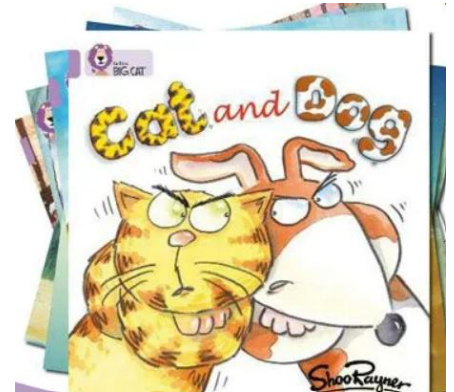


Friday 25th September 2026

Dear families,

As we move further into the autumn term, it has been wonderful to see our children settling into their learning with such enthusiasm and positivity. Across the school, pupils have been enjoying a wide range of exciting activities, developing new skills and building on their knowledge through engaging lessons and experiences. We are proud of their hard work, kindness and achievements, and we hope you enjoy reading about some of the fantastic learning that has taken place over the past week. Thank you for your continued support and partnership with our school community.

Our **Reception** children have made a fantastic start to learning to read this term. This week, they have been exploring wordless books, using the pictures to tell stories, make predictions and talk about what is happening. They have also been learning about the different parts of a book, including the front cover, back cover, title and author, helping them to develop important early reading skills and a love of books.



Year 1 have been learning about the artist Andy Goldsworthy and exploring how he uses natural materials to create beautiful works of art. Inspired by his artwork, the children collected natural objects such as leaves, sticks, stones and shells to create their own patterns and designs. They showed great creativity and enjoyed working hard to produce their own Goldsworthy-inspired masterpieces.

Year 2 have made an exciting start to their Design and Technology project by taking part in a scone taste test. The children sampled three different varieties of scones: plain, fruit and cheese. They scored each flavour out of 5 and carefully described what they liked about them, thinking about the taste, texture and appearance. The activity helped them to develop their evaluating skills and decide which ingredients they might like to use in their own designs.



Parent Governor Vacancies

Our Local Governance Committee is looking for two new parent governors to sit on the committee. This role involves attending 4 meetings per year (that last no more than 2hrs each) plus some pre-reading. Governors are also asked to visit schools up to 3 times per year. If this is a role you are interested in, please see the email sent this week.

Miss Hayward is running the London Marathon!



Good luck to Miss Hayward, who will be running the London Marathon next year to raise money for the PSPA, a fantastic charity that supports people and families affected by Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) and Corticobasal Degeneration (CBD). We would love our school community to get behind her and show as much support as possible as she works towards smashing her fundraising target. Every donation, no matter how small, will help make a real difference for this amazing cause. Good luck, Miss Hayward, we're all cheering you on!

Please click the link [here](#) to read why this charity means so much to Miss

Hayward and to donate.

After-school restraint collapse

To help children maintain their energy levels and concentration towards the end of the day, we encourage all children to bring a healthy afternoon snack to enjoy just before bedtime. This is something we introduced last year at Wroughton Infants and it has been widely welcomed by children and families. An afternoon snack can help to reduce "after-school restraint collapse", a term used to describe the emotional and physical tiredness some children experience after working hard to manage their emotions, behaviour and learning all day. Suitable nut-free snacks might include fresh fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese cubes, crackers, rice cakes or plain popcorn. Please remember that crisps, chocolate and other sweets are not permitted as afternoon snacks. Thank you for your support in helping our children stay happy, healthy and less grumpy at bedtime!

Reminders...

Christmas Card Orders

Orders need to be placed, and artwork should be returned to school by Tuesday 29th September.

Harvest Donations

If you would like to donate an item to Swindon's food bank, please send them in by Wednesday 14th October. Suggestions of what to donate can be found on our last newsletter.

Stay and Play – Save the dates!

The dates for these are...

- Tuesday 20th October
- Wednesday 3rd February
- Thursday 4th March (this is also World Book Day)
- Monday 12th July

Safeguarding

If you have any worries or concerns regarding a child's safety or wellbeing, please don't hesitate to contact one of the team. If you would prefer to do this anonymously, please scan this QR code.





Did you know?

Did you know that Wroughton has a food bank? This is open every Wednesday between 2 and 4pm at the Discovery Church on Markham Road. Did you also know that Wroughton Infants is a referral partner for the food bank? If you are in need of this support, please speak to our admin team in confidence who will be glad to help and make a referral for you.



Easy Fundraising

Thank you to those who are using Easy Fundraising to help raise money for Wroughton Infants. Joining Easy Fundraising is completely free. Just buy what you normally would through their website and we get a little bit of cashback as a result. To find out more, click here <https://www.easypundraising.org.uk/causes/wroughtoninfant/>

If you would like to contribute to our school in a different way, we have Amazon wishlists here...



EYFS book list - <https://amzn.eu/9v35WIH>
Year 1 book list - <https://amzn.eu/hl2HqQZ>
Year 2 book list - <https://amzn.eu/7fPgDBj>

Please feel free to share these with your wider friends and family too.

With best wishes
Miss James, Headteacher



Are you friends?

Did you know that we have school Facebook page? If you use Facebook, please follow us here [Wroughton Infants School - Swindon | Swindon | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Wroughton-Infants-School-Swindon/)

Use of photos & videos during School events

Please be aware that you may take photographs and videos during school events such as Sports Day and Seasonal Productions, however they must be for your own personal use and not shared on any form of social media. Social media is defined as 'websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate in social networking.' This includes but is not limited to Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter) TikTok, Pinterest, YouTube and Snapchat

Wroughton Infant School and its employees do not give consent for any of our photos or images to be shared on any social media platform without pre-agreed consent.

Please see below for a 'cut out and keep' list of upcoming events in school. This will be updated weekly.

Term 1	
Value: We are proud to belong	
W/B 28 th September	Behaviour focus: Super Star Sitting • Tuesday 29th September – ○ Deadline to place Christmas card orders and return artwork. ○ Flu vaccinations. Permission needs to be granted online via link already sent.
W/B 5 th October	Behaviour focus: Super Star Sitting • Harvest Festival Week
W/B 12 th October	Behaviour focus: Super Star Sitting • Wednesday 14th October- Deadline for Harvest donations
W/B 19 th October	Behaviour focus: Super Star Sitting • Tuesday 20th October – ○ Deadline to order photos online ○ Whole school stay & play, 2pm • Wednesday 21st October – Staff development day. School closed to all pupils.

N.B. Our term dates can be found on our website here <https://www.wroughton-infants.co.uk/News/Term-Dates/>

Other posters/flyers we have been asked to share with you...

WORKSHOP DAY!

9.00 - 3.00 Tuesday 27th October 2026

Halloween Workshop
Eastcott Community Centre,
Savernake St, Swindon, SN1 3LZ

FOR AGES 5 TO 15

£40 (LV pupils £35)
LIMITED PLACES

LittleVoices
BIG FUTURES

We will sing some Halloween favourites from Musicals such as "The Addams Family," "Beetlejuice," "Descendents", "Nightmare Before Christmas," and many more, and work on Halloween inspired scripts. There will be games, crafts and lots of fun all inspired by Halloween!

Spaces are limited so don't delay! All the details are on the first image and on our website.

Click here to book: <https://littlevoices.org.uk/swindon/holiday-workshops-and-theatre-weeks/>



October In the Library

It's Bears in Books Fortnight!

Wednesday Sept 30th
Knit and Knatter 1.30-3.00
Poetry Workshop with Heather Hawkins 1.30-3pm
Wroughton Pre School visit 1.45-2.15

Thursday October 1st
Craft Club Lite 2.45-4.30pm

Friday 2nd
Swindon Borough Council Housing Officer 9-11

Saturday 3rd
The Roxi Foundation advisors are here to help families with neurodivergent children.
Lego Club 10.30-12.30

Tuesday 6th
Rhyme Time; stories and songs for preschool children 11-12

Wednesday 7th
Knit and Knatter 1.30-3.00
Poetry Workshop with Heather Hawkins 1.30-3pm
Wroughton Pre School visit 1.45-2.15

Thursday 8th
Craft Club Lite 2.45-4.30

Friday 9th
Wine Tasting 7-9pm

Saturday 10th
Lego Club 10.30-12.30

Animals that Hibernate Fortnight

Tuesday 13th
Rhyme Time; stories and songs for preschool children 11-12

Wednesday 14th
Knit and Knatter 1.30-3.00
Poetry Workshop with Heather Hawkins 1.30-3pm
Wroughton Pre School visit 1.45-2.15

Thursday 15th
Craft Club Lite 2.45-4.30
Wilts and Berks Canal Trust Evening 7-8.30pm

Friday 16th
Citizen's Advice 9.30-11.30am

Saturday 17th
Lego Club 10.30-12.30
Block Printing with Phyllida Richards - have fun, learn a skill, make a gift!

Tuesday 20th
Rhyme Time; stories and songs for preschool children 11-12

Wednesday 21st
Knit and Knatter 1.30-3.00
Poetry Workshop with Heather Hawkins 1.30-3pm
Wroughton Pre School visit 1.45-2.15

Thursday 22nd
School Half Term Holidays begins
Craft Club 2.45-4.30

Saturday 24th
Lego Club 10.30-12.30
First Bird-Creating Session for Wroughton Library Christmas Lantern Procession (spaces limited, please sign up in the library)

Thursday 29th
Craft Club Lite 2.45-4.30pm

Saturday 31st
Second Bird-Creating Session for Wroughton Library Christmas Lantern Procession (spaces limited, please sign up in the library)

Books Events Community All Welcome!

Read • Learn • Connect

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.
Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.
The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

**4 children & 2 parents =
£1280**

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

4

2ND TIME

2 parents and
1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent
£2500 for each child

**1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000**