



Swallow Dell Weekly Newsletter 4th September 2026

Autumn Term

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to a new school year and a new term. It has been great to see the children back in school this week. There has been lots of excitement as pupils have met their new teachers, settled into their new classrooms and, in some year groups, got to know new classmates. It has also been lovely hearing about everyone's summer break.

The children have returned with a positive attitude and have made an excellent start to the year. Thank you to parents and carers for helping things run so smoothly.

As in previous years, attendance remains a key priority for the school. Being in school every day gives children the best chance to learn, make progress and enjoy all that school has to offer. We will continue to work closely with families to ensure attendance remains as high as possible throughout the year.

We are looking forward to another busy and successful term at Swallow Dell.

Mr J Berry, Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

September

Monday 7th - Year 1 Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 9th - Baby and Toddler Group starts for the term (every Wednesday)

Wednesday 9th - Year 3 Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 9th - Year 4 Meet the Teacher

Thursday 10th - Year 5 Meet the Teacher

Friday 11th - Year 6 Meet the Teacher

Monday 14th - Autumn Term Clubs start

Thursday 17th - Mental Health Support Team Coffee Morning for Reception parents

Monday 21st - PGL Parent Information Evening

Monday 28th - Year 2 Maths Workshop and Open Classroom

October

Friday 2nd - Occasional Day (School Closed)

Wednesday 7th - Reception Stay and Play

Wednesday 14th - Year 1 Phonics/Reading Workshop and Open Classroom

Wednesday 14th - Year 6 Trip to RAF Hendon

Sunday 18th - Wednesday 21st - Year 5 PGL Trip Osmington Bay

Wednesday 21st - Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations (Year 5 will be vaccinated on second session)

Thursday 22nd - Individual/sibling photos

Friday 23rd - End of Half Term (Normal finish time)

Weekly Term Time Events:

Baby & Toddler Group (every Wednesday)

Other Term Time Events:

Family Support Worker Coffee Morning every other Friday

Visit our website for the latest term dates

Clubs

*A reminder that next week, **Monday 7th September**, booking for Autumn Term clubs go live.*

*Please remember to go via **Clubs** for booking, not Payments, on School Gateway. Clubs are non-refundable, however if you need to cancel, please contact the office and this will be considered on a case-by-case basis.*

Numbers are limited and are allocated on a first come first serve basis. Should you require financial assistance or wish to discuss this, please do contact the school office.

*Clubs commence **week commencing 14th September**. All clubs start at 3.15pm and finish at 4.15pm. Last clubs will take place during **week of 30th November**.*

If your child is in years 5 or 6 and you wish for them to walk home after the club, you must indicate this on School Gateway.

Clubs will not run the following dates:

Week commencing 26th October – Half term

Week commencing 9th November – Parents evening

We do our best to never cancel a club, however if a club is cancelled due to staff absence a refund for that week will be given at the time.

'The Swallows' after school club will run as normal.

Attendance

*Attendance remains a key priority here at Swallow Dell. Our whole school attendance target is **97%**.*



Announcements, Notifications and School Events

Young Carers Update

We're pleased to share an exciting update to our support for Young Carers.

From this half term, our Young Carers will be offered a half-termly activity session with the Young Carers Support Team, replacing the current weekly Young Carers Club.

These sessions will provide our Young Carers with a dedicated opportunity to take a break, have fun, meet with other young carers, and enjoy activities designed to support their wellbeing. We hope this new approach will give our Young Carers some special time to relax, connect and enjoy themselves, while continuing to ensure they feel supported and valued.

We will share further details about upcoming sessions with the children, including dates and activities, in due course.



Baby & Toddler Group

First Baby Group for this term will be:

- *Wednesday 9th September*
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🕒 9:15-10:45

📍 KS2 Hall

👤 All are Welcome (You do not have to have a child at Swallow Dell to attend these sessions!)

✍️ No need to sign-up!

We also have an outdoor area for children to enjoy! ☀️



Swallow Dell Tours

Booking a School Tour

If you have a friend, colleague, family member that would be interested in viewing our school or Nursery, then please do share that tours can be booked via our school website home page, or by calling the school office.

BOOK A TOUR

Visit us! Find out what makes Swallow Dell so special!

We are the **THIRD BEST** performing school in Welwyn/Hatfield/Potters Bar.

We are in the **top 5%** of all schools in Hertfordshire for Phonics.

Early Years provision rated **'Outstanding'**. "Children get off to a flying start" - **Ofsted 2025**.

Quality of Education: Good
Behaviour and Attitudes: Good
Personal Development: Outstanding
Leadership and Management: Good
Early years Provision: Outstanding

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External Notices

SPACE - October Activities are now open



Autism | ADHD
Neurodiverse Conditions

There's lots happening at SPACE this October, with activities for children and young people to enjoy throughout the month.

Places are limited and some activities can fill quickly, so we recommend booking early.

And there's LOTS more to come... 👁️👁️

Planning ahead for October half term? **This isn't the full half-term line-up!**

We've got lots more activities still to announce, so keep an eye on your inbox and our social channels over the coming weeks.  

[Booking Here Now](#)