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Whole School



INSET DAY FRIDAY 1ST MAY 2026 AND BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 4TH MAY 2026



FOSPS News

Happy's Circus - Saturday 9th May: Tickets now available on the FOSPS website

Roll up, roll up, Happy's Circus is coming to Swanmore!

That's right, we're excited to welcome the circus back to Swanmore Primary School! With international artists and a whole host of tricks this event will be fun for all of the family. For those that have been to a Happy's Circus before please note this will be a BRAND-NEW show!

School gates will open at 2.30pm, please see outline timings below:

- Big top opens at 3.00pm
- Show starts at 3.30pm
- Interval at 4.15pm
- Second half of the show starts at 4.45pm
- Show finishes at 5.30pm

We would love some volunteers to help with the ticket checks and refreshments for this event, please sign up on the website too.

<https://www.pta-events.com/swanmoreprimary/>

Please note everyone is welcome, so please bring friends and family, and spread the word!

Save the date!

We have a few more exciting events being planned so please save the date for:

- Inset Day - Monday 22nd June: FOSPS are hoping to arrange discounted tickets to Legoland or similar - TBC
- Summer Fair - Friday 10th July
- YES Day - Friday 17th July

All details to follow..

Many thanks as always for all your support!



KS2 PARENTS ONLY – WOODS UPDATE

Darren Hammerton, who manages Captain Phillimore's woods, has advised the school of the potential danger of ash trees falling due to ash die back. This means that some areas of the woods will need to be out of bounds during visits. Fortunately, the main areas affected are not heavily used by the children.

However, we need to take extra precautions to ensure the children's safety. We will no longer be able to visit the woods during windy conditions and may need to cancel on the day of the visit. It is also important that children keep out of the designated out-of-bounds areas so please reinforce this message.

If you have any concerns, please contact the school. Thank you for your understanding.



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!



All Years Class Photographs – Wednesday 20th May 2026

Sports Day

The date for Sports Day has changed and it will now be on Friday 12th June 2026, a week earlier than previously stated. We know this is a popular day with families so wanted to provide you with as much notice as possible.

Morning Spanish Club!

Morning Spanish club will be offered this summer term please see the flyer for further details and book your child in early to save disappointment.

Reminder for Parents

Please can we remind you that parents should not use the staff car park at any time during the day to drop off or collect children. The pavement outside the school should also not be used for parking. These measures are in place to ensure the safety of all children, families, and staff. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe.

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~~ ~~12th Dec~~ ~~16th Jan~~ ~~13th Feb~~ ~~20th March~~ ~~17th April~~ 22nd May 19th June

Reception

All Years Class Photographs – Wednesday 20th May 2026

YRH Class Assembly Friday 15th May 3pm in the School Hall parents welcome

YRCG Class Assembly Friday 22nd May 3pm in the School Hall parents welcome

Year 1

Y1 phonics meeting with parents on Friday 8th May at 3pm

All Years Class Photographs – Wednesday 20th May 2026

Year 2

All Years Class Photographs – Wednesday 20th May 2026

Year 3

All Years Class Photographs – Wednesday 20th May 2026

Year 4

All Years Class Photographs – Wednesday 20th May 2026

Y4S Class Assembly Friday 26th June 3pm in the School Hall parents welcome

Year 5

Year 5 Swanage Residential Reminder

With just over two weeks to go until our Year 5 residential, we would like to remind parents/carers that all [meal choices](#) need to be completed this weekend and in by Monday 27th April.

Please also ensure that final payments are made by **Friday 8th May**.

If you have any questions or need support with any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support—we are very much looking forward to the trip!

Y5A Class Assembly Friday 8th May 3pm in the School Hall parents welcome

All Years Class Photographs – Wednesday 20th May 2026

Year 6

All Years Class Photographs – Wednesday 20th May 2026

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

FOSPS presents a Fundraising Circus Show!

★ Saturday 9th May ★

Gates open 2.30pm • Show starts 3.30pm

NEW SHOW FOR 2026

Ticket sales open to the wider community
as well as Swanmore pupils



TICKETS £12 AVAILABLE FROM
www.pta-events.co.uk/swanmoreprimary

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ONLINE PARENT WORKSHOPS



CARE: Coping and Resilience in Education - Friday 24th April (09:30 - 10:30)

A workshop to help you support your child in understanding and expressing their emotions. It introduces simple, practical strategies to build resilience and manage feelings such as anxiety, sadness, and anger, while helping children feel confident in asking for help when they need it.



Understanding & Managing Your Child's Anxiety - Wednesday 20th May (09:30 - 10:30)

This workshop offers helpful approaches and strategies for supporting emotional regulation, building routines, and strengthening parent-child communication when children present with challenging behaviours.



Managing Behaviour - Wednesday 6th May (09:30 - 10:30)

This workshop explores what anxiety is, what keeps it going, and offers practical tools and approaches you can use at home. It provides clear, helpful strategies to build your child's confidence and support them in managing anxious feelings.

We are the Winchester Mental Health Support Team (MHST), and we work closely with children, parents, and school staff to support emotional wellbeing across our partner schools. Alongside offering 1:1 support through school referrals, we also deliver a range of workshops designed to build confidence, understanding, and practical skills around children's mental health. This term, we are pleased to offer a selection of online workshops, open to all MHST schools in the Winchester area. These sessions are designed to be accessible, informative, and supportive for anyone wanting to better understand and help the children in their care.

Sign up to the Winchester MHST Online Parent Workshops





BBC iPlayer for Kids

Children under the age of 13 can have their own iPlayer profile, which includes content from CBBC, CBeebies and other suitable BBC programmes.

You can download the iPlayer app and then find out how to create a profile here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/help/questions/about-the-childrens-experience/iplayer-child-experience>

Going on a long journey? The BBC have also compiled a list of shows and films as well as games and quizzes to make the journey go quicker:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/best-films-games-and-quizzes-to-keep-kids-entertained-on-long-journeys>



Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleycls.org.uk/april-2026-primary/>

Age ratings in games

Age ratings exist to help protect your child as they show whether content is suitable for your child's age. Make sure you check the age rating of any game your child is playing.

Why should I check?

Not all games will be appropriate for your child. Some may appear child friendly due to fun or cartoon style graphics but still include unsuitable content. Age ratings consider factors such as violence, frightening content, bad language and/or in app purchases.



How can I check?

Most games are rated by PEGI (Pan European Game Information), who not only state the age you should be to play the game but also provide further content descriptors to give you an indication of the type of content that your child might encounter. Apps are rated by the App store/Google Play.

How can I stop my child from accessing a game they are not old enough to play?

You can set up **parental controls** to restrict access to games or apps that your child is not old enough to play and set restrictions so any downloads/purchases must be approved by you. For example:

- Nintendo – restrict software by age so if you restrict to 10+, games with that rating or above cannot be played by your child.
- Xbox / PlayStation – set an age limit so anything that exceeds that age rating must be approved.
- Apple / Google (Family Link) – restrict your child from installing apps, allowing you to review before approving all purchases.

What else do I need to do?

- Review any additional content descriptors, read reviews and check if the game includes any form of communication or in app purchases. This will help inform your decision as to whether the game is suitable for your child.
- For any game your child plays, set up appropriate parental controls.
- If you decide a game is not appropriate, explain to your child why. We know your child might feel peer pressure to play certain games, but explaining your reasoning will help them understand your decision.

Further information

- <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

Fake or Real? Know the Deal

Essex Police have launched a groundbreaking AI Safety Campaign in partnership with BT and EE to tackle the growing risks posed by artificial intelligence (AI) misuse and deepfake technology. This is the first time a UK police force is working directly with a global technology firm to provide practical advice to parents, guardians and young people.

AI technology offers incredible opportunities, but it also introduces serious risks when misused. Deepfake content – highly convincing, fabricated images or videos – can be used to exploit young people, sometimes without their knowledge. Artificially generated Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) is one of the fastest-emerging crimes Essex Police is actively investigating.

The campaign is designed to help you understand:

- What deepfakes are and why they matter
- How to protect children from online harm
- What to do if an image is misused

Further information

Find out more here, including advice on how to protect your child:

<https://eephonesmart.co.uk/fake-or-real>

What is the Manosphere?

Have you seen the new Netflix documentary 'Louis Theroux: Inside the Manosphere' in which Louis Theroux interviews several 'influencers' that promote extreme / disturbing ideologies online. It is a shocking watch but prompts the importance of ensuring our children are protected from this content. In essence, the manosphere is against the empowerment of women and certain people promote these views and other harmful misinformation online via social media etc.

What should I do?

We need to develop critical thinking in our children and have age-appropriate conversations with them as explained in these two articles:

- <https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/feelings-behaviour/talking-about-feelings/talk-to-your-child-gender-equality/>
- <https://www.brook.org.uk/blog/4-ways-to-tackle-misogyny-among-young-people/>

Further information

- <https://www.unwomen.org/en/articles/explainer/what-is-the-manosphere-and-why-should-we-care>

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How to set up parental controls on ChatGPT

Internet Matters have published an article detailing how you can link your own account to your child's account (they must be logged in) to set parental controls on ChatGPT.

You can read the article here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/chatgpt-parental-controls/>

WhatsApp update: Parent-Managed Accounts

WhatsApp have announced that they are rolling out the option of Parent-Managed accounts for those under the age of 13. The settings will include allowing you to choose who can contact your child and ensuring only you can add them to groups. Find out more here:

<https://faq.whatsapp.com/894871699629864>

Whilst, these features could be useful, it is important to emphasise that just because the option now exists, WhatsApp may still not be an appropriate platform for your child to be on. We often receive reports of issues, particularly with group chats on WhatsApp. Wayne Denner (online safety trainer) explains more here: <https://www.waynedenner.com/whatsapp-parent-managed-accounts-what-parents-need-to-know/>

AI and homework

AI can be a useful tool for helping children with homework both in understanding a topic and for research. However, please remember that it should not be used to complete tasks as this would constitute plagiarism.

From **Hola** to **Hablando**: Spanish lessons for everyone



Join our Spanish Club!

Did you know Spanish is in the TOP 3 most spoken languages?

Morning Spanish Club – Thursday

Morning Spanish club at Swanmore Primary School is now open for bookings!

Please sign up using the link below to secure your child's place
<https://pbbl.uk/4bYoPGQ>

Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis

Muchas gracias!

Any questions? Please find my contact details below

Pippa Chia - spanish4kidshants@gmail.com 07971 213619

Find out more at www.spanish4kids.co.uk



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AND ADULTS!

Swanmore CE Primary School



Skoolkit will be holding a **10% discount week** in our [Fareham store](#) from **Monday 6th – Saturday 11th July**, where all items listed below will be subject to a **10% discount for this time only**.

2026 Price List	
Daywear	Price
Sky Embroidered Polo Shirt	From £11.00
Electric Blue Embroidered Sweatshirt	From £12.50
Electric Blue Embroidered Sweatshirt Cardigan	From £15.50
Grey Trousers	From £10.99
Grey Skirt	From £10.25
Grey Pinafore	From £15.50
Royal Printed Bookbag	£8.50
Iron-On Name Tapes	x36 – £5.00/ x72 – £5.99

Summer Wear	Price
Blue Summer Dress	£13.99
Grey Daywear Shorts	From £10.99

PE Wear	Price
Sky Embroidered PE T-Shirt	From £6.50
Royal PE Shorts	From £5.50
Royal Embroidered PE Bag	£4.95

Prices are correct at the time of printing.
For full size and pricing information, please refer to our website.

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Opening Times

Mon - Fri 9:00 AM - 17:30 PM

Sat 9:00 AM - 17:00 PM

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Helpful tips for purchasing uniform during the summer holidays

- The first few weeks of the summer holidays are generally quieter in our shops and online.
- **If you are visiting our shops during the last two weeks of the summer holidays please expect to queue outside of the shop and allow more time for your visit.**
- Our shops will still need to close at the advertised closing times and we may have to cut the queue short to ensure we can serve the customers we already have in the shop. This also gives us the opportunity to replenish stock and prepare the shop for the following day.
- **If ordering online, please place your order by our advertised 'last order date' to ensure your garments arrive in time for 'back to school', we still dispatch orders placed after this date and will do our utmost to get them to you in time.**
- If ordering online remember to take advantage of our free online delivery code **SUMMER26** running from **25th July – 1st August**

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**SATURDAY 25ST JULY -
SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST**

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FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST

for guaranteed delivery before the start of
the school year.

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placed after this date before back to school.

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