

Swallowtail News



The Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools



Our Federation's mission is to work together to create successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

With friendship, trust and kindness we fly!

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September 2023 Newsletter

Message from the Executive Head

Dear families,

Welcome back to a new year at Swallowtail! It is wonderful to see all the children back with big smiles on their faces, shiny school shoes and clean uniforms. I wonder how long that will last!

2023-24 promises to be an exciting year for the Federation. We have started as we mean to go on with the introduction of our brand new CUSP curriculum and Little Wandle for phonics. Both are rich in resources and aspirational. It is early days but the outcomes we are already seeing from the children are amazing!

It has been wonderful to see many of you at our Little Wandle parent events. We hope you have found them informative. If you were unable to attend any of the meetings, the slideshows and accompanying videos can be found on our website on the English page.

Looking forward to an amazing year!

Natalie Butcher

Executive Head, Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools

Safeguarding

Some links for e-safety:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/digital/5-a-day/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Stay up to date...

Website: <https://www.swallowtailfederation.co.uk/>



@ CatfieldPrimary



Catfield CE VC Primary School

Message from Miss Amis

Hello everyone and welcome back to another school year! We hope you have all had a wonderful Summer break and enjoyed lots of time together. We have all been super busy planning lots of exciting learning for all of our children so please keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter pages to see all of this wonderful learning.

One of our lovely families is working hard to raise awareness of their child's visual impairment and the importance of eye care/optical checks at a young age. They are asking anyone who would like to, to join them in taking a Funky Glasses selfie and donate £1 through the Just Giving page (link below). Funds raised will go towards ensuring children with visual impairments in the Federation and Community have the correct resources they need to fully engage in learning with their peers and also ensuring the environment is safe and fully accessible for them.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/katie-hurley?utm_term=ZGvKVDkj6

We are looking forward to our Wheels Evening next Thursday (21st) after school. Can we please ask that if you are coming to Wheels Evening that you collect your child from their class teacher and then wait outside the silver playground gate to be signed in. Children must have an adult with them. There will be drinks and food available to purchase. We look forward to seeing you there!

Miss Amis

Diary dates

September

21st—Wheels evening 3.15pm-4.45pm

October

5th —Special 'Brunch for lunch'

10th—Cheetahs trip to Norwich Castle

11th—Panthers trip to Gressenhall

13th—Harvest @ Catfield Church 9.30am

17th—Catfield open day (Please see separate flyer)

19th—School disco 3.15pm-4.15pm

23rd-27th—Half Term

November

6th & 7th —Parent Consultations

8th—Tempest Individual & sibling photos

30th—Christmas craft morning

November cont.

30th—Flu immunisations

December

7th—Christmas Jumper day

7th—Movie Night 3.15pm-5.15pm

11th—Nativity dress rehearsal

12th—Nativity performance 2.30pm

13th—Nativity performance 9.15am

14th—KS2 Carol Concert 6pm

18th—Christingle in church 2pm

20th—Christmas dinner

20th—Last day of term

January 2024

4th—Children return to school

2023–2024 Academic calendar



Norfolk County Council

2023-2024

Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 4th & 5th September, 3 January, 28th March and 22 July. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.