



# St. William of York Catholic Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter Friday 12th July 2024

Dear Parents,

We have had an amazing week at SWOY! The Yr 6 production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was a fantastic showcase for this talented group of children. They sang beautifully and acted with sensitivity and character. Well done to them all!

Sports Day was a great success, with everyone putting maximum effort into their races and cheering on their teams. The winning group was green TEAM! Followed by 2ND PLACE - Red Team, 3RD PLACE - Purple Team, 4th PLACE - Yellow Team, 5th PLACE - Blue Team. This was our first Sports Day away from school since Covid times and has given our children such a memorable day. Thank you to everyone who came along to cheer us on!

Today, the children have been treated to a Circus Skills Workshop as part of the Farewell Celebrations for Mrs Lynch. It has been such fun! We have all learned new skills and discovered talents! Please come and join us at church on Sunday for 11.30am mass where we can come together to give thanks for our wonderful community! Hope to see you there!

Have a good weekend!

Sharon Lynch (Headteacher)

2024 Parent Questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/pzaXYAK8bCFL6FLu5>

**LEAVERS' MASS at 10.30am on Tuesday 23rd July - ALL WELCOME!**

### Last Day of Term

Tuesday 23rd July  
Children finish at 2pm!

Family BBQ TONIGHT 5 - 7pm

Sunday 21st July at 11.30am

Thanksgiving Mass

with the parish and school community, followed by refreshments in the hall.  
EVERYONE WELCOME!



### Change of September Return Date

Due to a CPD requirement for staff, the return date for pupils in Yr 1 - Yr 6 has been changed to **THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER**

In addition, there will be an INSET Day for staff on

**MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER**  
(no school for pupils on that day)

These additional 2 training days have meant that the 2024-2025 Term Dates for have been adjusted accordingly. This is because of the availability of trainers and an unavoidable change. Please discard the previously circulated dates and keep the dates overleaf for your reference when booking dates and holidays.

### Books going Home!

**Bring a Bag on Monday!**

Please send your child in Monday with a STRONG carrier bag so that they can bring their books home. Do take some time to look through them and allow them to tell you about their learning. I am sure you will be very proud of all of their efforts and impressed with the progress you will see over the course of the year.

### Homework Survey!

<https://forms.gle/7P1rqLMJoP3SjNN66>

ANOTHER SURVEY!

Now, we want YOUR views on homework!

# St William of York School



## Term Dates 2024 – 2025

### Autumn Term:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Spring Term:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Summer Term:

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### INSET DAYS:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wed 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

2 x Twilights

## Attendance at School

There are new guidelines for attendance and absence from school for next year! You can read more by following this link:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good [attendance](#) enjoy better wellbeing and school performance than those who don't.

There are only a few circumstances where a child is allowed to miss [school](#), such as illness or where the school has given permission because of an exceptional circumstance.

# School Uniform and PE Kit

The school uniform list has been emailed out with this week's newsletter and a paper copy has also been sent home. It is also available on the school website:

<https://www.swoy.lewisham.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform>

Please make sure you stick to the uniform. A uniform is uniform, so ALL the children look smart and the same. Please do not allow your child to persuade you to buy fashion items, lots of stationery, or a fancy backpack!

From September, we will return to the pre-Covid routine of asking children to come into school each day in their uniform and bring their PE kit in to school on a Monday, fresh and clean, and take it home on a Friday so you can wash it over the weekend.

The children will change in school for their PE lesson, which will, hopefully, develop their independence and speed of dressing.

## SWOYSA AGM 2024

**Thursday 26th September at 7pm**

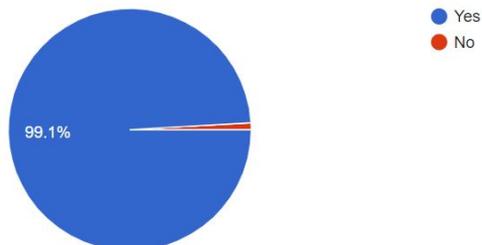
in the school hall.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

We really need everyone to come and share ideas and offer to HELP! In the recent survey, 99/1% of parents know about SWOYSA's fundraising and social events. NOW, we need you to volunteer to help AND come along to make them a success! It's a great way to get to know other parents and learn about how our school works!

I always know what fundraising/social events are being organised by SWOYSA

109 responses



# Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Delivered in partnership with libraries

## Marvellous Makers



### **The theme this year is Marvellous Makers.**

There will be a trophy for the school with the highest proportion of finishers. The children are encouraged to read six books over the summer holidays, tell us what they think about each book and collect fun rewards. They can read anything they like such as stories, illustrated books, information books, graphic novels (comics), dyslexia friendly books, poetry or audiobooks.

All of our libraries will be running fun events and activities throughout the summer which tie in with the Marvellous Makers theme of creativity. Please see our events site for details, where you can sort events by library, type and date range.

Children can read anything they like for the Summer Reading Challenge but they might like to explore their creative side with this year's official Summer Reading Challenge book collection. Each book in the collection has been especially chosen by an expert group of readers.

## **What is the Summer Reading Challenge?**

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the summer holidays, ensuring they are ready for a great start to the new term in the autumn. Children set a reading goal and collect rewards for reading anything they enjoy. Children can sign up at their [local library](#) or [online](#), and it's **FREE** to take part.

This year's Challenge is called Marvellous Makers and it's all about creativity! From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone. This year's theme has been developed in partnership with a leading arts charity, [Create](#).

The Challenge starts on Saturday 22 June [online](#), and on Saturday 6 July in England and Wales.

# Rainbow Holiday Club at SWOY



**Dates:** 29th July to 16th August

**Sessions:** 8am -6pm or 10am - 3pm. There is no minimum booking.

**Prices** £25 or £15 per day

**Ages:** Reception- Year 6

**Payment:** At time of booking, childcare vouchers accepted.



Contact us for more information and to book! Booking closes on 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Email: [Rainbow\\_ASC@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Rainbow_ASC@hotmail.co.uk)

Text or Whatsapp: 0785 477 4096.

## Cycling shorts under skirts & dresses!

These are not part of our uniform and strictly not necessary. However, if you do insist on your child wearing them, they **MUST** be navy blue! Underwear should always be plain, sensible and cover all the proper parts!

## Follow us on Instagram and Facebook!



Here's the link to our new Facebook page, which will also post insta updates too: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558454106476>

Instagram: [@swoyeyfs](https://www.instagram.com/swoyeyfs) and [@swoyschoolSE23](https://www.instagram.com/swoyschoolSE23)

Ask family and friends, neighbours and colleagues to follow us too!



Bank of Things is a joint partnership between the Lewisham Young Mayor and Lewisham Local - we exist to support young people so they can reach their full potential.

We know that the cost of living crisis has impacted young people hard and it's a struggle to afford some of the essentials needed to participate fully in our lives. The Bank of Things offers free service to any 11 to 25 year olds facing hardship who live, work or study in the Borough of Lewisham. Referral is easy, you just have to drop into one of our locations listed below to pick up toiletries and school supplies completely free of charge.

We are working with Lewisham Council and offering support via their Family Navigators in the 3 Family Hubs across the borough.

1. Clyde Family Hub, Alverton Street, SE8 5NH on Tuesday's 3:30-5pm
2. Downderry Family Hub, Shrofold Road, BR1 5PD on Monday's 3.30-5pm
3. Bellingham Family Hub, 109 Randlesdown Road, SE6 3HB on Thursday's 3:30-5pm

or at our regular shop

4. Unit 19, Lewisham shopping Centre, SE13 7HB on Wednesday's and Friday's 3 to 5pm.

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @BANKOFTHINGSLEWISHAM FOR UPDATES AND EVENTS

OR VISIT [WWW.BANKOFTHINGSLEWISHAM.ORG](http://WWW.BANKOFTHINGSLEWISHAM.ORG)

OR EMAIL [INFO@BANKOFTHINGSLEWISHAM.ORG](mailto:INFO@BANKOFTHINGSLEWISHAM.ORG)

From July the Family Hubs will be working in partnership with Bank of Things. Bank of Things offers free toiletries and school supplies to young people living in Lewisham aged 11 to 25 facing hardship. Pop along and talk to your Family Navigator or Visit us at Unit 19 at one of the timeslots below

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DOWNDERRY FAMILY HUB 3.30-5PM	CLYDE FAMILY HUB 3.30-5PM	UNIT 19 3-5PM	BELLINGHAM FAMILY HUB 3.30-5PM	UNIT 19 3-5PM

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## SWOY SUN PROTECTION POLICY

### CLOTHING & SUN HATS: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PARENTS

Sun hats provided by parents should be:

- Either broad-brimmed, bucket style or legionnaire to adequately shade the face, neck, ears and cheeks.
- Baseball caps are not recommended because they do not provide shade to the neck, ears or cheeks. Whilst we do not recommend baseball caps, they are still better than no hat at all! However extra care should be taken to protect the neck, ears and cheeks with sunscreen, as these areas can easily burn.



## FREE HOLIDAY FOOD VOUCHERS AND FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR CHILD!



If you are entitled to Free School Meals and extra support for your child – please do take a moment to check if you are eligible as you will benefit from food shopping vouchers during the holidays and FREE activity camps for your children!

Generally if your combined annual household income is below £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC) and you get one of the named benefits\*, you can apply online. Please visit the website for full details\* and to apply.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myserVICES/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>

Book in advance: [www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows](http://www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows)

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Live Music for Little Ones

**SUMMER SHOWS**

**FRIDAY**  
**23RD AUGUST**

**ELTHAM PARK SOUTH**  
Glenesk Road, Eltham SE9 1AN  
Music, Dancing and Singing for

# THE NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Our violinists (and 1 trumpet player) were treated to a visit and workshop from Anne-Mei Ong this week! Anne-Mei started her musical journey when she was 7 yrs old at SWOY, and now plays for The National Youth Orchestra!

The children were captivated by her playing, and inspired by a performance she shared with them. She played some games with them, exploring the role of a conductor and also introducing the range of instrumentalists in an orchestra.

We hope she will come back again, and maybe one day, some of these children will go onto play in an orchestra too?



## Holiday programme food and fun

Lewisham is providing a varied holiday programme with funding from the Department of Education.

A wide range of providers in Lewisham are supporting the delivery of this programme, offering various fun-packed sessions, including arts, crafts, sports and trips.

There will be free activities and lunches for children and young people who are:

- aged 4 to 16 years (reception to year 11)
- in receipt of benefit-related Free School Meals

Each club will provide:

a wide range of exciting activities to suit different ages and personalities  
fun physical activity sessions  
free, nutritious, and tasty food

### How to book activities

Families who receive benefit related free school meals will receive a HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Code via email or text message.

This code lets you access a webpage with details of all activities and book your child's space. Make sure you follow the link and instructions in the message.

Each code is unique to each family. Families with more than one child will get a code for each child.

If you haven't received a HAF code and your child receives, benefit related free school meals, or if you require any support with bookings, contact **HAF**

### Programme.

We also have a number of places available on a first come, first serve basis for parents and carers who are experiencing hardship, but whose children do not receive **Free School Meals**. Email the team on the email address above if you'd like to apply for one of these places.

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# SUMMER SHOWS

TUESDAY

20TH AUGUST

THE TELEGRAPH HILL CENTRE

Kitto Road, SE14 5TY

Music, Dancing and Singing for families with babies & toddlers

Tickets: £11 per child - £5.50 for siblings  
Showtimes: 10am & 10:45am (both mixed ages)

Bring a Rug!



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# SUMMER SHOWS

WEDNESDAY

21ST AUGUST

ICHTHUS LEE GREEN

23 Lampmead Road, SE12 8QJ

Music, Dancing and Singing for families with babies & toddlers

Tickets: £11 per child - £5.50 for siblings  
Showtimes: 10am & 10:45am (both mixed ages)

Bring a Rug!



# ..CONGRATULATIONS!

**Rosie, Sofia, Federica and Olivia from Year 5** received their Brownie Gold Award recently. This is a special achievement as it is the highest award for Brownies and they worked towards it over 3 years.

