



Swansfield Newsletter



JUNE 2025

The Summer term is well underway!

Well, here we are in the final half term of the school year. As always, it's been a busy year at Swansfield. We've joined Pele Trust, launched our new History and Geography curriculums, had educational visits for children from Reception to Year 6 ranging from Alnwick Playhouse and Alnmouth Beach to The Hancock and Woodhorn museums. We've developed our Swansfield Way which will go hand in hand with our new Behaviour and Positive Relationships policy, had two residentials, many FOSP events and in the last few weeks, launched a new school website that we hope will be a great starting place to find out anything you need to know about school life. In addition to all of that, we've seen children succeeding and making progress across all areas of the curriculum and as always, we feel really proud of our whole school community.

The next few weeks bring an opportunity for all of our classes to celebrate the year that they have had and prepare for the next stage of their school journey. This is particularly the case for our wonderful Year 6s who we will be celebrating with and wishing well across this half term as they set their sights on the start of their secondary education. We look forward to sending them all on their way with confidence and a real sense of achievement for all they have accomplished in their time at Swansfield Park.

With my best wishes,
Anne-Marie Grimes



You can find our exciting new website at:
www.swansfield.school

Please take some time to explore the new pages. You'll find details of each class, policies, copies of the blog and newsletters as well as the school calendar.

Sincere thanks to **Mrs Young** for her hard work in getting the new site up and running.



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Year 6 do Wilderness Outdoors, Barnard Castle

After a long and rather noisy bus trip down to Barnard Castle, we finally got to the campsite and had some lunch. Once we had all finished, we sat down and discussed the fun activities that lay ahead over the next few adventurous days. The activities included raft building, where in teams, we had to build a raft out of wooden poles, rope and plastic barrels. We were sent out on to the reservoir to see if our rafts would hold, then we did a fun relay race in the water and played around having water fights and swimming. We then had to walk back to camp dripping wet and it was about a half an hour walk!

We also did paddleboarding- we were split into boys vs girls, we got to throw sponges and spray water pistols at the boys, it was so funny! We also played 'last man standing' on the paddleboard. The last and final game was 'total wipe out', this was when you had to run across 2 paddleboards while the instructors and teachers shook it.

On the last day we did some abseiling and rock climbing. We got lowered down a cliff and then used a zipline to reach the end of the rope. Back at camp, there were then 3 little fun activities, one was archery another was when we had to control a ball and get it to the finish line by only using gutter pipes and then the last one was where there was a poisonous bottle in a circle and we had to work as a team to get the bottle to another circle without touching it.

Before we knew it, it was time for the long noisy bus ride back to Alnwick where we were picked up by our parents.

This was certainly an adventure that we will never forget!

By Marisa H and Sophie T



Sports Days 2025

Read on to find out about changes to this year's events...

We're looking forward to our upcoming sports days. These are planned for:

Friday 4th July 09.45
LKS2 (Y3 and Y4)

Friday 4th July 13.30
UKS2 (Y5 and Y6)

Friday 11th July 13.30
Reception and KS1 (Y1 and Y2)



The sack race will be making a comeback in all sports days for 2025!



We've listened to some of the feedback that we received after last year's Sports Days and have made a couple of changes that we hope will be enjoyed by all.

KS2 sports days will continue to be led by a Castle Competition to find the winning team and will continue to have an inclusive feel so that all children can participate and achieve. However, the long jump and the discus events will become competitive and 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded for individual achievement in each year group at the presentation at the end of the morning / afternoon. In addition to this, both the morning and afternoon sessions will end with a showcase sprint event for everyone to watch. Following heats ahead of the day, six competitors for each year group will participate in a girls and boys race. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will then be awarded in the end of event presentation.

For our Reception and KS1 friends, the howler throw event will become competitive with 1st, 2nd and 3rd places awarded for each year group at the end of the afternoon. In addition, following heats ahead of the sports day, a showcase sprint will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place to boys and girls in each year group at the end of afternoon presentation.

Celebrating Achievements and Experiences Beyond the Classroom

I'd love you all to know about this fabulous achievement...

Wilfred, Beatrix and Ezra recently took part in a charity run to raise money for Children's Cancer North.

Wilf ran 5 miles and also won the hang bar competition, while Bea and Ezra both ran 3 miles as part of the event.

Not only did they **all** run **all** the way, they raised a great total for this brilliant charity.

Well done - we are proud of you!



With Lucy Bronze visiting Alnwick Town Football Club on Friday 6th June, it was a great opportunity for many of our female football players to meet our local heroine!

Big smiles all round from Swansfield footballers: Bea, Daisy, Grace, Leah and Amelie

A day you won't forget!



An update from Friends of Swansfield Park

We are really looking forward to our Summer Fair on Saturday 28th June, 10.00am - 1.00pm

This event will be fun for all the family, please put the date in your diary and come along and join us at our biggest fundraiser of the school year.

Throughout the morning you will be able to enjoy:

- Bingo
- Class Games
- Penalty Shoot Out / Cross Bar Challenge
- Raffle
- Bottle Tombola
- Cakes and refreshments
- Uniform Stall
- A Performance by our School Choir and much more!

Children can come in non-uniform on Friday 20th June in exchange for a donation to our Summer Fair.



Children have drawn their contributions to our charity tea-towel to commemorate our 70th Anniversary.

We will have details with you soon about how you can order this not to be missed purchase!



FAMILY SUPPORT

28 days of online safety: a digital adventure!

Welcome to the online safety quest! Each day, you'll unlock a new tip to help protect your child in the digital world. As you progress, you'll earn rewards and complete challenges together, all while keeping your child safe online.

Day 1

The safety start – start the conversation early

Unlock tip 1

Begin your journey by talking to your child about the internet's benefits and risks. Make this conversation the foundation of your safety adventure!

Day 2

Rule maker – set clear rules for online use

Unlock tip 2

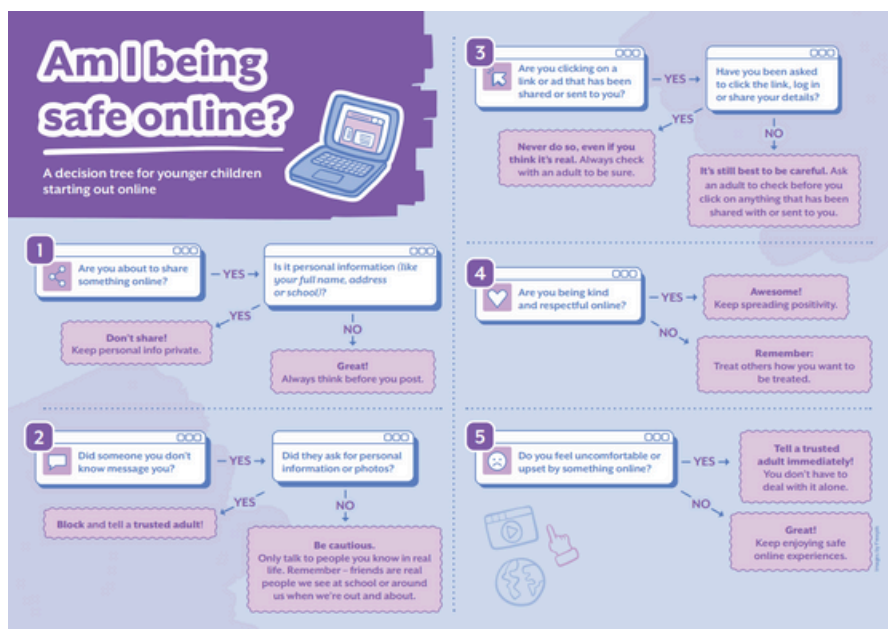
Create your own set of digital rules for your family. What's safe? What's off limits? Write them down and post them somewhere visible as a constant reminder.

As we head to the Summer holiday, a time when children have lots of recreational time, we thought you might appreciate some tips and ideas for supporting children to be safe online.

Visit:

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/assets/parents-resources/28-Days-of-Online-Safety-v3-KF.pdf#asset:686781:url>

If you'd like to take the Parentkind 28 day online safety challenge



Visit:

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/assets/parents-resources/Am-I-being-safe-onlinex3f-Decision-Tree-v3-KF.pdf#asset:686778:url>

If you'd like to access this helpful Safe on Line Decision Tree

Digital life conversation prompts

Some ways to start a conversation about your child's online life could be...

Parentkind

Visit:

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/assets/parents-resources/Digital-Conversation-Prompts.pdf#asset:687079:url>

If you'd like to access these helpful conversation starters.

WHAT'S ON?

Dates for your Diary

Mon 9th June - Fri 13th June Year 1 Phonics Check and Y4 Multiplication Check

Wed 11th June Oak Class Family Lunch

Thurs 19th June Pear Class Assembly

Fri 20th June Non-uniform day with donation for FOSP summer Fair

Wed 25th June Willow Class Assembly

Fri 27th June Year 6 What a Wonderful World Festival

Fri 27th June Y5 Watersports Day

Sat 28th June FOSP Summer Fair

Fri 4th July 09.45 LKS2 Sports Day, 13.30 UKS2 Sports Day

Tues 8th July Annual School Reports

Fri 11th July Rec - Y2 Sports Day 13.30

Fri 18th July Leavers and Achievers Assembly

Monday 1st September Staff Training Day (Tic Toc open)

Tuesday 2nd September School opens for children

Staff Training Days 2025-26

Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 23rd February 2026

Holiday Dates 2025-26

Autumn 1: Tuesday 2nd Sept - Friday 24th October

Autumn 2: Tuesday 4th Nov - Fri 19th Dec

Spring 1: Mon 5th January - Fri 13th February

Spring 2: Tuesday 24th February - Thurs 2nd April

Summer 1: Mon 20th April - Fri 22nd May

Summer 2: Mon 1st June - Fri 17th July



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