflowing with success! Our Careers lesson has focused on job adverts, where we can find them, and the information they provide to help people find employment opportunities. In History, we have begun our exciting new topic on medicine through time. We have started our journey in the Anglo-Saxon period and will be exploring how medicine and healthcare have developed all the way to the present day. In French, we have been building our confidence with numbers and practising counting in a new language. Alongside all of our learning, we have enjoyed spending quality time together as a class, sharing jokes, showing off dance moves, and creating lots of memorable moments. It has been wonderful to see the positive relationships and sense of community continue to grow within Cayuga Class. Here's to the next five weeks of learning, laughter, and success! Have a lovely weekend.

Parks Class

In Parks Class this week it was great to have everyone back after a very hot break! Our new maths topic for this half term is learning about Probability and Statistics and understanding the language of events happening like 'unlikely, certain and possibly' this makes us realise how some words can be used to explain maths knowledge. Our new topic in History is Cambridge so if anyone has any information about Cambridge city, please do let anyone in Park's class

know. In life skills we are learning about money management and our first lesson was about how much tax people pay for services such as the NHS and the public parks and the value added tax on goods such as food and clothing! Was quite an eye opener for everyone! In cooking, there was nothing comforting than to bake a lasagne, where we took pictures of each part of the cooking process and here's some to end with! If you would like the lasagne recipe please ask the office.

Butterfly Class

We have worked hard this week in Butterfly class, primarily in dodging the torrential showers of rain, and enjoying the brief periods of sunshine. It has taught us all a valuable lesson of how to dress for the British weather. Layers are key! The gardens will be pleased for the rain after last week's glorious sunshine.

With the rain and sunshine, the class were able to tell me all about conditions needed for plant growth. We put this into practise as we set up some experiments to prove that plants need light, and water. We await the results. We also planted some vegetable seeds – peas and beans, when I did this with a previous Selwyn class, one boys bean plant grew as tall as him, so who knows how tall they may end up.

Coming back after half term, the class wrote their first recount in their English books, we read all about seaside visits to Norfolk, Peppa Pig World, Fossil hunting in Dorset, making dens and fires, having haircuts and playing on games consoles. It made me very proud to be able to read full sentences about all the fun times that you have been able to give your children. They were all full of excitement to tell us about it all. Have a lovely weekend dodging the showers.



Butterfly class
are growing.
Butterfly class
are also
growing plants.



Dahl Class

It's been a positive start to the new term in Roald Dahl Class. While the first week brought a few challenges, the pupils have shown incredible resilience and have really embraced their new learning routines. We are proud of their positivity, teamwork, and continued progress.

This week in Maths, we focused on converting between litres and millilitres, as well as exploring the structure and interpretation of data tables. The students developed a secure understanding of how to read and organise information, gaining confidence in what we called the "anatomy of a table." Their attention to detail and perseverance when solving problems has been excellent.

In Science, the class carried out research and created PowerPoint presentations on how the Earth and living things have changed over time. We explored the fascinating Jurassic period, a tropical era marked by the rise of dinosaurs. They demonstrated creativity, curiosity and pride as they presented their findings, showing great confidence in sharing their knowledge. During the English lesson, we engaged in practical activities focused on productive discussions and active listening skills. The children worked collaboratively, learning how to express their ideas clearly, listen respectfully, and build on each other's contributions, valuable skills that will support all aspects of their learning. In Computing, we explored how humans and computers understand instructions differently. This helped them appreciate the importance of giving clear, precise, and logical commands, building a strong foundation for future programming skills.



Otzi Class

First week back at school and the weather has changed, at least we can all say we've enjoyed the glorious sunshine whilst it lasted, now for some learning!

Otzi Class are taking each day as it comes, for Maths - we did some revision on Acute, Right, Obtuse and Straight Angles, building confidence and understanding around this.

We are continuing with our History/ Geography learning about China & UK Trade, exploring global economics and relationships between both countries and the impact of global partnerships.

Our Art Lesson was around Garden Wildlife Week, sharing information about our garden animals and choosing an animal to draw and share five facts with the class.

In English, we are learning how to write a poem, what words to use, thoughtful vocabulary and how to express ourselves through poetry.

In Music, we continue to learn about musical notes, their value and practice writing on a music sheet, we've also introduced sharps and flats.

We have started to learn about Buddhism in our RE Lesson, our students have shown great enthusiasm and are fully focused.

Otzi Class continue to keep fit but completing our daily mile or two every day.

Welcome back Otzi. You are doing great. Have a fantastic weekend!

Kelly Class

Kelly Class have had a wonderfully busy first week back after what sounds like a fun-filled half-term break! We were very excited to return to the allotment and see how much our plants have grown over the past week, especially with all the recent sunshine. A big thank you to Mr Wollaston for taking such good care of them while we were away.

Our next challenge is to build a fence around the allotment, ready for planting all of our thriving vegetables into the ground. With everything growing so well, we are eager to get started! However, we know our local resident rabbit will also be tempted by the fresh produce, so protecting our plants is a top priority.

We have begun our new English topic focusing on the book *Young, Gifted and Black* by Jamia Wilson. Through reading biographies of inspirational Black heroes, both past and present, it has sparked some fantastic discussions in class. We have been exploring how every person has feelings, deserves to feel important, and how our differences should be celebrated.

In Maths, we have started learning about probability and statistics. We have been working hard to understand how to read data using pictograms and bar charts. Science continues to be a favourite subject, and the children have really enjoyed learning how to identify vertebrates and invertebrates, as well as understanding food chains.

We have also been busy in the kitchen, making restaurant-quality lasagne! It was wonderful to hear such positive feedback when tasting our own home-cooked food.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and that we get to enjoy a little more sunshine!

Frenchie Class

Well, we have managed to get through the first week of this term and have been happy to see all of Frenchie class return ready and happy to learn. This term we will be recapping a lot of our learning in core subjects such as Maths and English. In Maths we have revisited our understanding of capacity and volume with some hands-on measuring in the classroom. English has seen us continue our understanding of non-fiction texts and we have been reviewing language and words used in formal published texts. We have been reading the times newspaper and discussing various articles. In Music we have started to understand how to compose our own songs and all members of Frenchie have been given their own little lyric book for when inspiration strikes. Despite the mixed weather of rain and sun there has been lots of play with peers outside or in the atrium. There has been the building of marble runs and plenty of sharing knowledge and skills in scratch during free time. It's been lovely to see the relationships in the class blossoming. Enjoy the weekend.

Mandela Class

Mandela class have settled in really nicely, and it's already looking like a term where more students are ready to step up and shine across the curriculum. I'm excited to see what we can achieve, particularly in English and Science.

In English, we are exploring a range of text types linked to the theme of culture around the world. I'm looking forward to seeing some fantastic explanations and reports develop over the term.

In Science, we are learning about how the Earth has changed over time. We've been acting as geologists, discussing and modelling the rocks and fossils found in different layers of the Earth's crust.

My highlight of the week was watching the students during DT yesterday. It's quite a free project where they are designing and making an item of their choice, and it has been fantastic to see their skills developing. Watch this space!

I hope everyone has a great weekend!



Final Thought

As we move through another busy term, it is worth remembering that education is about so much more than academic success, even though this is of huge importance. In a world that often feels fast-paced and uncertain, schools play a vital role in helping children develop confidence, kindness, resilience and a sense of belonging. The small moments matter most – a child showing courage to try something new, helping a friend, asking a thoughtful question or learning from a mistake. These are the foundations upon which future success is built. As we begin the final stretch towards the summer holidays, we are looking forward to all the exciting events that bring our school community together, including Sports Days, parent coffee mornings, celebrations of learning and so much more. Thank you for your continued partnership and support; together, we are helping our children grow not only as learners, but as compassionate and capable young people ready to make a positive difference in the world.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Pine
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