

Swallowtail News



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September 2025 Newsletter

Message from the Executive Head

Dear families,

Welcome back to a new academic year.

I have been really impressed with how well all the children have settled back in. The schools are calm with a buzz of learning throughout. Thank you for ensuring they have all arrived with the equipment they need and ready to learn.

We look forward to a term of wonderful events linked to the curriculum and beyond. You will see we continue to offer a wide range of trips and visitors, to not only support our children's learning but also widen their experiences. Sadly, we have been made aware in the past of a few families stating they will deliberately not pay for these things as they are voluntary. It is important to note that trips cannot go ahead if they run at a loss. We were very close on a number of occasions last year of needing to cancel, which would have been devastating for the children. We recognise that it is not always easy for families to afford the full amount for our trips, so kindly remind you we are happy to discuss a reduced price or payment. You may also wish to contact your parish council who are able to offer financial support. We hope you will all be able to work with us so we can continue to offer these experiences to our wonderful children.

Kind Regards

Natalie Butcher

Executive Head, The Swallowtail Federation

Message from Miss Blake

Dear families,

We have been blessed with a very sunny start to the new academic year. The children have settled resiliently, they have demonstrated our values when welcoming our new friends into school too. Our teaching routines have changed ever so slightly and the children have been brilliant in adapting to our new shiny timetable! We look forward to the rest of the Autumn term and doing lots of those wonderful Autumn activities!

Take care,

Miss Blake

News:

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Whilst you will already be aware that we are a nut free school, I wish to stress the importance of nut and nut products not coming into school. A member of our school community is anaphylaxis therefore we must ensure high vigilance at all times. Thank you for ensuring we keep everyone safe in school.

- ♦ We will be collecting for the foodbank again this year. Donations are welcome from Monday. We will be collecting up and until Friday 3rd November. *Some suggestions: tinned meals, pasta, rice, sauces, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, nappies, washing up liquid etc.*

WRAP AROUND CARE - The children enjoyed sharing the story of The Hungry Caterpillar before venturing out into the Forest School area to collect lots of leaves. Poppy and Rosa used the leaves to create their own caterpillar collage.

The Swallowtail Federation after-school wrap around care exist to provide high quality, out of school hour's childcare for our parents and carers. Providing a range of activities in a safe and stimulating environment.

This operates after school from 15:20 - 18:00 term time only. It is based at Hickling Infant Academy in the mobile classroom which has its own kitchen, toilets and outside area. Pupils from Catfield Primary Academy and Sutton Infant Academy are transported via mini-bus. Parents for all pupils collect from Hickling Infant Academy.

There are two session options:

Mini wrap around (15:15 - 16:30)- £4.50

Full wrap around (15:15 - 18:00) (to include a hot light meal) - £10.00



Attendance Year-to-Date for Harriers: **100%**



Forest School



Maths

Diary dates

- **Friday 19th September** – Jeans for Genes Day – Wear your jeans - <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/>
- **Tuesday 30th September** – Back to School Disco – 3.20pm – 4.30pm - £3 per child
Please send your child into school with their party clothes. We will help them get changed at school. Payment via Parentmail.
- **Friday 3rd October** – Grandparent Celebration Day – Grandparents welcome from 2.30pm for a special assembly followed by tea and cake.
- **Wednesday 8th October** – Harvest celebration at St Mary's Church – 9.30am. Please drop your child off at school at normal time, we will walk the children to the church and look forward to seeing you there at 9.30am.
- **Wednesday 15th October** – Key Stage 1 Strangers Hall trip. Information to follow via Parent Mail.
- **Tuesday 21st October** – EYFS Cathedral trip. Information to follow via Parent Mail.
- **Friday 24th October** – Non-School uniform in exchange for a small gift (to be re-gifted as a Christmas present)
- **HALF TERM HOLIDAY – 27th – 31st October**
- **Monday 3rd November** – Autumn 2 begins
- **Friday 14th November** – Children In Need – Wear something spotty! Donation link to be sent nearer the time.
- **Tuesday 18th November and Wednesday 19th November** - EYFS and Key Stage 1 consultations. Information regarding booking to be shared nearer the time.
- **Thursday 27th November** – Federation Day for all children at Catfield. Information to be shared nearer the time.
- **Friday 28th November** – Christmas Crafts – 2pm – Families welcome.
- **Thursday 4th December** – Christingle Service at St Mary's Church – 9.30am - Please drop your child off at school at normal time, we will walk the children to the church and look forward to seeing you there at 9.30am.
- **Tuesday 9th December** – Christmas Disco – 3.20pm – 4.30pm - £3 per child - Please send your child into school with their party clothes. We will help them get changed at school. Payment to be made via Parentmail.
- **Thursday 11th December** – Christmas jumper day
- **Thursday 11th December** – Nativity – 2pm - Information regarding tickets to be shared nearer the time.
- **Friday 12th December** – Nativity – 9.15am - Information regarding tickets to be shared nearer the time.
- **Monday 15th December** – Christmas Church Service at St Mary's Church – 2pm - Families welcome. Children to go home after the service.
- **Wednesday 17th December** – Carol Singing in the village (AM)
- **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – 22nd December – 5th January**
- **Tuesday 6th January** - Spring term begins

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<https://stbenets.org/>

Safeguarding

Some links for e-safety:

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

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

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

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