



1st December 2023

Valuables in School

We have had the situation where some children's Air Up water bottles have been tampered with.

We are doing what we can to identify who is doing this and of course we want the values of the school to be strong enough that anyone's belongings are safe. However, having searched to see the price, I would also ask that children don't bring valuable things to school as it can bring upset if things are lost or damaged.

Community Safety

It has been brought to our attention that there was a recent incident in the village that concerns the safety of our children, so we wanted to highlight the importance. If perhaps any of our older children in school or parts of your family should be walking alone either from school or in the community when it is dark, it may well be beneficial that they are accompanied by an adult or revise those journeys where they might be walking alone for the time being. Thank you.

School Assemblies

The assemblies are shared across our year groups and classes so everyone gets a turn to get involved. Invites to attend are open to adults with children in the respective classes who are conducting the assembly for that week. These details are on the school calendar and sent out in each weekly bulletin, so keep an eye out for your child's class!

Attendance

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's attendance. The school's current attendance is:

Whole school attendance	Target	Persistently absent <90%
96.4%	96.5%	9.04%

If your child's attendance is low, please do see us if there is something we are able to help with.

Staff Vacancies

We currently have Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant & Reading Support posts available which we have further details on our website www.swanmoreprimary.org.uk and vacancies can be found under, Our School – Staff – Staff Vacancies.

Bikes & Scooters

It is wonderful to see so many children starting the day off by cycling or scooting to school! Great way for our brains to get working and for the environment too! Please, can we ask that when your child approaches the school gate to enter the playground, they dismount and walk their bike or scooter to the Y2 bike/scooter rack, where they can park it until the end of the school day. Thank you for your support.

FOSPS AGM – Wednesday 6th December @ 7pm

Please note this has now been moved to December. FOSPS are looking for a couple more committee members as well as a regular pool of volunteers. If you would like to find out more please join the FOSPS team in the school hall for a nibble and a drink on Wednesday 6th December.

Easyfundraising

This is a FREE way to raise funds for the school. Every time you shop online retailers make a donation to our school, which is just fantastic and with Black Friday looming it's a great time to start.

Visit [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/) to find out more.

YR September 2024

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, they will be eligible to start school in the school year beginning September 2024. Applications open 1st November 2023 and the deadline is 15th January 2024 with the notification date of 16th April 2024. For support and guidance when you are applying for a school place you can contact the county admissions team on admissions.team@hants.gov.uk, Hampshire County Council Children's Services Department, Elizabeth II Court North, Winchester SO23 8UG or by calling 0300 555 137.

Inset Days for the Academic Year 23/24

Tuesday, 2nd January

Friday, 3rd May

School Closures for the Academic Year 23/24

Friday, 29th March Good Friday

Monday, 6th May Early May bank holiday

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

Monday, 4th December	Y4S Parents Evening
Monday, 4th December	Y4 Listen2Me Concert Y4S 2-2.20pm
Monday, 4th December	Y4 Listen2Me Concert Y4M 2.30-2.45pm
Tuesday, 5th December	Reverse Advent Calendar
Tuesday, 5th December	Y1 Christmas Party
Wednesday, 6th December	FOSPS AGM
Thursday, 7th December	Y3 Visit to Seacity Museum
Friday, 8th December	YR Nativity – 2.15pm
Monday, 11th December	Y4S Parents Evening
Tuesday, 12th December	Reverse Advent Calendar
Tuesday, 12th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity - 2.30-3pm
Thursday, 14th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity - 2.30-3pm
Friday, 15th December	Carols Round The Tree – 9.30am
Friday, 15th December	Last Day of Term

Monday, 18th December – Monday, 1st January	Christmas Break
Wednesday, 3rd January	Start of Spring Term
Wednesday, 3rd January – Friday, 5th January	Y6 Bikeability
Thursday, 4th December	Y1 Marwell Zoological Park Visit