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Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd September - Teacher Education Day

Tuesday 4th September - Autumn term begins for pupils

Thursday 25th October - Autumn 1 ends for pupils

Friday 26th October - Teacher Education Day

Monday 5th October - Autumn 2 begins for pupils

Friday 21st December - Autumn 2 ends for pupils

For a full list of upcoming events, check our website. You can now sync to your phone calendar using our mobile app.

Goodbye and Good luck!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 5 leavers the very best of luck for the future. They have been a fantastic group of children to work with and it has been brilliant to see them grow and develop during their time here at Swan Lane. We are sure they will be very successful as they embark upon their careers at their new schools and we are sad to see them go.

Mr Bowkett



Thank you Mrs Freeman

It is with a very heavy heart that we say goodbye to Mrs Freeman today. Mrs Freeman has given the school 20 years of loyal service and has proved herself to be an outstanding Teaching Assistant during this time. We will really miss her knowledge and experience, but it is time for her to enjoy her very well deserved retirement. Thank you and good luck!



We also say goodbye to Mr Tiller this term, and wish him the best of luck in all his exciting and varied future projects!

Oasis

The school has redeveloped the space between the two year one classrooms into a tranquil area for the children to use during lesson times and also lunch time. This beautiful space has been planted by the gardening club with sensory flowers, such as lavender and salvia, and also grasses to catch the breeze. We have called the area our 'Oasis' and we feel that it will give the children a calm place, where they can relax to help their mental and emotional development. The water feature was chosen by the children with a democratic vote. We know that the children at school will love spending time in our serene 'Oasis'.

Mr Batts



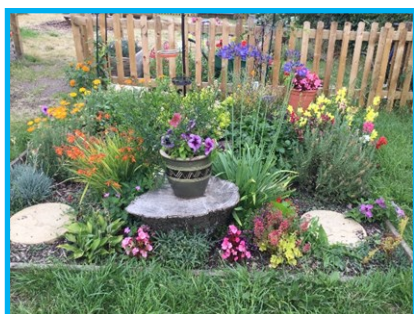
Have a great summer!

Enjoy your summer holidays everyone! We look forward to welcoming you back in September.



Evesham In Bloom Competition

At the beginning of July, Swan Lane welcomed the judges from the 'Bloom Committee' to scrutinise the floral displays around the school. Schools and nurseries around



Evesham are able to participate in the competition. Last year, Swan Lane was presented with a 'Gold' award; we were also thrilled to have won the award for the Best School in Evesham.

This year the Bloom Committee was shown around by some of the children in years four and five. They explained to the judges how the children at school have been involved in planting days, the gardening club, forest school, Eco Schools and also through the curriculum. The children also explained how the work we do at Swan Lane has helped create meaningful habitats for wildlife. We are all very proud of what has been achieved to make our school stand out from the rest. Of course we must thank Mr. Importante and Mr. Patta for all their help during the year.



This year we feel particularly privileged to have been selected as the school component of Evesham's entry in the regional 'Heart of England' competition. The judges for this will be visiting in the last week of term and the children are looking forward to showing off our school grounds. We expect to hear the outcomes of the two competitions in September and we will let you know how we got on.

Mr. Batts

Year 1 Church Visit

This term we have been learning all about churches and we went to visit All Saints Church in Evesham. This was a fantastic way for us to find



out about churches and see it for ourselves. Reverend Spurr spoke to us when we arrived and then we looked around. *Mrs Gent and Mrs Hurst*



Healthy Living Week

Healthy Living Week was a great success! We looked at ways to develop a healthy body and a healthy mind.



Each class made a salad and tasted it, before designing a full lunchbox using the Eatwell Plate, with the salad as the centrepiece. Each class had a session with a dietitian to learn about correct portion sizes. In years R, 1 and 2 we ran the Clean Plate Challenge, in which children got a sticker if they cleared their plate at lunch time – including all vegetables!

We learnt about the importance of exercise and had extra sports sessions throughout the week, giving children the chance to try out Boccia, Archery, Curling and Ultimate Frisbee, which were brilliant. We also had our two Sports Days during our Healthy Living Week.

Each class learned about Mindfulness and Yoga with a qualified instructor, aimed at developing techniques for relaxing and focusing the mind. We had a massive response to the after-school Yoga and Mindfulness session, which we had to run on the school field in the end because we couldn't all fit in the hall. It was a lovely way to round off the week. For more details you can visit the Myananda website.



Thanks to all of the parents who attended the session after school to look at healthy living. There were many interactive activities run by some of our year 4 children. If you were not able to attend, all details are on the Healthy Living blog.



A special thank you to Mrs Rees, Mrs Bannard and Lisa Houghton for their support during the week.

[You can see pictures and read more about the activities on the 'Healthy Living' blog section on the website.](#)

Mr Jones