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13th February 2025

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Friday 7th–Friday 14th February – Year 5 Practical Cycling Skills Training [CLICK HERE](#)

Thursday 13th February – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening – ALL classes [CLICK HERE](#)

Friday 14th February – PTA 'Spring Disco' [CLICK HERE](#) **Sales close 11.00 am on Friday 14th February**

Friday 14th February – School Closes for February Half Term (3.20 pm)

→ Thursday 20th February – OPAL Ground Force Day

Monday 24th February – School Re-opens after February Half Term (8.45–8.50 am)

Monday 24th February – Year 4 Dress Rehearsal of 'The Lemonade Kid' to the school

Tuesday 25th February – Year 4 Performance of 'The Lemonade Kid' (2.00 pm & 6.30 pm) [CLICK HERE](#)

Tuesday 25th February–Monday 3rd March – Book Fair [CLICK HERE](#)



Message from our Governors

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have, by now, had time to read through the Ofsted report, which was shared along with the school newsletter on 16th January. The report is also attached to this email, in case you would like another look.

Members of the Local Governing Body (LGB) would like to congratulate Miss Stephenson and the whole school team on such a successful outcome. The Ofsted inspection framework has changed significantly, with many updates since our school's previous inspection. Staff at Trust and School level have worked diligently to ensure the school maintains the high standards set by the DfE at every update of the framework. We are pleased to see this hard work pay off and to note that, like us, the inspectors were very positive about the education, good classroom practice and safe environment in place for our children.

The new approach to inspections has seen an end to single-word outcomes, which provides much greater breadth of understanding for parents/carers and wider stakeholders. The results achieved by Swanland School are fantastic, and well-deserved. We are also grateful to the many parents and carers who completed the Ofsted survey, as part of the inspection, which demonstrated your excellent engagement with our school community.

I do hope you will join us in congratulating the staff and school community.

Swanland LGB

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Arbor / ParentPay / PTA Events

In Swanland Primary School, we use various systems/platforms for different things, here is a brief breakdown for you:

ARBOR



The Parent Portal and Parent App allow parents access to their child's details, to manage their child's school activities, including registration for clubs and certain trips, book parents evening slots and check in on their child's attendance. Please ensure 'push notifications' are enabled so you can see any important notifications and information that are sent through.

PARENTPAY



[CLICK HERE](#) ParentPay is used to pay for lunches, trips/events, performance tickets and residentials. Please be aware of any debt building up on your ParentPay accounts. We would appreciate it if all ParentPay accounts are kept in credit and all parents ensure that adequate funds are always available on their accounts. Meals must be paid for in advance, therefore, if you are not entitled to Free School Meals, parents must ensure funds are available on their ParentPay account.

PTA EVENTS



[CLICK HERE](#) The PTA Events Website is used to pay for PTA events that our wonderful PTA Volunteers put together for the children, i.e. the Spring Disco, Mother's Day Shop etc.



OPAL Ground Force Day – Thursday 20th February 2025

On Thursday 20th February, in half term we will be holding another Ground Force Day where we are inviting families of children at school to volunteer to help us develop the outdoor play opportunities at school. There will be jobs such as shed building, designing games and activities, sorting equipment, planting and more.

We hope you can join us between 9.30 am and 2.30 pm for whatever time you can spare. Children are also very welcome to come along and help.



Lunchtime / Before & After-School / Weekend Clubs

Please [click this link](#) to see the updated Lunchtime / Before & After-School / Weekend Clubs for the Spring Term. Please note the new addition of Skelton Hooper School of Dance & Theatre to the list.



ParentPay – Current Online Payments [CLICK HERE](#)

- Year 5 Residential to Robinwood (balance) – **due before** Monday 3rd March 2025
- Year 3 Sleepover – **due before** Thursday 6th March 2025

Please note, deadlines for events will no longer be extended. Thank you.



PTA Events Website – Current Online Payments [CLICK HERE](#)

- PTA 'Spring Disco' – **due before** 11.00 am, Friday 14th February 2025
- PTA Mother's Day Shop – **due before** 11.00 am, Friday 7th March 2025

Please note, deadlines for events will no longer be extended. Thank you.

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Flyers on the School Website

Community flyers added to the school website this week can be found by [clicking on this link then looking under Spring Term 2024-25, First Half Spring Term Flyers.](#)

- **Direct link to Trans Pennine Trail – Kids Activity Pack – [click here](#)**

Disclaimer: Swanland Primary School does not endorse the following flyers; we are simply sharing the information.

CURRENT VACANCIES

If you, or anyone you know, is/are interested in the following vacancies, please see further details on the [Edukos Recruitment page](#) or on the [ERYC Recruitment Website](#)



MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

Deadline for receipt of Applications – Friday 28th February 2025, 12.00 pm

Dates for your



FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

Spring Term 2025 Diary (➔ [New Diary Item](#))

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day [CLICK HERE](#)

Friday 7th March – KS1 Skipping Workshop

Monday 10th March – Class Photographs (not Year 6)

Friday 14th March – Year 3 Sleepover [CLICK HERE](#)

Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day *(letter to follow)*

Monday 24th March – Year 3 Prehistory Day *(letter to follow)*

Thursday 27th March – Year 5 Visit to Jorvik Centre, York *(letter to follow)*

Thursday 27th March–Friday 28th March – Year 4 Residential Visit to Cranedale [CLICK HERE](#)

Friday 28th March – PTA Mother’s Day Shop [CLICK HERE](#)

Monday 31st March – Year 1 Dress Rehearsal of ‘Rise & Shine’ to the school

Monday 31st March – Visit to St Barnabas Church (Years 1-6) [CLICK HERE](#)

Tuesday 1st April – Year 1 Performance of ‘Rise & Shine’ (10.00 am) } *(letter to follow)*
 Wednesday 2nd April – Year 1 Performance of ‘Rise & Shine’ (10.00 am) }

Wednesday 2nd April – PTA’s Big Easter Egg Giveaway 2025! *(letter to follow)*

Thursday 3rd April – Year 2 Willy Wonka Day *(letter to follow)*

Thursday 3rd April – School Closes for Easter Holidays (3.20 pm)

Summer Term 2025 Diary (➔ [New Diary Item](#))

Tuesday 22nd April – School Re-opens after Easter Holidays (8.45–8.50 am)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Stephenson
Head Teacher