

# Swallowtail News



*With friendship, trust and kindness, we fly!*

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## February 2026 Newsletter

### Message from the Executive Head

Dear families

Thank you for a wonderful half term. It has been a delight to see the children continue to blossom and thrive.

A particular highlight was when we all came together for number day at Sutton last week. The children loved being together with their federation family engaging in a wide range of activities. There was so much laughter and care for one another. It was a joy to see.

Wishing you all a happy and safe half term break.

*Kind Regards*

*Natalie Butcher*

*Executive Head, The Swallowtail Federation*

### Message from Miss Blake

Dear families,

Together as a Federation, we celebrated NSPCC Number Day. Our learning environments were transformed into hubs of creativity and problem solving, with the children tackling everything from number hunts and maths games to puzzles and challenges designed to entice curiosity and confidence.

The enthusiasm from pupils and staff alike made the day truly special. It was wonderful to see children supporting one another, embracing new challenges, and discovering just how fun and empowering maths can be. Alongside the joy that our learning brought, we were also raising money for NSPCC, helping to support the charity's vital work in keeping children safe.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who took part, donated and dressed up. Your energy and generosity made this year's Number Day one of our most successful yet.

*Abby Blake*

*Assistant Head Teacher, Swallowtail Federation*

## This month's curriculum focus - PE and Computing

### PE

This year, we have adopted an exciting new PE curriculum called Get Set 4 PE which covers a wide range of different sports for children to learn. Fundamental skills underpin all lessons in Get Set 4 PE and it builds upon their skills as they move through school. We are able to create a bespoke curriculum to meet the needs of our learners and the outcomes of the National Curriculum. Below is our curriculum map for this year:

| 2025/2026   |                               |                             |                     |                               |                                    |   |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
|   | TERM 1                        |                             | TERM 2              |                               | TERM 3                             |   |
| <b>Nursery / Reception</b><br><i>Tigers and Cubs, EYFS Harriers, Butterflies and Caterpillars</i> | Introduction to PE : Unit 1   | Introduction to PE : Unit 2 | Dance : Unit 1      | Ball Skills : Unit 1          | Fundamentals : Unit 1              | Games : Unit 1                              |
| <b>Year 1/2</b><br><i>Lions, KS1 Harriers, Dragonflies</i>  | Fundamentals<br>Team Building | Fitness<br>Ball Skills      | Dance<br>Gymnastics | Dance<br>Gymnastics           | Sending and Receiving<br>Athletics | Striking and Fielding Games<br>Target Games |
| <b>Year 3/4</b><br><i>Cheetahs</i>  | Swimming<br>Fitness           | Dance<br>Football           | Dance<br>Dodgeball  | Gymnastics<br>Cricket         | Gymnastics<br>Netball              | Athletics<br>Tennis                         |
| <b>Year 5/6</b><br><i>Panthers</i>  | Swimming<br>Fitness           | Dance<br>Rugby              | Dance<br>Dodgeball  | Gymnastics<br>Volleyball Y5/6 | Gymnastics<br>Handball             | OAA<br>Roulers                              |

Staff and children have really enjoyed the PE lessons that have been taught so far and are excited to take part in upcoming lessons too. Many children have said how much they enjoy the fun games they are able to take part in as well as all the different sports they have the opportunity to try.

### Computing

This year in computing, we are continuing to use the Teach Computing curriculum. Below is what children have and will cover this year in their learning:

#### Year 1&2-

Creating media- digital photography  
Computing systems and networks- technology  
Programming- moving a robot and introduction to quizzes  
Data and information- pictograms  
Creating media- digital writing

#### Year 3&4-

Creating media- stop frame animation and desktop publishing  
Computing systems and networks- the internet  
Programming- repetition in shapes and games  
Data and information- branching databases

#### Year 5&6-

Creating media- video production and vector drawing  
Computing systems and networks- internet communication  
Programming- variables in games and selection in quizzes  
Data and information- introduction to spreadsheets

#### Online safety-

We continue to regularly teach children how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly and what to do when they recognise that something is not right.

Miss Fiddeman - PE and Computing Lead

## 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 are sensitive to the needs of the child and are there to help all pupils. If you are worried about your child's attendance, give the school a call, asking for Miss Blake.

You can also contact the Healthy Child Service team by calling Just One Number on [0300 300 0123](tel:03003000123) or texting Parentline on 07520 631590. Opening hours are 8am-6pm Monday-Friday (excluding bank holidays).

### Did You Know?

One full school year at 90% attendance is the equivalent of 4 weeks of learning missed!

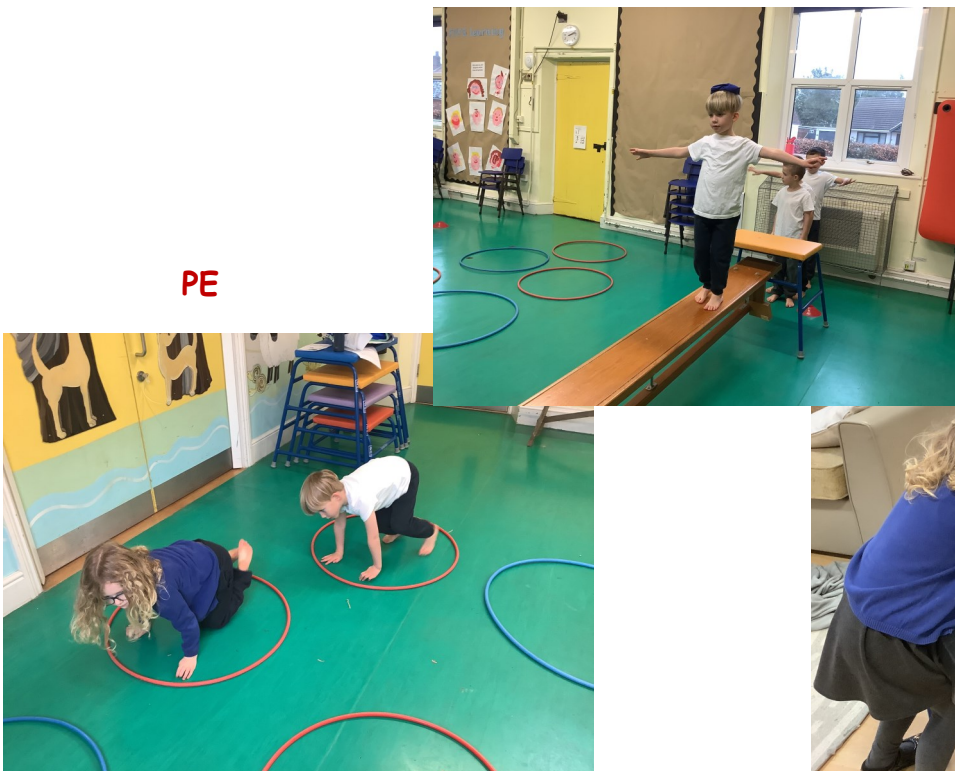
Over 5 years of school, this adds up to half a school year missed.

This is known as persistent absence.



**Attendance Year-to-Date for Harriers: 94.63%**

PE



Chinese New year



## Diary Dates

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY – 16th – 20th February

- **Monday 23rd February** - Spring 2 begins
- **Monday 23rd February** - Hickling at Catfield
- **Thursday 5th March** – World Book Day Reading Café – 8.50am – Families welcome
- **Friday 13th March** – Mother’s Day Worship – 2pm
- **Wednesday 18th March** – Early Years consultations
- **Tuesday 17th March** – EYFS Gressenhall trip
- **Thursday 19th March** – Key Stage 1 RE visit
- **Friday 20th March** – Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Wear odd socks!
- **Thursday 26th March** – Easter Craft morning – 8.50am
- **Friday 27th March** – Easter Service at St Mary’s Church – 2pm

### After Half Term:

**Important reminder:** Hickling will be having a shared learning day with the Early Years and Key Stage 1 children at Catfield on Monday 23rd February. Please drop your child off and collect them at normal time. Children accessing breakfast club are welcomed to Catfield from 8am. Children accessing wraparound will be transported back to Hickling on the minibus. Please book your lunches as normal on Parent Mail.

| Day       | Information                              |
|-----------|--|
| Monday    | Hickling at Catfield                     |
| Tuesday   |  |
| Wednesday | Family Reading<br>PE (Reception 1 and 2) |
| Thursday  | Forest School (ALL)                      |
| Friday    | Family worship - 3pm                     |

### 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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