



Newsletter

Spring 2023

News from School!

It is wonderful to see the new shoots starting to poke through the earth and the days are getting longer. It is definitely time for a Spring Clean! We have had a really productive term with lots of learning, questioning and exploring taking place. I have really enjoyed reading the stories that Butterflies class have written, the whole class reading sessions in Bees—you can hear a pin drop! As well as the setting descriptions in Swifts which use such rich vocabulary and the retelling of stories and role play in Hedgehogs. You can read more about the learning on the next page. I hope you were able to attend the Open Classroom and see for yourself what your child has been learning.



Run the Day Away

Sponsored Run



On Friday 31st March, we are taking part in a whole school sponsored 6.5 hour run to raise funds for a class set of chromebooks. The incredible Simon Burnett will be running laps around Swaffham Prior from 8.45am-3.15pm with the children.

You can sponsor Simon, the children and staff for this amazing effort via our QR code or GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/295989eb>

Please join us on our school field at 3.15pm, to welcome Simon and the final runners back as we complete this amazing achievement!

The 'running' order of the day is as follows:

Hedgehogs & Hoglets: 8.45—9.45am, Swifts: 9.45—10.45am, Bees: 10.45—11.45am. Butterflies: 11.45—12.45 THEN Swifts: 1—1.30pm, Bees: 1.30—2pm, Butterflies: 2—3.15pm.

We would welcome anyone who would like to run with Simon and the children or come to school to cheer them on and help count the laps.

Additional Competitions on the day

Guess how far Simon will run AND Guess how far the whole school will run.



It is a £1 for each competition and there is an Easter Egg Hamper prize for the person whose guess is closest!

We are so grateful that we have already had an amazing response from the local community.

Hutties are donating 2 chromebooks and hi-vis jackets for the children.

Manchetts are donating £250 and hi-viz jackets.

Duck Plumbing are donating £100 and Meads are donating £100.

Please spread the word about this fundraiser far and wide!

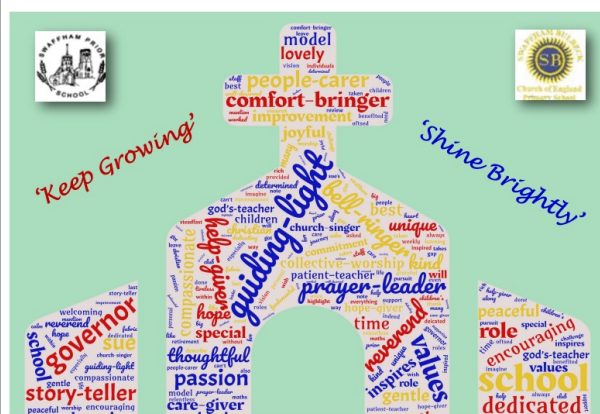


Swifts Class have enjoyed learning all about Tanzania and Tanzanian giant African land snail, came to visit and we learnt about how giant African land snails and other Tanzanian animals are adapted to their environments. In maths this term we have been learning about money and multiplication which links well with our computing unit on sorting data. In DT we enjoyed sampling a variety of tropical fruits and creating our own Tanzanian fruit salad. In English we planned and wrote non-chronological reports about a Tanzanian animal of our choice.



Butterflies have been very busy this term. We have finished our study of World War II, undertaking a variety of linked challenges, such as writing a historical narrative, interviewing local historians and watching an engaging gunfire display. In Science, we have worked scientifically to investigate air and water resistance, making links between our knowledge of friction and gravity to help us understand these new concepts. In maths, we have been tackling new areas

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Reverend Sue. She made a massive contribution to the schools as a governor in addition to her day job. She will be sorely missed.



It was lovely to see the children in their scouting and guiding uniforms for Thinking Day. I highly recommend children getting involved in these organisations—they are a great way to build character and develop independence.





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World Book Day

We had a fantastic World Book Day based on the stories of Judith Kerr. It inspired lots of lovely writing and artwork and everyone participated in a very exciting quiz! A great day was rounded off with everyone receiving a book. We hope they enjoy their books as much as they enjoyed giving them. Thank you all for your generosity.



Attendance

The overall school attendance this term is
93.74%

Hedgehogs 92.47 Swifts 95.26

Bees 95.48 Butterflies 90.87

We are aware there have been a lot of winter illnesses but having a good education is important to ensure that they have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school or alternative provision regularly.

Coming Up

Monday, 27th March: Early Years trip to Anglesey Abbey

Thursday 30th March at 2.00pm Easter Service

Friday 31st March: Last day of term

Monday 17th April: BACK TO SCHOOL

The Events Calendar will follow shortly with next term's dates but if you have any ideas to share about how we can celebrate the King's Coronation, please let us know.



PE Kits and Uniform please remember children need to have kits in school all week. A reminder that school uniform is red polo-shirt, red jumper, grey bottom half and black shoes (no boots).

Parking at school is always a nightmare. Now that the days are brighter, please encourage your children to walk, scoot or cycle. It's a great way to wake them up in the morning ready for learning!

Punctuality a reminder that the gate opens at 8.35am ready for a prompt start at 8.45am. Now is the time to break old habits and start anew!

Pipes and paraphernalia! Offcuts of trees / branches / tree stumps / netting / half and full drainpipes / shells / plants / pallets / rope / tyres / wooden cable reels etc. If you are having a spring clean at home or work and have things you're getting rid of, please let us know as we are always on the lookout for additional resources for both our indoor and outdoor areas.



From hard at work in the classroom, to out and about in our community, Cambridge and even venturing to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and the National Gallery.



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Top Tips for Regular Attendance

- Positive framing—positivity breeds more positivity
- Celebrate the small things with your child
- Look on the bright side—reassure them
- Breakdown the times into manageable chunks
- Establish consistent routines
- Talk to us—if there's an issue we can help
- Trust us—most children will have a very positive experience when they are in school. If we have concerns, we will contact you.

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



The cake sale in aid of DEC Earthquake Appeal raised £75.

Your donations towards the Red Nose Day appeal raised £125.