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## Whole School



### Parents Evenings

Thank you for supporting us with Parents' Evening on Monday. We introduced the curriculum statements information we share at Parents' Evening following feedback that some parents felt they did not know what their child was learning and what they could do to improve. As we have updated the information on the website and send curriculum information home each half term, it is timely to review if the curriculum statement document is helpful for families. If you are able to help with this short questionnaire, that would be very helpful. Thank you!

[Parents' Evening Information – Fill out form](#)

### School Photographs

Photos are now ready to order please see the flyer below for details. There will also be a School Photo Wash Up - if any children were away or missed their photo there is another opportunity for them to have it taken on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

### Starting School September 2026

As you may be aware, the application process for children starting in Year R reception and Year 3 infant to junior school transfer in September 2026 opens at midnight on Saturday 1 November 2025.

Applications can be submitted online using this link: [Apply for your child's YR school place 2026](#)

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2026**.

Here are following guidance for the parents making an application:

- Name three schools on your application to maximise your chances of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.
- Submit your application on-time, before the 15 January 2026 deadline.
- Use the County Council's [school catchment area finder](#) to check the catchment school for your address
- Read the school's admission policies to find out how many places are available and what criteria will be used to allocate places if the school is oversubscribed.
- Think about how your child will get to school. See [travel to school](#) to help plan your journey and find out if you are eligible for help with transport. You must name your catchment school(s) if you have one, as a preference if you wish to apply for travel assistance.



## **We're Excited to Welcome Our New Vicar!**

We are delighted to announce that Sandra Matthews has joined us as our new vicar. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome to our community. We look forward to seeing her in our church services, assemblies, and worship gatherings. Please follow the link for more information about our new vicar Sandra Matthews.

<https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news/2025/11/17/island-priest-take-charge-meon-valley-parishes/>



## **ActiveMe 360**

You will see on the flyer below that ActiveMe360 are running Christmas HAF Childcare on certain dates over the holiday. If you wish to book it, you will need to use the password **SwanmorePrimary**. It is password protected so only our school community can book places. Please do not pass it out to families from other schools. If your child is eligible for income based free school meals then this will be free of charge for you.



## **FOSPS News**

**Thank you.** To everyone who came along to the fireworks night, we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did! We raised a whopping £7,535.98 which is amazing, so thank you for your support.

Now, on to Christmas...

### **Christmas Jumper Sale: Friday 28th November**

FOSPS will be holding a second-hand Christmas Jumper Sale on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, from 3.30 - 5pm.

As well as jumpers we will be selling other Christmas bits and bobs, have some festive games to play, carol music, mulled wine, hot chocolate and of course mince pies.

If you have any Christmas jumpers, you're happy to donate (children's or adults in good condition) please pop them in the FOSPS donation box in reception.

### **NEW: Christmas is Coming - non-school uniform day: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

In return for non uniform we kindly ask for two gifts per child, for the annual Christmas gift sale which will take place on the last day of term. We would like gifts suitable for a male and also a female. For example, if you have two children, please provide two male gifts and two female suited gifts.

Gifts could be boxes of chocolates, socks, smellies, shower gel or deodorant packs. FOSPS also welcome unwanted, good quality, gifts so if you've received something that isn't for you maybe it's a suitable donation for the gift sale. If you have anything additional you would like to donate you can also pop these in the FOSPS box in reception.

Please do not send products which contains nuts (this includes Celebration chocolates) or alcohol.

Children will have the opportunity to purchase a gift during our annual 50p sale on Friday 19th December.

### **FOSPS mulled wine & mince pies - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

FOSPS will be selling some christmas treats before and after the school's carols round the tree on Friday 19th December.

### **FOSPS Advertising Opportunities**

We have some exciting new opportunities to advertise your business through the FOSPS online and event platforms, reaching hundreds of local families. Please see the flyer below or feel free to email [fosps@swanmoreapps.com](mailto:fosps@swanmoreapps.com) for more details.



## Poppy Appeal

I just wanted to pass on a huge message of thanks from the Royal British Legion to all the children, staff, and families at Swanmore Primary. You have helped raise an absolutely amazing £236.45 for the Poppy Appeal this year!

This is a fantastic achievement, and we are so grateful. Every poppy, every coin, and every bit of support helps the RBL continue to care for those who serve and have served. The children should feel very proud of the difference they've made.



## Reverse Advent Calendar 2025

In December, we would like to invite you to be involved with our reverse advent calendar! Please see the poster below with all the information.

## Pop Up Food Bank

It's back! We're running our Pop-Up Food Bank this year in support of the Meon Valley Foodbank. If you are able to please bring along any donations to the playground before the start of the day and we will load them on to the mini bus and take it over to the Meon Valley Food bank for local families.

In December, perhaps a Christmas 'treat' might be there to help with the festivities even!

Thank you in advance!

## Pop Up Food Bank Dates

5th Dec	20 <sup>th</sup> March
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	17th April
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	22nd May
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	19 <sup>th</sup> June

## Thought for the Week

At Swanmore Primary school the children explore their spirituality through a 'thought for the week'. The children are invited to use their deeper thinking to look at themselves, each other, and the wider world.


We also have a library of thought for the weeks through the year which will show you the type of activities the children have been doing in class. Please follow this bread crumb trail on the school website to discover more:

Home - Our school - Worship - and then pick the 'Thought for the week' tab and which term you'd like to look at.

Please take a look at the 3 folders as you will be able to see how the children explored the thought for the week in a particular term. We hope you enjoy looking at how the children explore their spirituality each week!

This week the children are looking at:

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**Trust takes years to build,  
seconds to break.**

How can we as a school build trust with friends, family and the Swanmore community?

Reception

School Photo Wash Up Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

YR Nativity Performance dates – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm

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Year 1

School Photo Wash Up Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

KS1 Nativity Performance dates – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm

Year 2

School Photo Wash Up Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

KS1 Nativity Performance dates – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm

Year 3

Y3 Sea City Trip Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December **Any parents in Y3G who can help in would be much appreciated please let the office know or the class teacher, Thank you.**

Y3G Swimming Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November

School Photo Wash Up Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Year 4

School Photo Wash Up Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Year 5

School Photo Wash Up Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Y5N Assembly date has changed it will now be on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Year 6

GREEK DAY – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

School Photo Wash Up Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November



# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



In December, we would like to invite you to be involved with our reverse advent calendar!



Below are some of the suggested items below to our school larder boxes – which will be positioned just outside of the year 1 fence.

The contents of the boxes will then be donated to the local food bank (Meon Valley food bank) at the end of term. The list of items have been taken from the Meon Valley food bank website where they have regular updates for items they require currently:

[Welcome - Meon Valley Food Bank](#) (low stock alerts tab)

Many thanks in advance for your generous donations!

Date	Suggested Food Items
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tinned Chicken in White wine sauce</li> <li>• Tinned Potatoes</li> <li>• Washing up Liquid</li> <li>• Large Tins of Ham</li> <li>• Tinned meat meals</li> <li>• Tinned vegetables</li> <li>• Tinned fruit</li> <li>• Washing tablets (non-bio)</li> <li>• Small (500g) bags of sugar</li> </ul>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	





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# Swanmore Primary School

## December Holidays 2025

22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December  
9am - 4pm

For  
children  
aged 5 - 11

» **360 Active** £26.25 per day\*

Our 360 Active camp is ideal for all-rounders, offering a mix of your favourite sports and new activities to keep children's bodies and minds active.

» **HAF Camp** Free

The HAF camp offers nutritious meals, engaging activities, and free childcare spots to children who receive benefit-related free school meals, supporting their health, wellbeing, and learning.

Don't forget about our 10% sibling discount\* too!  
\*Not to be used in conjunction with any of our saver codes.



**Our mission is**  
To change lives by improving health and wellbeing using the power of physical activity, sport and education.



Scan the QR code to book your place.

\*Get 15% off with our Active Saver code 'DECAS15' expires Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Book Here:

Follow this link to book:

[bookings.activeme360.co.uk/project/71863](https://bookings.activeme360.co.uk/project/71863)



For more information or to book, visit:  
[www.activeme360.com](http://www.activeme360.com)

@activeme360



# Online Parent/Carer Information Session The Empowerment Approach



**24th November 16:30-17:30**

- An overview of the approach led by Leslie Marwick (behaviour expert) and how the school is using the Empowerment Approach to support children.
- Ideas of how you can support the approach at home.
- An opportunity to ask any further questions.

**Microsoft Teams Need help?**

**Join the meeting now**

**Meeting ID: 330 121 195 118 5**

**Passcode: 48o47aV2**



# JOY



FOR ALL

## CHRISTMAS AT **BARN CHURCH**

*THURS 11<sup>th</sup> Dec doors open 5pm*

### **Family Carols**

Christmas fun for all the family, popcorn, hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies included. Christmas Jumpers optional. *LOCATION TBC*

*SUN 14<sup>th</sup> Dec doors open 9:30am*

### **Christingle**

Join us in thinking about the Good News of Christmas with the help of an orange and some sweets. *Soberton Guide Hut, SO32 3QH*

*SUN 21<sup>st</sup> Dec doors open 9:30am*



### **Christmas Celebration**

Our Christmas celebration, lots of fun and games with breakfast provided. *Soberton Guide Hut, SO32 2QH*

YOU ARE INVITED



For more information visit [www.barnchurch.uk](http://www.barnchurch.uk)

  @barnchurch.uk

Take a look at our website: <http://www.pta-events.com/swanmoreprimary>



Support the school, reach a local audience,  
and promote your business through our  
online and event platforms

# Advertise with FOSPS

## Primary Advertising package

Your brand appears in multiple  
high-visibility spots:

- Top and bottom banners on our website
- Top and bottom of event confirmation emails
- Feature on our *sponsors page* with logo, link and description
- Advert/logo printed on event tickets

£150 pa

## Secondary Advertising package

£50 pa

A cost effective way to stay visible:

- Sidebar advert (right side on desk top / mid-page on mobile)
- Feature on our *sponsors page* with logo, link and description



## Why advertise with FOSPS?

Reach hundreds of engaged local families and support your local  
community

Total orders

2395



Orders (last 12 months)

1196



Emails sent (last 12 months)

3663

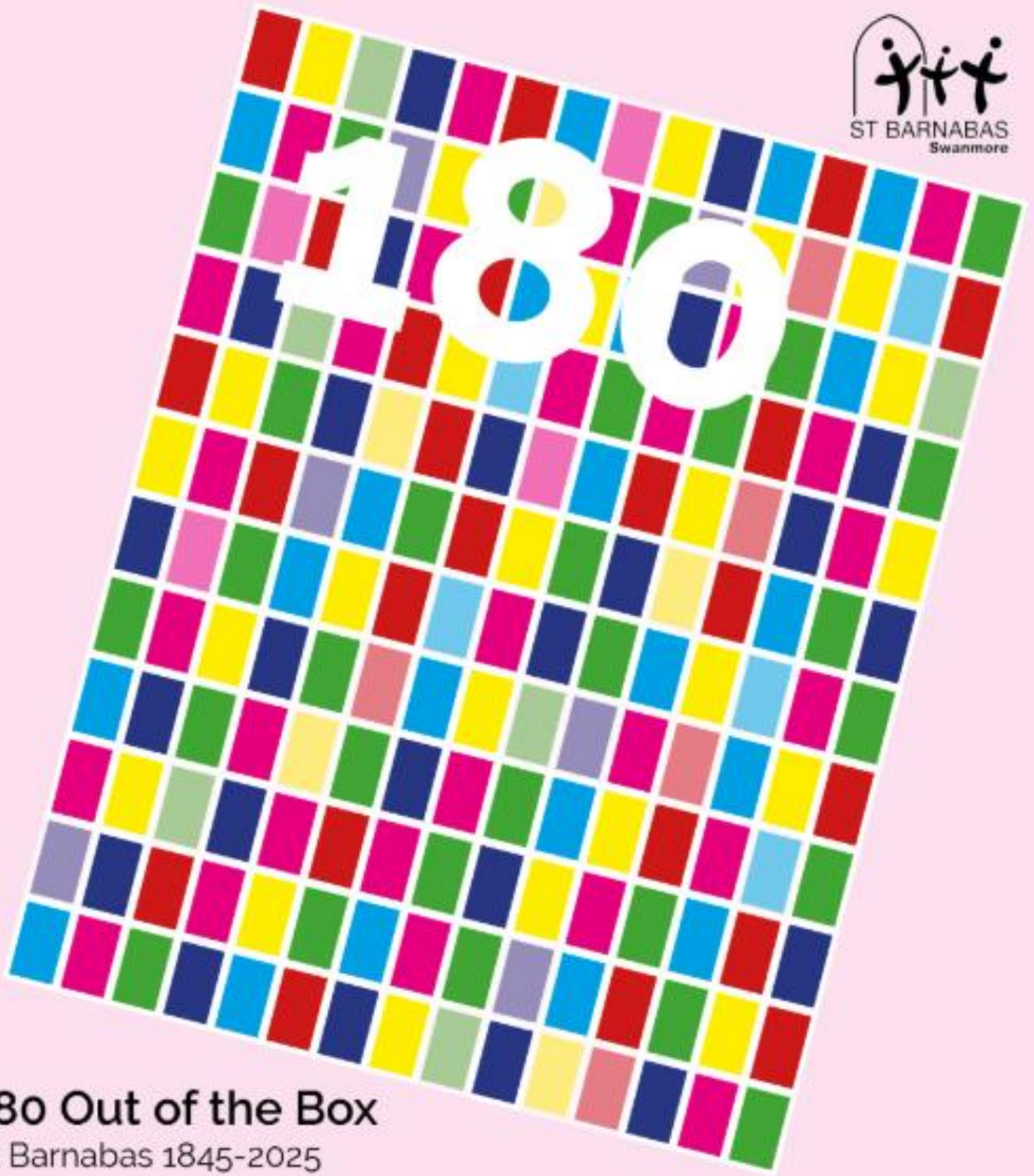


Page views (last 12 months)

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Please email [fosp@swanmoreapps.com](mailto:fosp@swanmoreapps.com) if you're interested in becoming a sponsor



## 180 Out of the Box

St Barnabas 1845-2025

**A huge thank you to all the children that created a box as part of our village art project. Come and visit the display in the Link after half term.**

This project is part of a fundraising appeal to maintain the Church buildings. Our goal is to complete 180 boxes, raising £10 per box. To sponsor the project, please use the QR code - every little bit really will help, all donations gratefully received.





# 180 Out of the Box

St Barnabas 1845-2025



Thank you for all your hard work, we would love to invite you to Cafe Church on the 16th November, 10am in the Paterson Centre, to celebrate completion of the project. Join us for coffee, fruit and pastries as we get together to reflect on what's been created. All welcome, it would be great to see you!



# STARTING SCHOOL IN

# 2026



If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before  
**1 September 2026**,  
they can start school in **September 2026**.

For more information go to  
**[www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)**  
Applications open for Hampshire residents  
on **1 November 2025**

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS  
**THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2026**

# DON'T MISS IT!



Hampshire  
County Council

[hants.gov.uk](http://hants.gov.uk)