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Weekly Newsletter Friday 5th July 2024

Dear Parents,

There are always lots of preparations going on behind the scenes for our Summer Fair. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help on the day. Now, we just need you to bring your family and friends along to make the day a success! There will always be a need for help to clear up at the end of the fair - so do help if you can. Many hands make light work! We pray that the sun will shine and we all have a successful and fun-filled day!

Do make a note of all the end of term activities coming up, as they are always a lovely way to come together as a school community.

Have a good weekend!

Sharon Lynch (Headteacher)



Raffle Tickets

THIS Sunday!!

12.30 - 2.30pm

Please return your Raffle Tickets and money asap!

RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2025

Sunday 14 July 2024 at 6.00 pm

Information Meeting for Parents with children who will be in Yr 3 and above NEXT Year! That is this year's Yr 2 class!

IMPORTANT - If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Fr Habte via the parish office tel:- 020 8690 4549 or email foresthill@rcaos.org.uk BEFORE the 14th July. Please collect a copy of the Information leaflet from the Narthex.



Last Day of Term

Tuesday 23rd July

Children finish at 2pm!



Please complete this form for Sports Day arrangements!

<https://forms.gle/qVHw3dDGwjrVkfD9>

Rainbow Holiday Club

Information and booking on next page!



Teachers for next year!

Next Wednesday afternoon, we will all swap classes so that the children can meet their teacher for next year!

Nursery:	Mrs Jones & Ms Rolt
Reception;	Miss Dempsey & Mr Morris
Yr 1:	Ms Meara
Yr 2:	Miss Richards
Yr 3:	Mr Mayers
Yr 4:	Mr Taylor
Yr 5:	Mrs Hazelton
Yr 6:	Ms Webster

Ms Ogston will be starting her maternity leave during the summer holidays and Ms Thorn has been appointed as our Acting Deputy Head & SENCo.

Wed 10th July

Rock Steady Concert 9.45am



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 19th July.

Email: Rainbow_ASC@hotmail.co.uk

Text or Whatsapp: 0785 477 4096.



Thursday 18th July

at Catford Cyphers Cricket Ground, Rubens St, SE6 4DH

Your child will need to come into school in their PE kit (shorts and a t-shirt for Reception).

They will also need:

- A packed lunch (no sweets, nuts or chocolates)
- Water
- A sunhat

We will need some parents to walk with us, so let your child's class teacher know if you can help on the day!

We will:

- Leave school at 10.30am
- Walk to Catford Cyphers
- Races from 11.15am
- Lunch at 12.30pm

You may take your child home from the sports ground, or we will return to school at 1.30pm for the afternoon.

Air Up Bottles

These are NOT suitable for school! Please do not send your child in with them!

Spare clothes needed!

...we particularly need socks, and trousers for boys and girls (we have enough pants for now)



Please check the weather forecast and send your child in

with either a coat, a sunhat, a sweatshirt etc.....we want the children to go out to play regardless of the weather, so they need to be prepared!= for all eventualities!



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!



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>

URGENT HELP NEEDED!

One of our pupils has family in Petite Martinique and Carriacou, in the Caribbean, who have had their homes devastated by the recent hurricane!

They are collecting to send essential supplies out to help the local community. Can you help?

Donations of: Tarpaulin, tinned and dry foods, toiletries, water, cleaning supplies, towels and non perishable foods will be gratefully accepted and sent out by Tinique De Roche (Tyrese's mum). Please drop them into school and the Year 4 classroom by next Wednesday!

Donate to the GoFundMe page:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-people-of-carriacou-and-petite-martinique?lang=en_GB&utm_campaign=fp_sharesheet&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=copy link](https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-people-of-carriacou-and-petite-martinique?lang=en_GB&utm_campaign=fp_sharesheet&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=copy_link)

St William of York School



Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term:

Wednesday 4th September 2024 – Friday 25th October 2024

Half Term: Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term:

Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Friday 14th February 2025

Half Term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February – Wednesday 9th April 2025

Summer Term:

Thursday 24th April 2025 – Thursday 22nd May 2025

INSET Day: Friday 23rd May 2025

Half Term: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Monday 2nd June – Friday 18th July 2025

INSET DAYS:

Monday 2nd & Tues 4th September

Friday 23rd May plus 4 x Twilights

Public holidays

- Christmas Day: Wednesday 25 December 2024
- Boxing Day: Thursday 26 December 2024
- New Year's Day: Wednesday 1 January 2025
- Good Friday: Friday 18 April 2025
- Easter Monday: Monday 21 April 2025
- Early May bank holiday: Monday 5 May 2025
- Spring bank holiday: Monday 26 May 2025
- Summer bank holiday: Monday 25 August 2025

CATERLINK SURVEY

As your catering provider we value feedback from all stakeholders to help us improve the service we provide to you and your pupils. This term we are completing a **Parent/Guardian survey** on the meal provision we provide.

The survey will close on 31st July, we will provide an update to schools which have taken part in the autumn term.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ>

Many thanks for your continued support.



SWOY and the Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

If you are worried about your child, we have access to support from a children's Mental Health professional. Speak to Mrs Mayers, if you would like to know more!



Absences from school!

If you need to plan an absence from school, authorised absences are agreed for 'exceptional' reasons. This includes family sacramental celebrations - weddings, funerals, baptisms etc. You MUST request an authorised absence in advance by completing the online form:

<https://www.swoy.lewisham.sch.uk/parents/attendance-policy/authorised-absence-request>

Help your child learn the importance of saving and managing money!

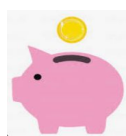
Save a little each week! Pennies or pounds!

CREDIT UNION for SWOY Children & Families

EVERY FIRST AND LAST TUESDAY in the old library next to Yr 3 classroom. **8.45 - 9am.**

Please follow this link to find out more and how you can apply

<https://pluscu.co.uk/login/uploads/Lewisham~Plus~Young~Savers~v2.6~24-03-2017.pdf>



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.



St William of York is collecting for our local community & Foodbank!



There will be a collecting point in the playground
EVERY DAY for the next couple of weeks!

*Please drop a donation in, as you come to school, so that we can help those in our
community who are struggling in these difficult times!*

Shopping List

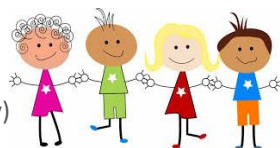
- Tinned meat
- Orange Juice (Long Life)
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Tinned vegetables
- Pasta sauces
- Tinned fruit
- Rice pudding
- Tinned soup & Cup-a-Soups
- Pasta and Noodles
- Rice
- Instant coffee
- Tea and Hot Chocolate
- Toiletries & Toilet Rolls
- Instant Mash
- Biscuits or snack bars
- Sanitary products
- Nappies and wipes



THANK YOU!

NANNY SHARE!

We are looking for a new family to join our nanny share
from early September 2024 for 4 days a week (Monday - Thursday)
Our current nanny is incredible and has been with us since 2020.
We have 2 children - one in Reception at SWOY and one who is 2yrs old.



Our nanny is incredibly experienced in looking after children and we couldn't speak more
highly about her.

If you're interested in learning more, please contact Hattie on 07739013958.



Summer Camps August '24



Perform your own show!

Sing



Dance



Different every week!

Act



Create

£80
for 3 days!

Tue - Thur 20-22 August

Tue - Thur 27-29 August

9am - 3pm @ The Arkroyd Centre SE23

misshdoyle@hotmail.co.uk / 07714 716 209

Age
7-13



Where children are stars...

Welcome to Hayley's Comet - a unique theatre school that has found its home in South East London. Founded by Hayley Doyle - West End musical theatre actor and published author - the 'Comets' are all trained in singing, dancing and acting... with a twist!

Creativity leads the way! All performances are created from scratch using the amazing ideas from the children taking part. From after-school musical theatre classes, to half term clubs and big holiday camps, you will never see the same show twice! We use songs ranging from Broadway to the Beatles to Bowie!

Hayley's Comet believes in individuality and embraces the unique qualities of every child, whilst encouraging team work, theatre discipline and... FUN!

What parents say...

"You gave my child an opportunity to shine!"

"It's making the world of difference to my daughter's confidence!"

"Hayley's Comet isn't just about learning to sing and dance. It's about learning lifelong skills like cooperation, public speaking and building confidence."

misshdoyle@hotmail.co.uk / 07714 716 209

OPEN TRIALS U12 Girls Teams 2024/25!

Our AFC Lewisham & Erith & Belvedere teams are looking to strengthen their squads for season 2024/25. **Current School Year 5 or 6 girls are eligible!**

Goalkeeper - JPL & KGLFL

Striker - JPL & KGLFL

Defender - JPL

Register your interest at:
yemi.bello@hotmail.com & 07961 852271



In Nursery, Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2, we are provided with fruit as a break time snack. Sadly, the funding is not there for this to continue into Key Stage 2. So, we encourage children to bring in their own fruit snack for playtime. This should be **FRESH fruit**, and should not be a packet of 'fruit snacks'.

These and most other fruit snacks are made of mostly sugars (whether from corn syrup or concentrated fruit juice), modified cornstarch, artificial flavors, and artificial color/food dyes. In fact, if you compare ingredients lists, fruit snacks look much closer to sweets! We will ask children to put these away, and take them home if they are brought into school.

Cool Milk

You can register for your child to receive milk each day in school. It is relatively cheap and easy to do! Check out the website and register by following this link!
<https://www.coolmilk.com/>



Drinking water is always available in school, but please send your child with a FULL water bottle each day. The bottle **MUST** have a sports cap, so please do not send in screw top bottles as spillages can spoil work and cause a mess!