



Swannington's Newsletter

1st May 2026

Rise
Flourish & Succeed

A Message From Mr McLugash

We're halfway through a busy half term and all the children have been working hard towards their end of year goals. Year 6 are on the last push for their SATs in just over a week, and year 1 and year 4 are securing their phonics and multiplication skills respectively.

You may have noticed lots of development in our outdoor areas recently! The grounds are looking lovely, and I have invested money into the Forest School area as well.

Also, a big well done to our Acorn class with the top attendance in April at 98.81%

You Said...

We did...

Differentiated Tasks to Challenge Students-
We have introduced Captain Challenge to all classrooms, this is for children that have completed their initial work to challenge them further.

Clubs - enrichment

We are hoping to run a Forest School Club after the half-term break if there is enough interest. The cost would be £6 for an hour. Please let the office know if you would be interested and we will confirm if the club is running soon.

This section will be updated regularly with more updates

Rise Trust News...

RISE VOICES – A HUGE THANK YOU

Wow! What a fantastic night for our Rise Voices Event. It was a brilliant celebration of our Year 4 pupils and everything that makes our Trust so special. Our pupils were amazing. Their confidence, energy and joy on stage made the night truly memorable. We hope they all feel incredibly proud. A huge thank you to our school staff for everything they did to make this happen. Your time, care and support behind the scenes made all the difference.

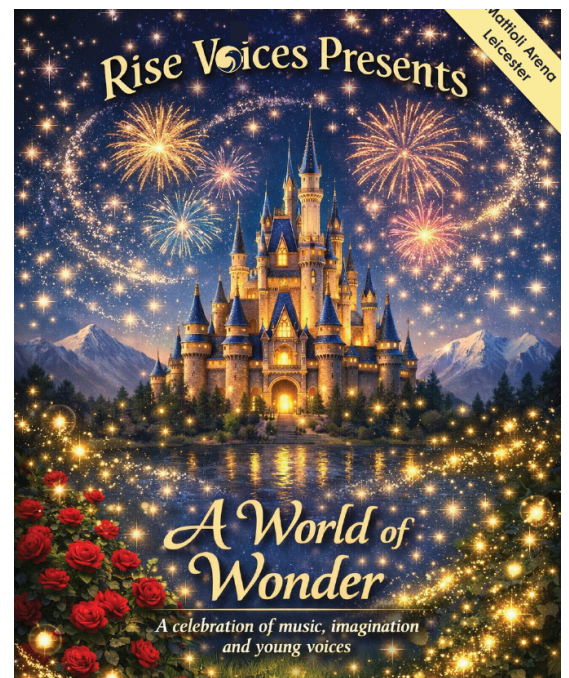
Your feedback is really important to us..

Year 4 parents, please see the feedback form below...

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

Colour Dash

We're really excited to share that we've planned a Colour Run this June in support of Leicester Children's Charity. More information will be coming soon.

To help everyone get ready, children will be asked to wear a white T-shirt, clothes that can get messy, and any bright accessories they may have.

More information about this to follow

Absences

Please can all absences be reported through the school office:

Sickness: Call on the morning of absence and speak to the office or leave a voicemail. This must be done daily.

Exceptional leave: In line with government legislation, all pupils should attend school during the whole of term time in order to maximise their learning. We therefore ask parents not take children out of school unless for exceptional circumstances.

Exceptional leave booking forms can be requested from the school office.

More information can be found on our website.

Breakfast Club



Please be advised that Tax-Free Childcare can be used for Breakfast Club & After-School Club. The childcare providers name is Shekoyemi Okoror. If you have any issues please visit the school office.

EVERY BOOK YOU BUY EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

BOOK FAIR

Adventure awaits at the Book Fair! We invite you to join us for an unforgettable journey through the power of imagination and words.

THURSDAY
30TH APRIL 2026

TO

TUESDAY
5TH MAY 2026

STARTS EACH DAY
3:15PM - 4:00PM

SCHOOL HALL

SCHOOL DINNER PRICES

KEY STAGE 1	
Reception	FREE
Year 1	FREE
Year 2	FREE

KEY STAGE 2	
Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6	
1 Day	£2.95
2 Days	£5.90
3 Days	£8.85
4 Days	£11.80
5 Days (1 Week)	£14.75

Please ensure payments are made promptly and in advance. Thank you.

Year of Reading 2026

December
Create cosy reading spaces
EYFS, KS1 & Y3/4
Reading cafe Date tbc

January
Enjoy all the books we unwrapped from our Book Advent Calendar

February
Wellbeing Day- How can reading support our mental health?

March
Take part in World Book Day and enjoy a range of poetry

April
Scholastic Book Fair at school from 30th April to 2nd May after school till 4pm
EYFS & KS1 Reading cafe launch: 16th April 9am

May
Book swap 22nd May 3.15pm
Donate any unwanted books and/or collect some new books
EYFS & KS1 Reading Cafe 7th May 9am

June
World Cup of books: Children listen to a range of picture books and vote for their winners
EYFS & KS1 Reading cafe 7th June 9am

July/August
EYFS & KS1 Reading Cafe 2nd July
Reading picnic 28th August 3.15pm

October
'We love to read' reading competition
EYFS, KS1 & Y3/4
Reading cafe Date tbc

September
Reading Fair appears, leaving new books around school
EYFS & KS1 Reading cafe Date tbc

November
'Share a story'
EYFS, KS1 & Y3/4
Reading cafe Date tbc

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Create cosy reading spaces
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Reading cafe Date tbc

SWANNINGTON Cafe PRIMARY SCHOOL

Forest School Club After School

We are hoping to set up a 'Forest School After School' club, this would be after the May half term. The session would be ran weekly by qualified forest school practitioners and would be £6 per week.

Please register your interest at the school office.



Swannington's What's Planned



May

- 4th May** - Bank Holiday Monday
- 7th May** - EYFS & KS1 Reading Cafe
- 8th May** - Outdoor Learning for David Attenborough
- 8th May** - Chestnut Class Space Centre Q&A @ 3:30pm
- 11th-14th May** - Year 6 SATs
- 22nd May** - FOSS Break the Rules Day
- 22nd May - 3rd July** - KS2 Swimming
- 22nd May** - Book Swap
- 25-29th May** - Half Term

August

- 20th-21st August** - Inset days
- 24th August** - School re-opens
- 28th August** - Reading Picnic
- 31st August** - Bank Holiday Monday

October

- 8th October** - Individual & Sibling School Photos
- 16th October** - Inset Day
- 19th -23rd October** - Half Term

June

- 1st June** - School Reopens
- 4th June** - EYFS & KS1 Reading Cafe
- 5th June** - Chestnut Space Centre sleepover
- 9th June** - Sycamore Beaumanor Hall trip
- 12th June** - Colour Dash
- 13th June** - FOSS Summer Fair
- 30th June** - Possible Sports Day
Weather Depending

September

- 18th September** - Life Education Bus
- 30th September-2nd October** - Sycamore Class Residential
Information to follow

November

- 30th November** - Loughborough Pantomime

July

- 2nd July** - EYFS & KS1 Reading Cafe
- 2nd July** - Ivanhoe & Ibstock Transition Dates
- 2nd July - 3rd July** - Castle Rock Transition Days
- 3rd July** - FOSS Summer Disco
- 7th July** - Back up Sports Day
Weather Depending
- 9th July** - Leavers Assembly start time 14:30
- 9th July** - School Closes for the end of the academic year

December

- 18th December** - School Closes for Christmas