

Friday Flyer

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to you all for your understanding, flexibility and support during this week's early school closures due to the exceptionally hot weather. Your cooperation helped us to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of all our children during these challenging conditions. I would also like to express my appreciation to all staff, who have continued to work tirelessly in very difficult temperatures, ensuring that pupils remained safe, supported and engaged throughout the week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Wednesday 1st July	Parent Coffee Morning – 9:15am
Friday 3rd July	Rearranged Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 7th July	Rearranged RSE Workshop for pupils aged 12+
Friday 17th July	Last day of term
Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July	INSET Days – school closed
Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September	INSET Days – school closed
Thursday 3rd September	Pupils return to school after the summer holidays

Cayuga Class

What a scorcher of a week it has been! The warm weather certainly challenged us all at times, but I have been incredibly proud of how resilient the young people have been. They worked hard to recognise when they needed to regulate their bodies, making sensible choices to stay cool, hydrated. To make the most of the sunshine, we spent plenty of time outdoors in the shade beneath the trees and enjoyed our Forest School sessions. The learners had great fun taking part in a range of water-based activities, which provided lots of opportunities for cooling off! In English, the young people continued developing their persuasive leaflets. They worked hard to improve their vocabulary, organise information clearly and think carefully about how to persuade their audience. It has been fantastic to hear them sharing their creative ideas and giving each other constructive feedback. In Maths, we began our new topic on data handling by revisiting pictograms and discussing why collecting data is so important. The learners explored how data helps us answer questions, spot patterns and make informed decisions in everyday life. To round off the week, the class put their engineering skills to the test with an exciting STEM challenge. Working collaboratively, they designed and built boats powered only by a balloon, aiming to travel as far as possible across the water. It was wonderful to see the young people experimenting with different designs, adapting their ideas and showing fantastic perseverance when things didn't quite go to plan. I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend and finds a cool spot to relax!

Kelly Class

Kelly Class have very much enjoyed the sunshine this week, although it has made concentrating on learning a challenge in such hot conditions. We have enjoyed moving our class outside into shady areas, which has enabled us to benefit from a gentle breeze.

In Maths, the class has been learning about positive and negative correlation. In Geography, we have been exploring the physical landforms of the Middle East. In English, pupils have been focusing on inference in biographies and how to identify information that is implied.

Kelly Class has very much enjoyed the social interactions across the school this week, making the most of opportunities to connect and work with others.

Mandela Class

Mandela has survived the heat! Mostly by having a very calm week; lots of project work, drinks, a new fan for the classroom and water play, plus PE in the shade. We've also worked on maths - reading and interpreting timetables is something that we'll do more of; science - students have taught me about animals I'd never heard of and their adaptations for survival; English - students have pushed their persuasive writing to create leaflets, and we're on to our second designs in DT. It's been really nice for students to want to be in the classroom, learning and exploring their interests even with the temperatures soaring. We hope you have a cooling, relaxing weekend.



Butterfly Class

We have certainly had our resilience tested this week and I am happy to say that all staff and pupils, passed. We know it has been very warm and that prompted some headlines and chat nationally. You will be pleased to know all the things that Butterfly class have done in the heat to make us so proud: seeking out shade, asking for water play, looking after the chickens by making sure that our feathered friends have enough clean water and clean containers, keeping the classroom lights turned off and the windows open in classroom, not touching the electric fan and not running about at playtime. We have had more chats this week than ever before as the boys have taken to going for walking talks with TAs around the field, they have used great manners greeting other pupils and staff as they promenade. It has been a struggle for us all, but I was reminded in my shoe cupboard of my winter boots that only 4 months ago I was wearing them, a scarf, two jumpers and a coat while teaching Butterfly class about poets and poetry. So, while at the moment I embrace my fan and cooling mist spray, I know that seasons will come and go.

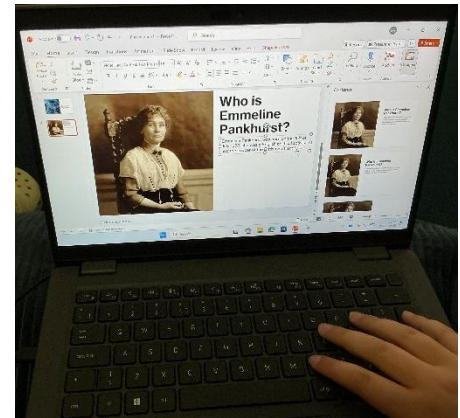
Have a lovely weekend, thank you for your support this week and thank you for your marvellous children.

Hamilton Class

The week, despite the challenges brought on by the weather, Hamilton revised the reactivity series in science, carried out comprehension reading / writing tasks in English and a mixture of fractions and measurement conversions in Maths. In PSD we carried on with studying emotional wellbeing, specifically, how to recognise the early signs of poor mental health. We also made calzone in cooking.

Parks Class

Hello an exceptionally hot week where parks class began the week with our maths topic, the probabilities using frequency trees. In computing we were able to use programming using Python Software. For our English learning we were researching Emmeline Pankhurst she was the leader of the suffragettes, and she was born 15 July 1858 were just some of the facts learners in Parks Class found out! Wonder what else they will find out?



Frenchie Class

Due to this hot weather Frenchie has been doing its best to keep cool, there has been lots of water drunk and ice pops eaten. We have spent time getting to know each other more as a class with board games played between staff and children with some water play for those that wanted to participate thrown in for good measure to help keep us all refreshed. The class have spent time creating their own quizzes in Kahoot which we have all played together which has caused perhaps too much noise and laughter. In terms of learning Maths has seen us look at long division which we will look to continue into next week. We had an interesting lesson in Carrers where we talked about and acted out active listening skills required for different jobs. History has seen us explore the lives of the Angelo Saxons reviewing their practices around medicine and treating illness. Have a great weekend

Dahl Class

What a fantastic week it has been in Roald Dahl Class! Despite the intense heatwave, our pupils have shown incredible resilience, adaptability, and determination, they truly kept showing up and giving their best. This is a wonderful reflection of their commitment to both their personal and academic growth, and we are so proud of them all.

This week's highlights, In Maths pupils explored pie charts and line graphs, applying their skills to solve real-life problems. In Science we enjoyed a fascinating documentary on animal life and tested our knowledge of adaptation through a quiz. English we created vivid setting descriptions using adjectives and semantic fields, showing great imagination. While in Music we explored a brilliant hands-on session saw pupils creating their own Grime beats with Max Wheeler, full of creativity and energy! In PSHE we had an Important discussion around knife crime and its impact, alongside meaningful reflections on friendship. Finally, Pupils explored the use of silence in religious traditions, taking part in a calm and thoughtful 5-minute meditation in the RE lesson.



Final Thought

As we look ahead to next week, the forecast is thankfully much cooler, and we are looking forward to returning to our usual routines. We are especially excited to welcome parents and carers to our Coffee Morning on Wednesday 1st July and to our rearranged Sports Day on Friday 3rd July. Thank you once again for your continued support and understanding throughout this week's hot weather. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, take some time to relax, and stay cool.

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.

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.

Term dates for the academic year 2026-2027

Summer Term 2026

Summer Term begins

Monday 13th April 2026

Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May 2026

Summer Half Term

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Summer Term 2 begins

Monday 1st June 2026

INSET Day

Monday 20th July & Tuesday 20th July 2026

Autumn Term 2026

INSET Day

1st and 2nd September 2026

Autumn Term begins

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Autumn Half Term

Monday 26th Oct to Friday 30th Oct 2026

Autumn Term 2 begins

Monday 2nd November 2026

Christmas Holidays

Monday 21st December to Friday 1st Jan

Spring Term 2027

INSET Day

Monday 4th January 2027

Spring Term begins

Tuesday 5th January 2027

Spring Half Term

Monday 15th Feb to Friday 19th Feb 2027

End of Spring Term

Thursday 25th March 2027

Easter Holidays

Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027