

Good afternoon,

It's Friday again and that must mean it's time for a weekly Newsblog.
Please read on for key info and updates.

Have a great weekend

Best wishes,

Mr Spencer & The Tadpole Team

Date	What?	Who?	Additional info
Tuesday 26th September	Bake Sale (Young Carers)	ALL	3.30 - 4pm in the Small Hall
Tuesday 26th September	Swimming	Y3	
Wednesday 27th September	Open School/Meet The Teacher - YN, Y1, Y3 & Y5	YN, Y1, Y3, Y5	3.30 - 4.30 Meet your child's new Class Teacher and see what they've been learning in the first few weeks of Term 1.
Thursday 28th September	Open School/Meet The Teacher - YR, Y2, Y4 & Y6	YR, Y2, Y4 & Y6	3.30 - 4.30 Meet your child's new Class Teacher and see what they've been learning in the first few weeks of Term 1.
Tuesday 3rd October	Swimming	Y3	
Friday 6th October ** NEW DATE **	School Photos	ALL	In school
Tuesday 10th October	NO Swimming	Y3	
Tuesday 17th October	Swimming	Y3	
Wednesday 18th October	Last day of Term 1	ALL	Finish at normal time, Lilypad after school club still open after school as usual
Monday 30th October	INSET - school closed	ALL	
Tuesday 31st October	First day of Term 2	ALL	
Tuesday 31st October	Swimming	Y3	

Thursday 2 November	Flu Vaccination provisional date	YR - Y6 only	More details to follow on how to sign your child up
Thursday 2nd November	Parent Consultations 1	ALL	Details on how to book a slot to follow
Tuesday 7th November	Parent Consultations 2	ALL	Details on how to book a slot to follow

Teacher run voluntary clubs available to sign up

Teacher run clubs are on live on Parentpay for parents to sign up their children if they are interested in getting a space. The deadline for sign up on Parentpay is 10.00am on Tuesday 26 September 2023. We will then collate the names and as last year we will be drawing names out of a hat. Parents will be advised by 2pm on Thursday 28th September if their child/ren have been successful in a space in a club. Just by signing up via Parentpay does NOT mean your child has a space in a club

Breakfast Club Availability

We currently have a few places available for our breakfast club ('Lilypad'). If you would be interested in finding out more about this, please Fill in [this Lilypad form](#) and email it to school@tadpolefarmcepa.co.uk or hand it in to the office. Thank you

Open School/Meet The Teacher

We're opening up our School to our parents/carers. Please come along to meet your child's new Class Teacher and to see what your child has been learning so far in Term 1. Any information shared with parents will be emailed out after these sessions in case you're unable to attend. Please see dates in the calendar above. Please pick up your child at their usual time.

Additional information:

- All pupils, on both days should be collected as normal at 3.30pm
- If you then wish to reenter the school for the Meet The Teacher Session, please come through the small hall, into the main school building and on to your child's classroom
- Siblings and school children are welcome to join you
- The session will run from 3.35pm - 4.30pm

Dinner Cancellations - reminder

If your child is absent from school and has a hot dinner booked, please cancel by 9am using the SFU app. This is not something our Admin Team are able to access for you.

Eco-Committee - calling all Eco-Warriors

Last year we had a lot to celebrate with Eco Committee: we achieved our Green Flag Award, hosted three recycling events and increased the biodiversity of our school (amongst other amazing things!).

If you would like to be part of the Eco Committee this year, we are looking for a few new members. You would need to be organised, knowledgeable about the environment, willing to talk to other groups of children about our actions and projects and keen to make a difference.

To apply, please write or present a book review of an eco themed book, explaining why you think the message is important, how it made you feel and any ideas it has given you.

Send or bring your book review applications to Mrs Holloway by Friday 6th October. Thank you.

Book donations

This year we are looking to expand the variety of books that we offer the children in school. With that in mind, we would like to ask that if you are having a clear out we would love to give your old books a new home.

We are looking for **shorter chapter books** or non-fiction books in particular. All books must be in a good condition and where possible, appropriate for children in Year 3-6.

Please bring any donations to the school office. Thank you.

Homework

Thank-you for all your feedback on our survey - we had over 150 responses. Your child has been sent home with a homework (Y1-6) sheet today which includes spellings/phonics, a reading reminder and a maths fluency task. We ask that homework is brought back into school by next Thursday so that the teachers can acknowledge the work that has been set. We cannot enforce that homework is completed but we will do our best to encourage it where possible. We will be re-writing our approach to homework and making this available to parents on the school website as soon as we are able to. If you have any queries over homework content or have misplaced the homework sheet please contact your **class teacher**.

Bake Sale (Young Carers)

Exciting news: we are holding our first fundraising event of this school year.

We are going to be hosting a bake sale on Tuesday 26th September straight after school finishes, from 3:35pm, in the Small Hall. If pupils that attend our Lilypad wraparound care would like to buy a cake, please send your child in with 50p.

We are raising awareness for our Young Carers and how important these young people are. Our Young Carers group meet within school time and the money raised from the bake sale will go towards resources for the group and a trip at the end of the year.

<https://www.swindoncarers.org.uk/young-carers-support-in-swindon/>

If you would like to contribute either bought or baked goods please send them in with your child on Tuesday 26th September.

Thank you

Miss Milsom and Miss Jenner

KS1 parents - Class Dojo

KS1 are trialling an app called 'Class Dojo' instead of using Seesaw.

Class Dojo is a school communication platform that teachers, students and families use every day to build close-knit communities by sharing what's being learned in the classroom and home through photos, videos, and messages. Children can also earn 'Dojo Points' for all sorts of reasons from showing our Values or Spotlight behaviours to showing great effort in something. Your child should have come home last Friday with a login/QR code which you can use to set up your free account. Please be patient with KS1 teachers as they work hard to get their heads around this app.

We'll be asking for your feedback soon as we continue to look at ways that we can improve communication and information sharing with our families.

Closing of side gate between Monday 18th & Friday 29th September

From Monday 18th, the side gate by the staff car park will be closed.

This is due to the work that is taking place to develop our NEST space.

Parents will not be able to access the school playground from that entrance during this time.

If you are picking up pupils from Y1, please access the site via the gate at the front of the school near Reception and Nursery. Y3 pupils will be handed over via the double gates by the Drop Zone.

Please can we ask for your understanding during this period: these areas will be a little busier than normal for a couple of weeks. We will do everything we can to make sure that pupils can leave safely and swiftly.

