



12th January 2024

Uniform

Thank you to families who have helped us maintain the standards of uniform, it is great to see the children presenting so well. For those children who are now not in uniform we will send you a courtesy email, so you are able to support your child into the correct uniform. Please note this includes not wearing jewellery beyond a watch or stud/sleeper ear rings. We appreciate these can be financially challenging times, so please to speak to the office, if you would like us to try and help, as there are groups we can approach.

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.

Those who require support with their Year R (infant/primary) and Year 3 (junior) school applications are encouraged to attend one of the following library drop-in sessions where they will be guided through the process:

- Tuesday, 9th January, 9.30am-3.30pm – Havant Library, The Meridian Centre, Elm Lane, Havant, PO9 1UN
- Wednesday, 10th January, 9.30am-3.30pm – Andover Library, Chantry Centre, 53 Chantry Street, Andover, SP10 1LT
- Thursday, 11th January, 9.30am-3.30pm – Farnborough Library, Pinehurst, Farnborough, GU14 7JZ

Census Day

It is our school census on Thursday, 18th January which is where, as a school, we receive extra funding for the number of children who take up the offer of a school meal on that day. Please see attached the menu options for next Thursday.

Although families do not have to pay for school dinners until your child goes into Year 3, if you are eligible to claim free school meals, this means that your child is also eligible for pupil premium. This is additional funding the school can receive from the government, which means we can then support families with things such as subsidised school trips and other provisions within the school.

To check your eligibility for free school meals, please use:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

If you could do this by Wednesday, 17th January we would be very grateful.

FOSPS Newsletter

Please have a read through the FOSPS newsletter, lots of exciting things are planned for 2024 including a school disco. This will take place on Thursday, 8th February, [book tickets here](#).

We have been asked to share the following from Roynon Performing Arts

As you may know, Wednesday is the designated day for after school Dance club, run by Roynon Performing Arts. Regrettably, they have only received bookings from two parents for this club. While they are grateful for their participation, the low turnout means that the club is at risk of not being financially viable.

This is a fun and engaging club, where pupils will have lots of fun learning, practising and showing a mix of dance and drama skills. These sessions help pupils learn core life skills such as core strength, balance, projection of voice, presentation skills, memory and muscle coordination. Pupils will be collected from main reception at the end of the day by the dance teacher and taken across the road to the Paterson Centre, where the sessions will take place.

Roynon has been established since 1981, supporting 1,000s of students of all ages and abilities with many more classes, exams and workshops on offer.

Their after school sessions are £6 each and can be booked directly or by emailing:

<https://roynon-performing-arts.classforkids.io/camp/41>
principal@roynonperformingarts.co.uk

School Chickens

As we have welcomed some new families across the school, we are looking to welcome anyone that can offer some of their time to help keep our school chickens well looked after. If this is something you are able to do, or are interested in, please come in to the school office to see us. A huge thank you to all those parents who currently help take care of our lovely coop!

Staff Vacancies

We currently have a Key Stage 1 Leader position available and Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant & Reading Support posts available, both which we have further details on our website www.swanmoreprimary.org.uk- and vacancies can be found under, Our School – Staff – Staff Vacancies.

Church Café at St. Barnabas

January Café Church - Sunday 21st Jan, 10am, Paterson Centre.

Join us for pastries, fruit, tea & coffee with craft activities for the children.

Diary Dates for the Spring Term

Monday, 15th January	YR 2024 Applications Deadline
Thursday, 18th January	Census Day
Friday, 19th January	Y2W Assembly
Friday, 19th January	Young Voices O2
Sunday, 21st January	St. Barnabas Church Café
Monday, 22nd January	World Religion Day
Friday, 26th January	Y1C Assembly
Friday, 2nd February	Y4M Assembly
Thursday, 8th February	School Disco YR & Y1 3.30pm-4.30pm
Thursday, 8th February	School Disco Y2 & Y3 4.45pm-5.45pm
Thursday, 8th February	School Disco Y4, Y5, & Y6 6.00pm-7.00pm
Friday, 9th February	Pancake Day
Wednesday, 13th March	Parent's Evening YR-6
Monday, 18th March	Parent's Evening YR-6

Dates for your Calendar 23/24

Friday, 14th June Sports Day
Wednesday, 19th June Back up Sports Day
Monday, 22nd July Y6 Leavers Service at St. Barnabas
Tuesday, 23rd July Y6 Bell Ringing

Inset Days for the Academic Year 23/24

Friday, 3rd May

School Closures for the Academic Year 23/24

Friday, 29th March Good Friday
Monday, 6th May Early May bank holiday