



June 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I can't believe that we are now in the final part of the school year – where has the time gone?

The last 6 weeks were jam packed with a successful visit to PGL, singing at the village summer fayre, Bikeability, SATS and a successful SIAMS inspection to name a few.

We are now focussing on the lots of exciting summer activities including Sports Day, Cricket and Rounders tournaments, trips and activity days. The highlights of the school year will be the Y5/6 play and leaver's concert to which you are all invited.

I look forward to welcoming you all into school shortly.

My very best wishes,
Zoe Longstaff

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Crane on her wedding day. We wish her and her husband every happiness



Current School Opening Times



ALL classes start at 08:45am
and end the day at 3:20pm

Children who are late for school will be marked as such, which could be flagged up as a concern during our attendance monitoring. If your child is late on a regular basis, they then miss out on a vital routine, which helps them settle into the school day and be ready to start learning. If they are late, this disturbs the smooth start of the day for all.



Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school you can either telephone the school on 01522 868287 or send an email to enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk before 9.15am to inform us that your child is ill. Our new phone lines mean you can leave a voicemail to report your child's absence by pressing option 2.

Absences must be reported each day your child is absent.

If your child is absent due to sickness or diarrhoea, they will need to be clear of all the symptoms for 48 hours before returning to school.



Attendance Every student. Every day.

It is vital that your children get the best possible education going forward so please send your children to school. Attendance is now **compulsory** and holidays in term time will NOT be authorised. Our normal attendance policy will now apply and Fixed Penalty Notices may be issued.

As a school, we need to meet the target of 95.9%, which is the national average. We can only do this if parents support us fully and if we all understand the importance of NOT taking term time holidays or absences from school. Attendance will be monitored each half term. In line with the new Government policy, an even greater emphasis will be placed on attendance.

Holidays in Term Time

We want all our pupils to achieve success, so it is important that parents do their best to support pupils in attending school for the full 190 days in an academic year – as per Section 7 of the Education Act 1996, which places upon parents a duty to ensure their child receives suitable and efficient full time education.

To support our drive to increase pupil attendance, no absences due to holidays during term time will be authorised. This means absences due to pupils being taken on holiday during term time will be recorded unauthorised.

If you do have any holidays planned during term time, please notify school as soon as possible – leave of absence forms (available from the school office) should be completed in plenty of time ahead of any leave.

We hope that our parents will support us and arrange holidays around the existing 175 days the school is closed, through weekends and school holidays, and help us support your child achieving success in school.

Please note, if holidays are still taken during term time this will be reported to Lincolnshire County Council and a fine may be issued, for any absence over 4.5 days.

Class Structure – September 2024

Class 1 – Miss Walker – YR, 1 and 2
Class 2 – Mrs Harrison – Y3 and Y4
Class 3 – Mrs Crane – Y5 and Y6

*****IMPORTANT DATES*****

Y1 Phonics Screening Test – w/c 10 June 2024

Uniform

The school is keen to ensure that our children look smart and wear their uniform with pride.
PE kits are part of the school uniform

NO patterned or logoed (except school logo) T-shirts. This includes PE kits

Uniform List



- Blue/white shirt/polo top
- Royal blue sweat top or cardigan
- Grey/black trousers or shorts
- Grey/black pinafore or skirt
- Blue/white gingham summer dress (optional)
- White/grey socks or grey tights
- Sensible school shoes that children can take on/off themselves (no heels)
- Blue school book bag
- School bag (optional)



PE Kit

PE KIT WORN MUST BE IN LINE WITH THE SCHOOL UNIFORM – PALE BLUE/WHITE plain or school logo t-shirt, plain black/navy jogging bottoms or shorts and school sweatshirt/ cardigan or plain royal blue sweatshirt. Trainers or plimsolls, as plain as possible.

We will be strict about this and if your child wears anything different to this we will ask them to change. Please support us with this so that your child does not feel uncomfortable. **WE WILL** not accept the wearing of sports tops or football shirts.

*****Please ensure all school uniform and PE kit is named*****

Long hair **MUST** be tied up for PE and NO earrings are to be worn.

PE Days

Class 1, 2 and 4 will be on Wednesday and Friday

Class 3 will be on Monday and Wednesday



Online Safety

E-safety – electronic safety – is all about keeping ourselves safe, maintaining our privacy and protecting our rights in the digital world.

We all need to be aware of potential e-safety issues with all our digital devices and forms of digital communication not just computers and the internet. Computers, laptops, tablets (iPads, Kindles etc.), digital cameras, games consoles (Xbox, Wii, iPod touch, Nintendo DS etc.) smart televisions, mobile phones, texts and email are ALL part of the digital world.

Social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, and video sharing sites such as YouTube are valuable in allowing use to maintain communication with family and friends worldwide. However, parents and children should abide by the age restrictions on such sites and carefully set their privacy settings.

Just as in the real world we need children to be aware of stranger danger and bullying (cyber-bullying) in the digital world. We need our children to recognise when it is happening and where to seek help.

At school, we educate children about e-Safety in ICT lessons but it's important that parents know some key e-Safety tips too. Below are some links to resources to help support parents and children with all aspects of e-safety.

Our ICT Acceptable Use of Internet and Online Safety Policies are available on our school website:
https://www.swinderbyallsaints.co.uk/key_information/policies/policies.html



Mobile Phones

Children should not be bringing mobile phones into school unless there are exceptional circumstances – going home on the bus for example. If a phone is brought into school, it needs to be handed to the class teacher on arrival and it will be kept safe until the end of the day.



Football Matches

Thurs 20 June – Home against Witham St Hughs – kick off 4pm

Thurs 27 June – Away to Witham St Hughs – kick off 4pm

There is no football club after school currently running, this will return in the new academic year.



Breakfast and After School Club

Please ensure all bookings are made at least a week in advance, where possible – ideally we'd like these termly. As the Cabin Club is becoming more popular, we cannot guarantee there will be places available on the day. It is essential that bookings are completed for **EVERY** session. Having these bookings will allow the team to plan specific activities and purchase the correct amount of food for each session.

If anyone would like to make a booking, please use the ParentMail App or see The Cabin Club team/the school office.

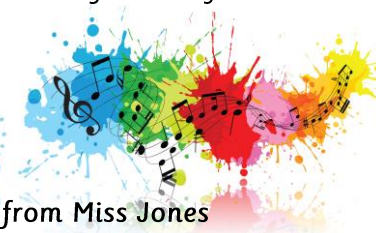


Clothing Bank

The Rag-Bag clothing bank is outside the school. If you have any unwanted clothing items, please bag them up and place them in the large green bin outside the black gates.

The 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme has been developed to provide regular fundraising for schools in the UK.

The scheme increases awareness about textile recycling and by increasing recycling rates we can help the environment by ensuring less material goes to landfill.



Music

A note from Miss Jones

For family and health reasons I am having to stop teaching at Swinderby from the end of this year. This is not a decision I have taken lightly. I have had a long association with Swinderby over many years, going back to the time I was teaching at North Kesteven Academy.

Since 2020 I have worked at Swinderby as part of the Lincolnshire Music Service and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the class music lessons and the choir, as well as singing with everyone in the school in the Wednesday afternoon assembly.

My work with the Music Service has taken me into many primary schools, both large and small. Swinderby is one of the best of them and that is the

reason I kept coming here when I had to give up teaching at most of my other schools last year.

It is the support which I (and my colleagues from LMS) get from everyone involved, which makes Swinderby such a special place to work; the children are responsive in the lessons, every member of staff makes us feel welcome and part of the school (that really doesn't happen in very many places for us!) and the parents are so supportive of our work and the many performances which are on offer.

I am pleased to say that my colleague Mrs Katy Clifford will be taking over from me in September to deliver the music lessons, singing assembly and the choir. She is a very experienced teacher, a singing specialist and she also runs the Lincolnshire-wide Uprising Inclusive Choir.

My thanks & best wishes to you all.

Karen

Communication with Staff



Following discussions at a Governor meeting last November, it has been decided that any emails sent to staff outside of the hours 8am-4:30pm will be looked at and responded to the next working day – unless the recipient chooses otherwise. This is entirely at their own discretion.

Part-time workers will respond between these hours on their working days unless they choose to work outside of those hours.

Emails sent at weekends will not be read/replied to unless the recipient chooses to do so.

Please consider when you send these emails, to support the wellbeing of our staff.

As per our Parental Code of Conduct all correspondence should go through the enquiries email address (enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk) and not direct to personal emails.

School Communication

Our communication is now sent via our MIS system – Integris. Please ensure you do not block this sender otherwise you won't be able to receive the information we're sending out.



Free School Meals

With effect from September 2018, a new system to process Free School Meals was introduced, whereby parents and guardians will need to apply online. We

would encourage **ALL** parents & guardians to apply. Further information can be found on the following website: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

Lunchboxes

According to NHS choices a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

As a school we encourage the above suggestions but also allow a small chocolate bar (i.e. a Penguin/Kit Kat) or a small piece of cake.

However, there are some items that are **NOT** allowed in school, these include:

- Bags of sweets (of any size)
- Large chocolate bars (Mars, Wispas etc.)
- Nuts or nut based products
- Eggs

Parking



Please could all parents ensure that they're mindful of not parking in the school bus bay when dropping off in the morning or collecting in the afternoon. For the safety of all the children getting on and off the bus it is important this area is kept clear. We appreciate the yellow hatched lines are not entirely visible at the moment due to resurfacing works.

Also, could we remind parents to continue being courteous to our neighbours and ensure we're not blocking any access or driveways. Please, show you care, park elsewhere; we've got the ideal facility (Park & Stride) just five-minute walk away at the Village Hall.



Letters Home

We send all letters that don't need printing out via email. If you are unable to view these letters via your email you can view these on the school website if you prefer <http://www.swinderbyallsaints.co.uk/letters-home/>

Letters that require you to send in a reply slip are sent home as a hard copy.

Permission Slips

We appreciate the children sometimes have a lot of letters to bring home, but we try to keep this to a minimum by emailing copies home where possible and putting notifications on our Facebook page, however for those letters that do have to go home and require a permission slip returning, could we ask that children are provided with a plastic folder to keep them safe and contained on the journey from class room to home and vice versa. That way it tries to limit any information that could potentially be lost in transit.

Communication

ALL emails should be sent to
enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk

Any that are specific to Class teachers will be forwarded on and responded to as soon as possible. If these emails are sent during the day, they may be replied to after school or the next working day.

Term Dates



June

Mon 10	Y1 Phonics Screening Tests
Mon 10	Y5 & Y6 Cricket Event
Tues 11	Church School's Festival Y6 – all day
Thurs 13	Y5 & Y6 Positive Health Workshop – AM
Fri 14	Red House Non Uniform Day – House Winners
Fri 21	Y1 Sporting Event – NK Sports Centre
Thurs 27	Sports Day – whole school

July

Mon 01	Reserve Sports Day – whole school
Wed 03	Whole School Athens Olympic Day
Thurs 04	All Priory Secondary Schools Y7 Induction Day
Thurs 04	SRPA Transition Day 9am-3pm
Fri 05	All Priory Secondary Schools Y7 Induction Day
Fri 05	SRPA Transition Day 9am-3pm
Tues 09	Kyra Music Festival
Wed 10	Y5/6 Production – 1:30pm & 6pm
Fri 12	Y5/6 Rounders Event – Letter to follow
Fri 12	Class 2 Trip – Letter to follow
Fri 12	Reports Issued
Mon 15	Move Up afternoon
Tues 16	Y6 Leavers Pool Party
Wed 17	Music Concert – PM Time TBC
Thurs 18	Y6 Water Fight PM
Fri 19	Leaver's Service 1:30pm
Fri 19	LAST DAY OF TERM

We will be adding more dates for the diary as time goes on

And finally

For those of you who have 'liked' the School's Facebook page. **Please can you make sure you like the posts. As the School is a business page if you don't like the post or interact with the page the updates/posts will stop coming up on your Newsfeed.** The school facebook page is used as an additional way of getting information out to our parents.

www.facebook.com/SwinderbyAllSaintsPrimarySchool



We like to keep in regular contact with you and all our latest news can be found on: Facebook, School website.