Swannington's Newsletter

27th November 2026

A Message From Mr McLugash

Although it now feels like a lifetime ago, we are incredibly proud of the outcome of our recent OFSTED inspection, which recognised the significant improvements made across the school and judged leadership and governance to be a Strong Standard. I talk more about the report, and our next steps, on page 2.

We continue to grow as a school, having welcomed a number of new children and families to our school since January, and we have a final open day on 3rd December that I would appreciate you sharing with any friends or family who are applying for a school place in January. Miss Edwards does a fab job sharing as much as possible on our Facebook page, so do make sure you are following!

Christmas Production



As a reminder, our whole school pantomime trip will take place this Monday.

All children will need to bring a packed lunch, which they will eat upon our return to school.

The coach is scheduled to arrive at 9:00am, so please ensure your child arrives at school on time to allow for a prompt departure.

Thank you for your support.

You Said... We did...

'Dojo pictures of what the class have been doing'

Instead of receiving a termly class newsletter, each week your child's class teacher will provide a Weekly Round-Up. This will give you an insight into what your child has been learning and experiencing during the week. Alongside the update, a selection of photographs will be shared so you can see some of the activities and learning taking place in class.

Trust News

On Friday 4th December , our pupils and staff are joining schools across Rise Multi-Academy Trust for the Rainbows Festive Fun Run 2026. We're getting active, having fun and coming together as a school community for an incredible local charity.

Donations can be made online by following the below link or there are sponsorship forms in the office for cash donations:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/swannington-primary-school-rainbows-santa-fun-run?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

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

Ofsted and school improvement

Inspectors praised our caring family ethos, strong relationships, positive behaviour, high attendance, effective support for pupils, and the excellent start children receive in Early Years. They also highlighted the rapid improvements in teaching, safeguarding and curriculum development.

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, we have developed five key priorities for the next two years:

- Further strengthen teaching and learning through staff coaching and professional development.
- Improve outcomes for all pupils, particularly by identifying needs early and providing the right support and challenge.
- Refine our curriculum and assessment systems so pupils know more, remember more and achieve more.
- Strengthen writing across the school, helping more pupils reach higher standards.
- Grow our school community by increasing engagement with parents, local organisations and prospective families.

These priorities build directly on OFSTED's recommendations and will help ensure every child continues to flourish academically, socially and emotionally at Swannington Church of England Primary School.

If you haven't read the report yet, here is the link:

OFSTED report

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Break the Rules Day. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FOSS will be using these donations to create raffles for the Nativity, Winter Disco and Winter Warmer. All of these events have now been added to the Swannington What's Planned calendar.

Christmas Dinner - Tuesday 15th December



Our Christmas Dinner is now available to pre-book on Relish.

Log in here:

https://relishschoolfood.co.uk/parents/

To help the kitchen prepare and order the correct quantities, please ensure your child's meal is pre-booked, as in previous years.

Thank you.

Bright Hope in North West Leicestershire







Swannington's What's Planned

December

30th November - Pantomime Visit
2nd December - SEND Coffee Morning @ 9am
4th December - Rainbows Santa Run
5th December - Cross Country @ Sir John Moore
7th - 11th December - Autumn Assessment Week
8th December - KS1 Nativity @ 2pm and 6pm
8th December - KS2 Visiting Bright Hope House
9th December - Christingle Service
9th December - Christmas Teacher Swap *(All teachers read a story to each class)*
10th December - KS1 Visiting Bright Hope House
11th December - FOSS Winter Disco
14th December - Acorn & Oak Christmas Party
14th December - FOSS Winter Warmer
15th December - Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
15th December - Sycamore & Chestnut Christmas Party
16th December - Rocksteady Concert at 2pm
17th December - Reading Café for KS2
18th December - School Closes for Christmas

January

4th January - School Reopens
14th January - Brightbites Dental Assembly
16th January - Cross Country at CRC
19th January - Coalville Fire Service Presentation Y1 & Y5
23rd January - Unity Cross Country @ Woodstone
29th January - FOSS Film Night

February

5TH February - Mental Health Day
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 Wk
19th April - Year 6 Warning Zone Trip
21st April - Chestnut Class Viking Day at VB
29th April - Rise Voices Year 3 & 4

May

3rd May - Bank Holiday
10th - 13th May - Year 6 SATs
15th May - FOSS Summer Fair
19th May - Acorn & Oak Farm Trip
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

2027-2028 Term Dates:

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