



NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1. Friday 16th October

Our Christian
value for
October is LOVE

DIARY DATES

Flu vaccinations **Thurs 5th Nov**

Children in Need **Fri 13th Nov**
**please come in something
spotty! Please support this
worthy cause by donating via
the link**

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Remembrance **Weds 11th Nov**
**school based activities
throughout the week**

APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

If you know anyone who would
like a school place for September
2021, applications need to be
submitted by 15th January 2021.

WELCOME

We have welcomed new
children into our school and
Caterpillars class in
September which brings our
school family to 107 children.

Data collection forms

Please could you be sure to return
your 'Data Collection Sheet' asap.
If you need a new form please
contact the school office via
email [office@st-
swithuns.snmatt.org.uk](mailto:office@st-swithuns.snmatt.org.uk)

THANK YOU

It has certainly been an unusual start to the school year.
A huge and heartfelt, "Thank you" to you all for supporting the changes that
we have needed to make in order to keep all members of our school family
safe. Your co-operation and constructive feedback, along with your early
morning smiles has ensured that our school has continued to offer the caring
environment and remained as close to 'normal' as possible.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF:

We are delighted to have welcomed new staff members to our team:
Mrs Furmage joins Mrs Preece and Mrs Tunnard in Y5/6
Miss Wilson joins Miss Ranson in Y1/2
Mrs Slater joins Mrs Thomas (Executive Headteacher) and Mrs Preece
(Deputy Headteacher) as executive Assistant Headteacher.
Mrs Slater continues as Inclusion lead.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES - CURRICULUM NEWS

This year we are working on improving:

- Reading across school, including phonics, comprehension & reading for pleasure
- Building the wider curriculum: Science, History, Geography, PE, Art, DT French and RE
- Developing Subject leadership
- Behaviour for learning

RETFORD OAKS PE:

Through our new partnership with Retford Oaks, we are lucky to have
specialist secondary PE and French teachers working alongside our class
teachers.

CONGRATULATIONS

We were delighted to hear that our School Crocus
Cross has been awarded the prize of £100 by the
Retford Rotary Society. Our children love gardening
and we will be using this money to improve our school
environment. Thank you Mrs Tunnard for helping us.



CLASS DOJO

We are now using Class Dojo as our main communication system between school and home. Please let Mrs Godbehere in the office know if you are having any difficulty with the app.
During the holidays, at weekends and evenings, staff will not be able to respond to messages. If you need to contact school in regard to your child's absence or need to pass on urgent information, please do this via the school office during the office hours Mon-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm term time only: office@st-swithuns.snmatt.org.uk

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs will start on the second week back (Week beginning Monday 9th November) and will run for 6 weeks until the end of term.

Name:	Club:	Class	Day/time
Mrs Morgan	Recorder club	Y5	Monday 3:15 till 4:00
Mr Harris	Stop motion animation	Y3/4 (8 places)	Monday 3:15 till 4:15
Mrs Lamb	Basketball	Y5/6	Tuesday 3.15-4.15
Miss Ranson	Phonics Fun	Y2	Tuesday 3.15 – 3.45
Mrs Mitchinson	Phonics Fun	Y1	Tuesday 3.15-3.45
Mrs Ogden	Eco Club	Y3/4	Thursday 3:15-4:00
Mrs Thomas	Ethos Group	Y5/6	12:15-12:45
Mrs Thomas	School Council	Y5/6	12:15-12:45 First Tues of each month
Mrs Oxborough	Nature Club	Reception	Thursday 3:10-3:45

Attendance

Daily attendance is so important for your child's emotional wellbeing and educational success. Children benefit from being able to say hello to their friends and to settle in ready to start work in a relaxed way. It can be distressing and confusing for a child to arrive late in class. If they miss days in school, it is difficult for them to catch up on the work that they have missed.

Thank you for your support in our drive to improve our attendance.

TARGET: 96%

CURRENT ATTENDANCE: 94%

Class arrival and collection times

Nursery 15 hours **9:00-12:00**

Nursery 30 hours **9:00-3:10**

Reception **08:45-3.10**

Y1/2 **08:45-3:15**

Y3/4 **08:45-3:15**

Y5/6 **08:45-3:15**

PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY

SAFEGUARDING: Please be aware that teachers need to pay full attention to the children in their class at drop off and collection time and for this reason cannot have individual discussions. If you need to pass on a message or arrange for a meeting, please contact the school office by phone: 01777 702043

COVID Risk assessment update:

Due to the rise in cases of COVID-19 in Nottinghamshire, we are asking all adults to protect one another by wearing a face covering whilst on the school playground when dropping off and collecting children. In order to protect you. Staff will also wear face coverings before and after school, although they will not while they are in class.

Swimming will continue with Year 3/4 when we return after the holidays until December.

Mobile phones are only permitted for children who walk home alone. Please do not send your child to school with their mobile phone if they are collected. If you do need to send your child with a mobile, please ensure it is named and in an envelope where this will be kept safely in the school office.

With thanks:

To all of our school staff for such tireless commitment and hard work. Whilst we are all looking forward to a much needed break, we are excited about the next half term as we continue to develop our curriculum and enrich our children's experiences and opportunities.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Half Term break.

We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 2nd November

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