



With friendship, trust and kindness, we fly!



The Swallowtail Federation

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May 2025 Newsletter

Message from the Executive Head

Dear families

I am sure you will all agree that this half term has whizzed by. The bank holiday weekends definitely adding to that. However, we have managed to cram in an awful lot! It has been wonderful to see so much happening beyond the taught curriculum. Pupils in Key stage 2 have been swimming, key stage 1 have had an artist visit and EYFS will soon be off to the zoo! We recognise and take pride in ensuring our children's education is enriched with these experiences.

Our Year 6 pupils at Catfield completed their SATS assessments. Each morning a special SATS breakfast was served which got them in the mood for the day. The children were amazing, they really did take it in their stride and made us incredibly proud.

Our lovely Mrs Moore is now on maternity leave. She is due to return in January. In the interim, the SENCO role will be covered by myself and Jan Cuss. Jan is a part time SENCO at Worstead, and will be extending her hours to support us at Swallowtail. As someone familiar to families, I will be the key person to communicate with. Please email any SEN specific communication to my email: head@catfield.norfolk.sch.uk. As you do know, please always consult with your child's class teacher in the first instance as they manage children's SEN needs on a day to day basis.

Have a fantastic half term break!

Kind regards

Natalie Butcher Executive Head, The Swallowtail Federation

Attendance Catfield Primary Academy:

Lions: 91.65%

Cheetahs: 94.27%

Panthers: 91.96%

Well done Cheetahs!

Message from Miss Amis

Dear families,

As we begin to move into our final term of the year, we have lots of events coming up so please ensure you check diary dates and newsletters.

You should have all received a flyer and a link to fill out about our new Church Leavers event this year happening on the **17th July 4pm-6pm**. This is a really lovely event being run and funded by the church. There will be a picnic, music, games, animals and crafts to enjoy before our leavers assembly which the Bishop of Norwich will be attending. We need as many of you there as possible. If you haven't filled out the form, please do this ASAP as the deadline was today.

Our annual Father's day scavenger hunt will be held on **Friday 13th June**. We will be starting at 2pm. Please sign in via the front office door.

Monday 23rd June is our bag2school collection. If you have clothes, shoes, bags etc that you are getting rid of please come and collect a bag from the office the first week back after half term, place your belongings that you are clearing out in it and return it to school on the morning of the 23rd.


Tuesday 1st and **Wednesday 2nd** are our transition days. Children will line up on the playground in their 'new' classes.

Friday 4th July is our sports day. We will begin our picnic at 12pm and races will begin at 1pm. Children will need to come to school wearing their PE kits and their house team coloured t-shirt or a white t-shirt. They will need a sun hat, sun cream and a water bottle.

If you need to exit the building please do so via the front door and ensure a member of staff is aware to sign you out and ensure the door is locked behind you.

Miss Amis

2024-2025 Academic calendar


Norfolk County Council

2024-2025

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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 2 & 3 September, 25 October, 6 January and 22 April. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.

Diary dates

June

2 nd	Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
2 nd	1:30pm – 2:30pm – Stay & Play EYFS (upcoming 2 & 3 year olds)
3 rd	Lions trip to Norton's Dairy
4 th	Great Athletes visit
9 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
10 th	KS2 Swimming @ Victory Swim & Fitness, North Walsham
13 th	2pm – Father's Day Celebration
17 th	9am – Class and Leavers Photographs
19 th	Family Hubs—Get ready for school @ Catfield 10am
20 th	EYFS Banham Zoo Trip
23 rd	Bag2school collection (further details to follow)
23 rd	KS1 & KS2 (Lions/Cheetahs/Panthers) Parent Consultations
23 rd	Reception Shared Learning Event After School
24 th	KS2 Swimming @ Victory Swim & Fitness, North Walsham
26 th	KS1 & KS2 (Lions/Cheetahs) Parent Consultations
26 th	KS2 Norfolk Show Trip
27 th	KS2 Staycation (Provisional Date)
27 th	KS1 Federation Day at Hickling

July

1 st	KS2 (Panthers) Parent Consultations
1 st & 2 nd	Swallowtail Transition days
1 st /2 nd /3 rd	Stalham High Transition days
4 th	12pm – Sports Day Picnic and Races
10 th	Year 6 Trip to Pleasurewood Hills
11 th	12pm – Reserve Sports Day Picnic and Races
14 th	KS1 BeWILDerwood Trip
16 th	Swallowtail Arts Festival 5-7pm
17 th	KS1 Art Exhibition Trip
18 th	Catfield Colour Run 2pm

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Diary dates continued

July

- 17th Leavers service @ Church 4pm-5.30pm
- 21st Swallowtail Arts Festival reserve date 5-7pm
- 22nd 2:30pm – Leavers Assembly at School
- 22nd Last day of school
- 23rd July—31st Aug Summer Holidays

September

- 1st & 2nd INSET days
- 3rd Children return to school



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Safeguarding

Some links for e-safety:

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

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

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