

# SSSC NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN 1 2025

Welcome back to all our existing families and very warm welcome to those joining us for the first time.

We've had an incredibly busy, productive and exciting first half term, filled with numerous opportunities to ENJOY learning, ACHIEVE great things and EXCEED expectations. We're proud to share some of the highlights with you below.

### TERM DATES

#### **Autumn 1 2025**

We break up for half term on  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

#### **Autumn 2 2025**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 -  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 1:00pm

#### **Inset Day**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### SKY ARTS DAY

The whole school celebrated Sky Arts and had a fantastic day on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025. There was a wide range of exciting activities for the pupils to try, including acting, animation, poetry, photography, beatboxing, and so much more! It was an opportunity to be creative, have fun and share skills.



### LIONESS FOOTBALL WITH SUPERSTAR SPORT

Some of our wonderful young ladies took part in football sessions with Super Star Sports. They got to be a lioness for an afternoon and enjoyed all their football activities, which encourage confidence and participation for girls to take part in football. They were all very brave tackling new skills and enjoyed making new friends.

Good luck to our Swanwick Lioness's! Go team!



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# PRIMARY VEGETABLE AND TASTE TESTING

Our primary class grew tomatoes and cucumbers in spring and summer last year, they planted the seeds, cared for them as they became seedlings in the cold frame and then planted them out in veg beds in our horticulture. We have returned from our summer holidays to find an absolutely bumper crop! The children enjoyed peeling and chopping up the veg, but they especially enjoyed taste testing it! The requests are already coming in for what we want to grow next year and it has been a great way for children to understand where our food comes from and get involved in some horticulture and life skills.



## FRIENDS OF SWANWICK

Friends of Swanwick is SSSC's fundraising committee. We are currently fundraising to further develop our outdoor learning environments, including the installation of a mud kitchen within our newly established Creative Explorers area. Access to high-quality outdoor provision is vital for fostering children's curiosity, creativity, and holistic development.

We host various events throughout the year including Quiz Evenings, Music Quiz's, Bingo Pie and Pea Evening and a Summer Fayre. Please join us for these events, we have great fun and raise lots of money!

During school hours we organise Non-Uniform Days, Various Raffles, Xmas Fayre, A Spooky Scarecrow Competition and Donation Bingo. Your contributions truly help us create an environment where our pupils can thrive so thank you all for your generous support.

## FRAMEWORK KNITTERS MUSEUM

Nurture Yellow enjoyed a very successful trip to the Framework Knitters Museum in Ruddington as part of our learning about the local area. We had the chance to work a water pump, visit cottages that would have been lived in by the stocking makers and also experience life in the frame shop. It was a wonderful day. The pupils made us proud with their enthusiasm and beautiful manners.



# YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK

The GCSE Fine Art group had a wonderful day out at Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Inspired by the artwork of William Kentridge they made their own collages and sculptures. We also visited a really interesting exhibition called 'Seizure', which is where a London flat was covered in blue crystals.



## SPOOKY SCARECROW COMPETITION

On Friday, 17th October, SSSC hosted their second Scarecrow Competition. A huge thank you to everyone who took part! Each participant received 35 ePraise points and a small prize in recognition of their efforts. The scarecrows were absolutely fantastic —what an incredible display of creativity! Thank you all for your continued support.



## TEAM BUILDING INTERHOUSE

The first interhouse competition has taken place at SSSC and the pupils had a fantastic time. Learning to work together through all things Teamwork. Activities had a little 'shake up' this year with activities old and new.

As a whole school, in mixed Key stage groups pupils took part in a variety of challenges including Together by parachute, Football Skittles, Frisbee Frenzy, Down the drain, Floor is lava and forest school challenge. Well done to everyone who took part!

# HELLO YELLOW

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October the school supported World Mental Health Day where we joined other schools across the UK by taking part in 'Hello Yellow' in support of YoungMinds. For this we invited all staff and pupils to come into school wearing something yellow. At SSSC this is an important topic to us and we wanted to show all pupils that everyone deserves to be supported. It was a great turn out by staff and pupils wearing an array of yellow brightening up the school.



## SKILLS FOR INDEPENDENCE

The Skills for Independence group have been learning about road safety, including how to use pedestrian crossings correctly. They also visited the Salt Pot Café, where they practiced ordering a drink and making a payment independently.



## NATIONAL STONE CENTRE VISIT

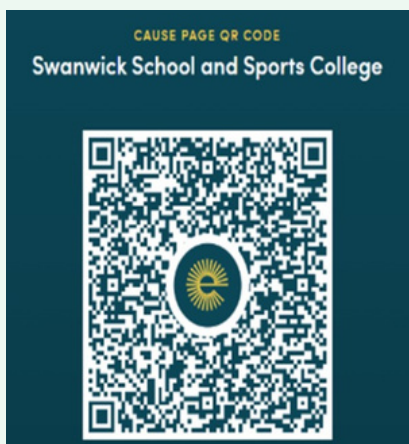
Nurture Green enjoyed a successful visit to the National Stone Centre as part of their science topic: Rocks and Soils. Pupils completed a Rock Detective trail, followed by an investigation into rock types and finished the visit with an enjoyable gem panning session. Pupils developed their knowledge and showed teamwork whilst completing each learning experience.



## EASYFUNDRAISING

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online you could be raising free donations for Swanwick School and Sports College with easyfundraising? There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation. All you need to do is scan the QR Code and download the app.

After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Swanwick School and Sports College at no extra cost to you whatsoever!



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