



The Swainswick Newsletter



Welcome to The Swainswick Newsletter. We will be sending these out every two weeks to share the amazing things that are happening at our school. This will evolve over time but might include what has been happening in each class and will include any important information that you will need to be

A message from me

There, we have it! The first half term of 2025 completed and what an exciting 6 weeks we have had. Fantastic parent evenings, the launch of Zones of Regulation, amazing learning taking place in the classes and the new sport coach at lunch time. These and more have made this half term a fantastic start to 2025. Have a restful 1/2 term break.

Mr Hall

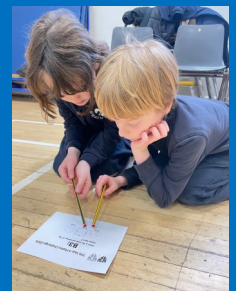
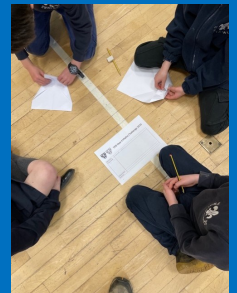
Oak Class

Armed with sticks, wellies, and a keen sense of adventure, Oak Class stepped into Swainswick Valley to learn about teamwork and fun. Exploring with enthusiasm, the children braved the boggy conditions and the infamous "hole" – mud, mud, glorious mud!



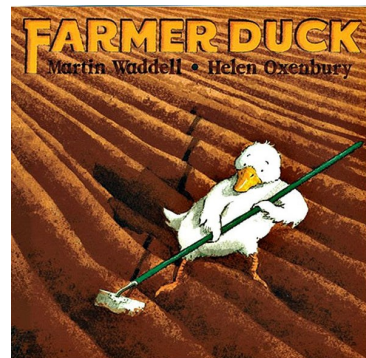
Year 4 Maths Challenge!

On Tuesday 11th February four of our Year 4 learners were lucky enough to take part in a Maths Challenge Day organised by the Paragon School and Prior Park College. It was packed with a range of activities, including racing to solve complex word problems, working out Kenken puzzles and seeing who could construct the best paper plane! Luke, Evie, Aubrey and Ari did brilliantly and were excellent ambassadors for the school - enthusiastic, polite and working incredibly hard all day. The scores were very close, and they finished a very respectable 5th out of 8, just 9 points behind the winners from St Philip's School. And they also received a special mention in the final awards as they completely smashed the final activity: it was planned to take 45 minutes, but our fabulous team raced through in just 5! They should all feel very proud of their performance and hopefully there will be more opportunities for Years 4, 5 and 6 next year!



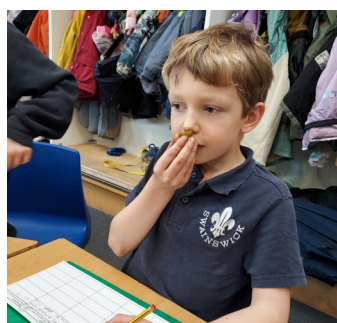
Apple Class

Apple Class have had a lot of fun reading "Farmer Duck" by Martin Waddell, and listening to the very funny Michael Rosen's rendition of the text too. We acted out the story, made masks to help us understand the characters and then Year 1 wrote some brilliant retells. It was a perfect way to finish off a term all about farmyards!



Hazel Class

As part of our unit 'Let's go to China', Hazel Class have been exploring foods from different cultures including okra, lychees, kimchi, noodles and spring rolls. Miss Hitchcock was very impressed that the children tried everything!



World Book Day—Thursday 6th March

This year for World Book Day we have the double-treat of two local author-illustrators coming to Swainswick School.

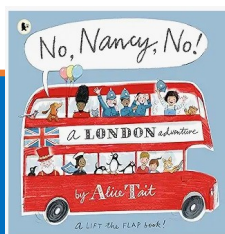
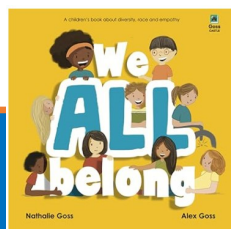


Nathalie Goss will be bringing her excellent book 'We All Belong', which celebrates diversity and difference in the school environment. She will be reading the book and doing fun and meaningful activities on this theme for Hazel Class.

Our very own Swainswick School-Mum **Alice Tait** will be bringing her London themed book 'No, Nancy, No! A London Adventure' for Apple Class. Expect lots of interactive adventures and London bus drawing.

Alice Tait will also be doing a special workshop with all the children of Oak and Acorn on the theme of 'families', with her latest story 'Hope on an Island.' Children will be able to create their own characters and find out more about how a picture-book is made.

There will be an event after school where you can all share and enjoy our costumes, celebrate WBD with Alice and Nathalie, and buy signed copies of the books.



Click the books to find out more!

Thankyou Siersha!

A big thankyou to Siersha who did a fantastic litter pick along Innox Lane last week. She collected lots of rubbish from



the hedges. It is great to see her taking responsibility for the environment around her.

Well done and thank you!

Whole school attendance this 1/2 term is....

95%

Up coming dates

Cyber Security Parent Workshop—Thursday 6th March 3.30 pm in Hazel Class

World Book Day—Thursday 6th March