



The Bugle

June 2025

A message from Mrs Ramsell ...

It's been a great start to the summer term here at New Swannington, and the sunshine making an appearance has been the cherry on top! We've had a wonderful VE Day celebration last week, and this week we're wishing our incredible Year 6 pupils the very best as they tackle their SATs. There's still plenty to look forward to, with our Summer Fair in June, Frozen Friday pop-up shops, and lots more fun as we head towards the end of term.

We're also really excited to welcome our new EYFS intake who will be joining us in August—what a wonderful adventure awaits you! We can't wait to meet you and begin your learning journey together.

Half term break up day is Friday, 23 May 2025 and we return to school on Monday, 2 June 2025.



Welcome to our New Intake 2025

We are so excited to welcome our New Intake to the school, who will be joining us in August 2025! Mrs Hall, Mrs Sparrow, and Mrs Keenan are looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

You should have received some information from the office by now. Please make sure to send your completed form back ASAP.

We'd also love to see you at our New Intake Evening on Thursday, 5 June 2025, from 5:30 pm. This will be a fantastic opportunity to find out lots more information, meet the team, and ask any questions you may have. We can't wait to meet you all!

Arbor MIS

We're pleased to confirm that we have now completed our MIS transition to Arbor, which is now fully linked to the School Gateway App.

Thank you for your patience during the transition—we know a few families experienced some issues along the way, and we appreciate your understanding as we worked through them.



Clarification Regarding End of Term Attendance Letters

We wanted to provide some clarification around the attendance letters that are sent home at the end of term. These letters are something we are obliged to issue, as directed by both the Local Authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE).

The attendance figure shown reflects your child's attendance for the academic year to date, starting from August 2024. We fully appreciate that children may be off school due to illness, and these absences are, of course, marked as authorised. However, they are still included in the overall attendance percentage, as this figure simply records when a child has not been present in school, regardless of the reason.

We understand that attendance is sometimes affected by unavoidable circumstances and thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly whenever they are well enough to do so.

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for academic success. Our school day is 8.45am until 3.15pm. Children are encouraged to arrive from 8.30am onwards to be ready to begin learning at 8.45am. In view of this, we firmly focus on achieving and maintaining good attendance levels across the school.

Reporting Absences

Notify the school as soon as possible when your child has to be unexpectedly absent through sickness.

In this case, parents/carers must call the school absence line as early as possible on 01530 832656 and provide details of the child's name and the reason for absence.

Simply stating that a child is 'ill' or 'unwell' is no longer sufficient and a fuller explanation is required otherwise we will be required to follow this up.

Authorised vs. Unauthorised Absences

Authorised absences include illness, medical appointments, religious observances, family emergencies, and pre-approved educational opportunities.

Holidays during school time are strongly discouraged and are generally considered unauthorised.

We completely understand that booking holidays in term time has a financial impact, however, please do not underestimate the impact this time away from school has on your child's education.

Please be aware that holidays taken during term time are subject to fines issued by Leicestershire County Council.

Lateness

The registers will be taken at **8.45am** and any child arriving after that time will be marked as late.

If your child arrives after the registers have closed, they will need to be signed in at the school office; this is to ensure that safeguarding procedures are adhered to.



In order to provide continuous monitoring of children's attendance, Mrs Smith, our Attendance Officer in school, will contact families where we have identified a concern about the level of absence or where a pattern of absence has been detected. This includes late marks as these are counted as unauthorised absences.

If you remove your child from school during the day to attend a medical appointment, for safeguarding reasons, they are signed out of school (and back in, if appropriate), this will also show as an absence (as they have been out of school for that period of time).

Trip Payments

As previously communicated, the school budget remains under significant pressure, and this is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future. It is essential that payments for trips, particularly residential, are made on time.

While payments for curriculum-focused trips are voluntary, we reserve the right to cancel the trip if insufficient funds are received.

Book Fair - Coming in June!

Our Book Fair will be coming to school in June! This is such a great opportunity to pick up some fantastic books, and your support is truly appreciated. The more we sell, the more new books we can buy for our children to enjoy, which will help improve their reading skills.

The Book Fair is one of the most important ways for us to raise money for new books, so we encourage you to come along and make a purchase. Every book bought helps us grow our school library and supports the love of reading!

Medication Administration

If your child has been prescribed medicine by their GP, takes long-term medicine or requires paracetamol or ibuprofen during the day, we are happy to administer this in school.

1. All medications (prescription and over-the-counter) require a completed 'Parental Agreement for Administering Medicine' Form. We cannot administer medicine if this form has not been completed in full; failure to complete the information may result in your child not receiving their required medicine. **We cannot take instructions to give medicine via handwritten notes, emails or verbally. All medicines must be handed to a member of staff by an adult.**

Please follow the link below to give permission:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXMQgkroFC2A4gpNw-m43gFvkxuK5X9ZVqGP_WvF6_Oq8f2Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

2. Medication must be delivered to the staff by a parent/carer in the original container.
3. Children may not carry or self-administer medication (except emergency medications like inhalers with proper documentation)
4. Medication must be picked up by a parent/carer at the end of the school day/year.

If your child becomes ill during the school day and may require paracetamol/ibuprofen to support them, we will contact the parent/carer to discuss this. Your permission will be recorded; this is a confidential record retained in school.

Infection

Chicken Pox
Conjunctivitis
Respiratory infections inc Covid
Diarrhoea and vomiting
Flu (or flu like illness)
Glandular Fever
Hand, Foot and Mouth
Head Lice
Impetigo
Measles
Meningitis (bacterial and viral)
Mumps
Ringworm
Rubella (German Measles)
Scarlet Fever
Slapped Cheek
Threadworms
Tonsillitis
Warts and Verrucae
Whooping Cough

Exclusion Period

At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all blisters have crusted over.
None
Do not attend if they are unwell or have a high temperature.
Can return 24 hours after last episode.
When fully recovered.
None
None
None
Until lesions are crusted or healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotics.
4 days from onset of rash or when well enough.
When recovered.
5 days of onset of swelling.
None
5 days from onset of rash
Exclude until 24 hours after starting antibiotics
None
None
None
None
2 days from starting antibiotics, or 21 days from onset if no antibiotics

A Busy Term of Assessments

This week, our wonderful Year 6 children are taking their SATs. They've been practising, working hard, and showing real determination—and we know they'll do their very best. That's all we can ask for, and we are all incredibly proud of them. The whole team is here to support them every step of the way.

Later this term, Year 1 will be taking their Phonics Screening Check, and Year 4 will sit their Multiplication Tables Check. We know they'll approach these assessments with the same positive attitude and effort. Well done to everyone for your continued hard work!

Commitment to Staff Development and Excellence in Education

As a school, we are firmly committed to providing the best possible education for our children, and this starts with ensuring our staff have the opportunities to continuously learn and develop. We are pleased to share some exciting news about our team's professional growth:

- Mr. Will and Miss Holt have both recently achieved further qualifications in Forest School, enhancing the outdoor learning experiences we offer our students.
- Mrs. Hitchcock and Mr. Will are currently studying towards their Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant qualification, further strengthening their expertise in supporting our children.
- Mrs. Banda is studying hard for her Level 3 Teaching Assistant qualification, demonstrating her dedication to professional growth and improving her skills.

We firmly believe that highly qualified staff contribute to a better overall education for our children, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. We wish them all the very best as they continue their studies and professional development!

VE Day 80 Celebrations

Our VE Day 80 celebrations were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and made for a truly memorable experience for our children. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about why we commemorate this important day and to reflect on the incredible people we are so thankful for.

The day was packed with fun—cakes, inflatables, music, games, and marshmallows all added to the fun atmosphere ... and the celebrations didn't end there! On Friday, we had a visit from the Ice Cream Van, much to everyone's delight. It was the perfect way to round off a very special occasion.

Have a look at our Social Media pages (Facebook and Instagram) for more pictures of all the fun.

Shuffle Up Days – 3rd and 4th July 2025

Our Shuffle Up Days will take place on the 3rd and 4th of July. During these days, Year 6 will be heading off for their taster days at their new high schools, while all other year groups will have the opportunity to move up to their new year group, meet their new teachers and support staff and get to know their new classrooms.

These days are also an important time for our new EYFS intake to come in, meet the staff, and get familiar with the school environment.

It's really important for all children to take part in these days, as it helps them settle into their new roles and builds confidence for the next academic year. We encourage everyone to attend so they don't miss out on this valuable experience!

Parking in the Lane

Just our regular reminder to be respectful to our neighbours and do not block their driveways or park on them unless you have their express permission. Please also avoid parking near or in the Farmer's driveway to ensure we maintain good relationships with everyone. Thank you.

Year 4 Trip to Ironbridge

Mrs Ramsell, Mrs Harris, Mr Skinner and Mr Will were delighted to take Year 4 on their very first visit to Ironbridge in Shropshire—and what a fantastic experience it was!

We made a stop at RAF Cosford on the way, where the children were fascinated by the incredible aircraft and exhibits. During our time in Ironbridge, we explored the Ironbridge Gorge Museum, got hands-on at Enginuity, and stepped back in time at Blists Hill Victorian Town.

The children had an amazing time and embraced every moment of the adventure. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow throughout the trip, and we're so proud of how they represented our school.

We're already looking forward to doing it all again next year! Have a look at our Social Media pages (Facebook and Instagram) for more pictures of all the fun.

Exciting Experiences Across School

Since our last newsletter, even more year groups have been out and about enjoying some fantastic trips and activities!

Year 2 had a great time visiting Markfield Mosque, where they learned more about the faith and culture. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their collaborative day at the Yew Tree Trail, exploring nature and working together. Years 4 and 5 took part in some brilliant Collab days at the Leisure Centre, filled with fun and teamwork. Year 4 are also currently enjoying their swimming lessons, building confidence and skills in the water.

Meanwhile, Year 3 are working hard rehearsing for their upcoming Vocalease performance—we can't wait to see them shine on stage!

And there's still plenty more to look forward to: Year 6 have their Collab day coming up, EYFS will be visiting Stonehouse Farm, Year 4 will be exploring Leicester Temple, and Year 3 are planning a visit to the Richard III Centre in Leicester.

What a busy and exciting term it's shaping up to be! Have a look at our Social Media pages (Facebook and Instagram) for more pictures of all the fun.

What's Ahead?

It's been a busy term so far, and there's still so much to come! We're looking forward to sharing all the fun and exciting activities with everyone in the coming weeks. There's plenty to look forward to, and we can't wait to make more wonderful memories together as a school. Let's keep the energy high and enjoy all the experiences ahead!

Here's a quick summary of key upcoming activities:

- **Year 6 SATs** – Taking place this week, we wish our Year 6s the best of luck!
- **Book Fair** – Coming in to school from 4 – 10 June 2025, supporting literacy and helping us grow our library.
- **New Intake Evening** – Thursday, 5 June 2025, 5:30 pm – meet the staff, learn about the school, and ask any questions.
- **Shuffle Up Days** – 3/4 June 2025 – Year groups move up a year to meet new teachers and classrooms.
- **Summer Fair** – Look out for details of our summer event on Saturday, 21 June 2025 – a fun event for all!
- **French Day** – Exciting activities celebrating French language and culture on Monday, 23 June 2025.
- **KS2 Evening of Music and Song** – A showcase of musical talent on Thursday, 26 June 2025 from 6-7pm.
- **Colour Run** – Inaugural Colour Run event on Sunday, 6 July 2025 to wrap up the term with lots of fun.

There's plenty of excitement ahead, so keep an eye out for more details!

Looking Ahead to More Exciting Events

There's still plenty more to come as we head towards the end of the term! We're looking forward to our Summer Fair, French Day celebrations, and the KS2 Evening of Music and Song—there's so much talent to be showcased!

We'll also be holding our 'Shuffle Up' days, where children get a taste of their new year group, and we're ending the term with lots of fun, including our inaugural Colour Run event. It's going to be a fantastic day, and we'd love for everyone to get involved!

Let's not forget about our School Reports—our teachers are busy writing them, reflecting on all the wonderful progress our children have made. Exciting times ahead!

