



St Swithun's Half Termly News

Week ending 23rd May 2025



Valuing individuals
Aspiring and achieving together in faith

St Swithun's C of E Primary Academy's Vision

Love bears all things

Believes all things

Hopes all things

Endures all things

(1 Corinthians 13:7)



Our Gospel Values for Summer Term are: FRIENDSHIP and RESPECT

Our Character Traits for Summer 2 are: ALTRUISM and COURAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has really flown by and I can't believe the school year is nearly over. We have managed to squeeze lots of events into the half term including Team Day, Quidditch Day, VE celebrations to name just a few.

The new reading bookbags have been a huge success this year, please remember these need to be in school every day. Please continue to support your children at home through the encouragement of daily reading and helping with any homework tasks or extended activities. Next half term, we will be launching our new reading challenge with prizes for the number of reads completed at home.



This half term has also been one of the most difficult in my teaching career, as we navigate school life without one of our much loved pupils, Esme. The staff and children have amazed me in their resilience and how they have come together to support each other through this extremely difficult time. The quote from Esme's favourite film, written by one of the children on the playground, will always stick in my mind "Ohana mean family, nobody gets left behind or forgotten".



It was an honour to stand with our children to release the 10 blue balloons as part of the final goodbye to our wonderful Esme.

We wish you all a happy, relaxing and safe half term. School will be closed on Monday 2nd June for an INSET Day so we look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Tuesday 3rd June 2025.

Mrs Howlett



- 2nd June – INSET Day – School Closed
- 3rd June – School reopens to children
- 11th June – Year 6 Sailing
- 18th June – Clumber Class – Time travelling at Southwell Minster
- 24th June – Retford Oaks Small School Transition Day Year 6
- W.C. 30th June – Retford Oaks Transition Week Year 6
- 1st July – EYFS Sports Day in school (morning)
- 1st July – Clumber Sports Day in school (afternoon)
- 9th July – Clumber and EYFS Visit to the Seaside
- 10th July – Retford Oaks Transition Day Year 5
- 16th July – Year 6 Production – 9am and 2pm
- 17th July – Year 6 Stepping up Day at Southwell Minster
- 18th July – Summer Fayre
- 22nd July – Rufford and Newstead Sports Day at Retford Oaks
- 23rd July – Year 6 Awards Night
- TBC – Leavers Service at St Swithun's Church
- 25th July – Last Day of Term

NB: Whilst we will make every effort to keep to the above dates, sometimes events need to be moved. We will inform everyone through class Dojo should this be the case.

Key Messages

PE kits

Please make sure that your child has a full PE kit in school every Tuesday and on their specific PE days. Overall, I am really pleased with what I am seeing so thank you. At present, there are only a handful of children who do not have the correct kit in school. We are working with parents and carers to remedy this. KS2 children can bring their kit to school on a Monday, leave it in their locker and take it home again on the Friday. As we move into the winter months, children should also bring warmer outer layers such as tracksuit bottoms and a thicker top to put over their white t-shirt.

