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OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. We have had a positive start to the new academic year and all classes are settled and working hard. We have 2 new topics this term – The Gallery and the Theatre for Years 1-6 and Autumn / All About Me for Forest Phase. I've included the current diary dates at the end of this newsletter...it will be Christmas before we know it!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is open to all pupils. Breakfast club is open from 8.30am until 8.45am. Please wait with your children in the school yard until the rear doors are opened at 8.30am. Please remember that teachers are not out on the yard until 8.50am, therefore children should not come to school unsupervised and play on the yard before 8.50am.

START AND END OF DAY

At the start and end of the school day, all parents should stand behind the benches. In the morning, children should wait with their parents until the bell rings. Children should then line up. If you need to speak to a teacher, please get their attention, and they will invite you over. Teachers will speak to one parent at a time.

As a school, we value our relationships with our parents and the wider community. To ensure that we can continue the positive relationships, we ask that everyone treats each other with respect. Threatening and intimidating behaviour, harassment and causing a disturbance on school property will not be tolerated.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

This year, we have 3 main priority areas in our school development plan.

Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
<p>We want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to develop and improve our Forest Phase and Foundation Learning Provision by providing effective environments, engaging experiences and upskilling staff as enabling adults	<p>We want to develop and improve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pupils' speaking and listening skillsPupils' Welsh language skills. We will be working towards our Siarter Iaith Silver AwardOur pupils' leadership skills through the pupil voice groups	<p>We want to develop and improve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Our community and parental engagement events, including those organised by childrenUpskill parents to support their children's learning at home



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance questioning and adaptive teaching strategies• Refine interventions to develop pupils' early speech and language skills and joint attention skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The confidence of all staff as leaders within the school	
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A summary of the School Development Plan can be found on the school website.

PARENT/CARERS CONSULTATIONS

Apologies for the error in the body of the September newsletter, the date in the dates for diary was correct. Parents consultations will take place during the week of **24th – 27th November**. Teachers will send out appointments closer to the time. Please make every effort to attend to find out how your child/children have settled, to see their work so far, and to learn how you can support them to make progress in their learning.

ALN COFFEE MORNING

We will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 17th October at 9.15 am for parents of children who have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or who are awaiting an ASD assessment. We will be joined by members of the National Autistic Society Swansea, who will be able to share the activities that they organise and answer any questions you may have about their work and the events they run. If you would like to attend, please notify the office.

ATTENDANCE

We continue to work on improving attendance and punctuality. Welsh Government target for attendance is 95%. Please remember to call the school office if your child is absent due to illness. We are keen to work with parents to improve attendance and are happy to meet with you to discuss any problems or issues impacting on attendance and punctuality. Our Education Welfare Officer is Mr Matthew Smith. He will meet with us regularly to discuss any pupils whose attendance is causing concern. Referrals are made to the EWO service for all pupils whose attendance falls below 80% and we will meet with parents whose attendance falls below 90%.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Thursday 23rd October. As usual, we will be collecting donations for the Lifepoint Church foodbank and any donations of tinned and dried food will be gratefully received. Please send in any donations from Monday 20th October. Many thanks for your support.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP & RVE

We are aware that there have been questions about a recent assembly where a visitor from the mosque was invited to speak to the children in Years 1-6 about Islam. For clarity, this was the first time someone of the Islamic faith from our local mosque was invited to the school. It is untrue to claim pupils were told they would all be Muslim by the



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time they reach year six or that they were taught, expected to say Islamic prayers, or encouraged to fast. Members of staff were present throughout and led a Christian prayer at the end of the assembly.

The school has strong ongoing relationships with our local churches. We have regular visits from church leaders, and our pupils participate in major Christian festivals with them, including Christmas, Easter, and the annual Harvest Festival.

We take pride in being a school where everyone is treated with dignity, tolerance, and respect. As with all schools in Wales, we are required to include religious studies in our curriculum. Lessons and assemblies primarily reflect the diverse traditions of Christian belief, but we also aim to provide our pupils with a basic understanding of the world's other major religions.

The Local Authority has also issued the following communication on Social Media
<https://www.facebook.com/swanseacitycouncil>

READING

We continue to focus on developing pupils' reading skills at Sea View, and we ask that you support your child's reading at home, by listening to them read, completing their reading records, playing any games sent home, reading to them and encouraging them to complete their homework. Thank you for your support.

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS

The Designated Child Protection Officer at Sea View is Mr Tiltman and the Deputy Child Protection Officers are Miss Wilcox and Mrs Saunders. We work closely with families and external agencies such as the Early Help Hub and Child and Family Services to support families. Should you have any safeguarding or child protection concerns please contact any of us to discuss your concern or to signpost you to relevant services who may be able to help.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We have had to speak to some children and their parents in the last few weeks about safe and appropriate use of the internet and social communication. Further to this we are aware of inappropriate and derogatory comments posted online. As role models for our children, it's important that we use social media in a positive and respectful way. We kindly remind parents to be mindful when posting about school or staff online. Please ensure that discussions about school matters remain respectful and constructive. If you have concerns, we encourage direct communication with the school rather than addressing them on social media. By setting a good example, we can help our children develop healthy online habits and maintain a supportive school community. Thank you for your support.

FOOD BANK and ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM THE SCHOOL



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The school is a referral point for Swansea Food Banks. If you need a food bank voucher, please speak to Mr Tiltman or Mrs Saunders, and we will be happy to assist. Additionally, if you require any other help, support, or guidance, please do not hesitate to come and see us – if we can help, we will!

SEA VIEW HYGIENE BANK

The school will be arranging our first Hygiene Bank event on Thursday November 6th. A selection of items will be available to families, including toilet rolls, some cleaning products, soap, deodorant, sunscreen, hand gel, shampoo, toothpaste and a range of other items. These will be available in the community room from 3.00-3.30pm.

PARKING

Please do not park on the white zig-zag lines outside the school, even for a short time. The white zig-zags indicate no parking and it is a real concern that one day a child will be knocked over as they cross the zebra crossing due to people stopping on the zig-zags. Whilst it may be convenient to pull up and ask your child to jump out, please park in a safe and legal space and walk your child in.

DIARY DATES

In reach sessions for parents - CAMHS	9/10/25 @ 9.00am 23/10/25 06/11/25	Community Room
Reverend Justin Assembly	16/10/25	Hall
ALN Coffee Morning	17/10/25 @ 9.15am	Community Room
Harvest Festival with Lifepoint Church	23/10/25 @ 10.00am	Hall
Mentor Iaith Visit to develop Welsh language skills	24/10/25	
Half term begins	24/10/25 @ 3.30pm	
INSET Day – no school for children	03/11/25	
Hygiene Bank	06/11/25 @3.00pm	Community Room
Y3 Library Visit	10/11/25@ 1.15pm	Townhill Library
Y3/4 Rugby session	14/11/25	
Y4 Library Visit	17/11/25 @ 1.15pm	Townhill Library



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Y5/6 Football Tournament	18/11/25	Dylan Thomas Comprehensive
Children in Need	21/11/25	
Parents and Carers Consultations	24/11/25 – 27/11/25 3.30pm onwards	Hall
Y5 Library Visit	24/11/25 @ 1.15pm	Townhill Library
Design to Smile Visit – Nursery to Year 2	25/11/25	Hall
Christmas Concert Y1/2	10/12/25 @ 9.30am	Hall
Christmas Concert Y3-6	10/12/25 @ 1.30pm	Hall
Christmas Concert Y3-6	11/12/25 @ 9.30am	Hall
Christmas Concert Y1/2	11/12/25 @ 1.30pm	Hall
Christmas Concert Y3-6	12/12/25 @ 1.30pm	Hall
Christmas Concert Forest Phase	16/12/25 @ 9.30am	Hall
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Christmas Dinner Day	16/12/25 @ 12.00pm	Hall
Y3 & 4 Trip to the Odeon	17/12/25 (am)	Odeon Swansea
Y5 & 6 Trip to Pantomime	17/12/25 (pm)	Pontardawe Arts Centre
Y1 & 2 Christmas Trip	Date TBC	Venue TBC
Forest Phase Christmas Fun Session	Date TBC	TBC
Last Day of Term	19/12/25	
INSET day – no school for children	05/01/26	
First Day Back for Pupils	06/01/26	

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any concerns or queries.

Best Wishes
Mr Tiltman



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