



Swannington's Newsletter

2nd October 2026

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A Message From Mr McLugash

I am writing this on the way back from the year 5/6 residential, having had a brilliant time with Sycamore class.

The children have pushed themselves: whether that was overcoming their fear of open water, or pushing themselves by jumping off the top of the high ropes tower on the Power Fan - every one of them has achieved something to be proud of this trip. A big thank you to the staff who made the trip possible, particularly the ones that spent two nights away from their families.

I look forward to welcoming families to parents' evenings w/c 12th October. This is a great time to see how your child has been settling in, what can be done to support them further and to discuss pupil profiles for those children that have them. We will be putting on refreshments again, so do come in for a cuppa!

They'll be a link to complete a new parent survey on this edition of the newsletter. Your feedback is really important to me, so I encourage you to take the time to complete it.

Christmas Production



On the morning of Monday 30th November, all pupils will be visiting Loughborough Town Hall to enjoy a performance of the pantomime Dick Whittington.

We are very grateful to our wonderful FOSS team, who have kindly agreed to contribute £355 towards the cost of transport.

To enable this visit to take place, we are asking parents and carers for a contribution of £13.10 per child, which will cover the cost of both the theatre ticket and transport.

Payment can be made via the Arbor App.

You Said...

For the new academic year, we would be grateful if all parents could complete our new parental feedback form. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps us to continue improving the experiences and opportunities we provide for our children and families.

Please take a few moments to complete the form using the link or QR code provided in this week's newsletter. Thank you for your continued support and assistance.

[Parental Feedback October 2026 – Fill out form](#)

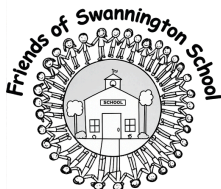
We did...

Trust News

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On Friday 16th October, our classroom support staff will be attending a range of professional development workshops designed to refresh and enhance their knowledge and skills. These sessions will cover areas such as Mastering Number, Lego Therapy, and other valuable interventions. The training will enable staff to further develop their expertise and apply new learning and strategies within the classroom, helping to support and improve outcomes for all pupils.

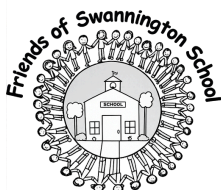
If you would like this or any other communications translated to another language, please let the office know.



We are delighted that FOSS has kindly offered to contribute towards the renovation of our library and purchase a mud kitchen for the outdoor learning area in Acorn Classroom.

Our aim is to transform the library space into a warm, inviting, and comfortable environment that encourages children to develop a love of reading and enjoy reading for pleasure.

If you feel you could spare a little time to join the FOSS team please speak to the school office.



After School Clubs



Thursday After School Club

Multi-sports with Mr Nic

From dodgeball to laser tag, golf, rounders, basketball, tag rugby, and invasion games, we've got something for everyone. Join us for high-energy games. Cost £24

Clubs will start from week commencing 26th October until week commencing 14th December.

To book can you email office@mmlcssportsacademy.co.uk the child's name, age, medical conditions and emergency contact details. (Payment is bank transfer).



Stay and Play Sessions

Little Acorn Forest Schools Ltd

Swannington CofE Primary School Stay and Play

Monday 5th October

9:15 - 11:15am

At Swannington CofE Primary School

We'll be reading Stanley's Stick

This week is based around the story 'Stanley's Stick'. Calling on your imagination, what can you make? Is it a wand, sword or maybe a fishing rod?



Campfire snack and hot drinks always provided!

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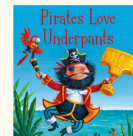
Monday 12th October

9:15 - 11:15am

At Swannington CofE Primary School

We'll be reading Pirates Love Underpants

Join us for our final session before we break for half term! We'll be making pirate swords and practice walking the plank. Who can follow the treasure map to find the hidden treasure?



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Parents' Evening Reminder

Parents' evenings has been arranged for Tuesday 13th October 3:30pm - 6:00pm & Thursday 15th October 3:30pm - 5:30pm. The appointment slots are 10 minutes long. If we receive the 'Ofsted Call' parents evening will be re-arranged to balance teacher's workload and wellbeing. We are normally notified on a Monday morning, so will be able to confirm Monday afternoon if the meetings are going ahead as planned.

We will be using Arbor for you to book your consultations, which you need to do via the ParentApp/Portal and clicking on Guardian Consultations. You will then receive a confirmation email of the time and date of your meeting. Please keep this for future reference.

Bookings on the system will go live at 5pm on Friday 2nd October and close on Monday 12th October. This is to give everyone a fair chance to get the slot they want.

On Thursday 15 October, we will have a number of visitors available in the hall to offer support, guidance and resources for families.

- Nicky from The Mental Health School Team will be available to offer support, provide guidance and answer any questions you may have regarding children's mental health and wellbeing.
- Mrs Maybury, our SENCo, will be on hand to answer questions and provide support and advice relating to special educational needs and disabilities.
- Mrs Shale from Little Owls Book Nook has organised a Book Fair, where families will have the opportunity to purchase books or place pre-orders for upcoming titles.

We encourage all families to take the opportunity to visit and speak with our visitors. We look forward to seeing you there.



School Communication

What & where to expect messages from school

We know clear communication is important, and that information can come from several places. To help, we've created a communication guide so parents know where to find key messages. Most day-to-day updates will be shared via Class Dojo.

School will send out the following communications via
Class Dojo:

- Day to Day Messaging and Information
- Class newsletters
- Parents' evening information
- Event reminders
- Celebration worship invitations



School will send out the following communications via
Arbor In-App Messaging:

Head bump record - Arbor retains the incident information in order to meet legal requirements

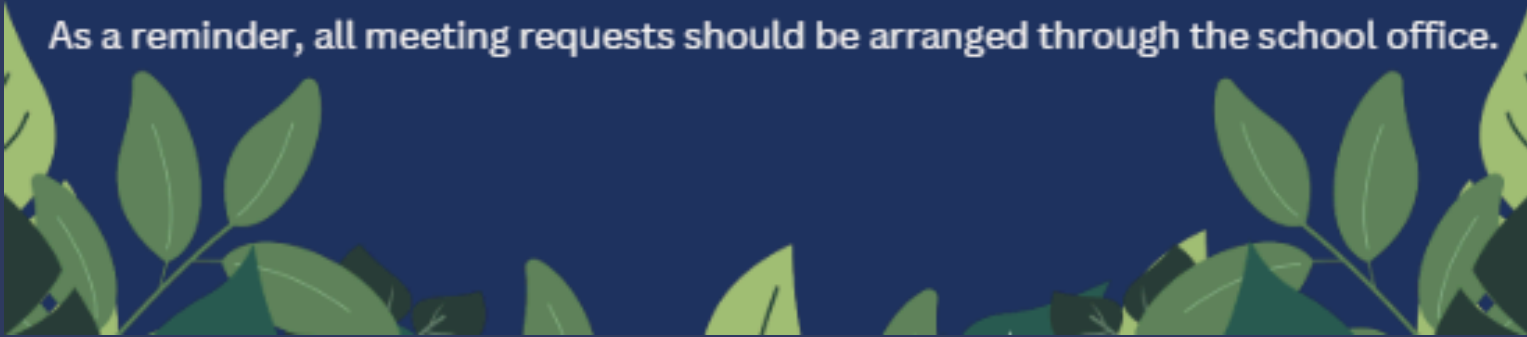


School will send out the following communications
via email:

- Letters (including school trip information)
- Headteacher communication
- Whole-school newsletters



As a reminder, all meeting requests should be arranged through the school office.





Swannington's What's Planned



October

5th October - Seasonal Flu Vaccinations
5th October - Oak Class Phonics Information Meeting at 3:15pm
8th October - Individual & Sibling School Photos
10th October - Cross Country @ Broom Leys
13th & 15th October - Parents' Evening
16th October - Inset Day
19th - 23rd October - Half Term
29th October - Reading Cafe
30th October - Mary's Multicultural Day
30th October - FOSS Film Night

November

7th November - Cross Country @ Moira Furnace
13th November - Children in Need Day
20th November - FOSS Break the Rules Day
26th November - Reading Cafe
30th November - Loughborough Pantomime

December

4th December - Rainbows Santa Run
5th December - Cross Country @ Sir John Moore
7th - 11th December - Autumn Assessment Week
11th December - FOSS Winter Disco
14th December - FOSS Winter Warmer
15th December - Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
17th December - Reading Cafe
16th December - Rocksteady Concert at 2pm
18th December - School Closes for Christmas

January

4th January - School Reopens
14th January - Brightbites Dental Assembly
16th January - Cross Country at CRC
23rd January - Unity Cross Country @ Woodstone
29th January - FOSS Film Night

February

9th & 11th February - Parents' Evening
12th February - Inset Day School Closed
15th - 19th February - Half Term
26th February - FOSS Break the Rules Day
27th February - Unity Cross Country @ Packington

March

4th March - World Book Day
8th March - Year 6 SAT's Meeting
9th March - Year 1 Phonics Screening Information
12th March - Year 2 Sleepover @ VB
13th March - Unity Cross Country @ Snarestone
15th March - FOSS Easter Extravaganza
17th March - Class Photos
19th March - School Closes for Easter

April

5th April - School Reopens
9th April - FOSS Break the Rules Day
10th April - Unity Cross Country @ Griffydam
19th - 23rd April - Spring Assessment Week
29th April - Rise Voices Year 3 & 4

May

3rd May - Bank Holiday
7th May - Unity Maypole Event
10th - 13th May - Year 6 SATs
15th May - FOSS Summer Fair
20th May - Unity Maths Competition Y4
25th May - Unity Swimming Gala
27th May - Unity Netball Tournament
28th May - Colour Dash
31st May - 4th June - Half Term

June

7th June - School Reopens
8th June - Everyone Active Water Safety
7th - 18th June - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
14th - 18th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening
18th June - Cystic Fibrosis Day
21st - 25th June - Summer Assessment Week

July

1st July - Sports Day
2nd July - FOSS Summer Disco
8th July - Leavers Assembly at 2:30pm
8th July - School Closes for Summer

2026-2027 Term Dates:

<https://www.swannington.risemat.co.uk/term-dates>