



# Newsletter

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Our whole school value this half term is  
*Loyalty*

In Collective Worship this week, the children were introduced to the new School Library and the Reading Cabin. Over the coming weeks the children will be shown how to use each area and how to take care of them.



We will invite parents and carers into school to share the new library and Reading Cabin with you and your child very soon. Dates to follow shortly..



## The new school library is open!

The children have returned after Easter to our completed whole school library. The library contains over 2,300 brand new books costing over £12,000. It now contains both Fiction and Non-Fiction books. Sections include; Picture Books, Fiction for Lower Phase, Fiction for Upper Phase, Graphic Novels and Dual Language. The Non-Fiction books are arranged into categories according to the Dewey colour system. There really is something for everyone! The new seating area looks comfy too! The library will be used by each class during the school day and by the Book Clubs run during lunchtime. Children will be able to choose books to read during their 'Reading For Pleasure' time that they have each day in school. The mantra for our new library is 'Every book is worth reading' and we certainly think that they are!



Upcoming dates..

Thursday 18th April

Books Together  
– invite only

9.00am to 11.00am

Thursday 18th April

Year 3 Curriculum  
Meeting  
5.00pm

Friday 19th April

Outstanding Learner  
Assembly –invite only  
2.30pm

Reading Cabin photos will follow next week. ...

### Attendance Matters

At Swan Lane First School  
The class with the highest  
attendance this week is...



Gold leaf  
3 points



Silver leaf –2 points  
CLASS RG



Bronze leaf –1 point  
CLASS 4C



Resilience

Curiosity

Compassion

Respect

Loyalty



The school football team played against St. Marys, Evesham and St. Mary's, Broadway.. Swan Lane won both matches. They beat Braodway 5-0 and St. Mary's, Evesham 5-1. Two hatricks from Rory G (including an impressive overhead kick!) and 2 goals from both Luca and Malakai secured the victories. Mr. Thompson was impressed with the teamwork on display and is looking forward to the final!



We are noticing that a large number of children who bring a packed lunch to school are throwing items away, often uneaten. We are going to ask that all children who bring a packed lunch to school, take their uneaten food and rubbish home with them each day so that parents and carers can see what is and isn't being eaten (we will dispose of the mucky yoghurt pots!).



Thank you to those that are supporting our 'One Way System' at home time. It helps for a smoother and safer pick up time for us all.

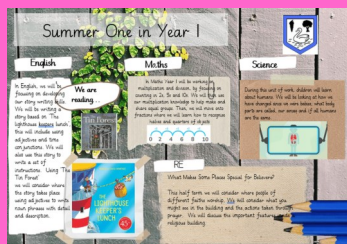
Ms. O'Toole has joined our Office Team, working as an Office Administrator. Ms. O'Toole is looking forward to getting to know the children and yourselves over the coming weeks.



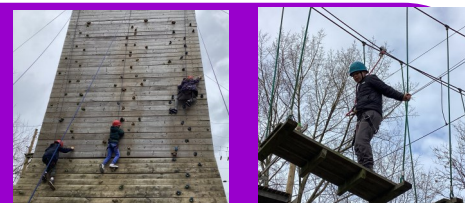
### "Every Day Counts"

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem that much but...

If your child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 Years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years



Year 5 went to Bell Heath on their three day residential. They took part in a host of activities including High Ropes, Climbing Wall, Night Hike, Orienteering, Archery, Bush Craft and the Zip Line. The children were beautifully behaved and the staff that went have commended the children for how tidy and organised they were during the trip. Well done Year 5!



To see what your child is learning about this half term, visit the year group pages on the website or on the mobile app. Click [here](#)...

[Year Group Pages](#)



A huge round of applause for this week's Outstanding Learners...

RG:: Nikodem RW: Oliver G IC: Lily IA: Joanna  
2R: Alex 2B: Esme 3K: Victoria 3V: Alan I  
4HE: Jacob 4C: Chris 5S: Georgina 5B: Luca



Level 2 Bikeability for Year 5 will be either the week beginning 22.4.24 or 29.4.24. We'll let you know which week your child needs their bike in school.



Swan Lane Behaviours

**S**tay safe  
**W**ork to the best of your ability  
**A**lways be respectful  
**N**ever give up!

At Swan Lane First School we have a set of 'SWAN' behaviours that every child is expected to display.

These behaviours are displayed in every classroom and we regularly remind the children what we expect from them.