

Newsletter Autumn Term 2026 – Swift and Swallow Classes

We would like to welcome you to a new school year at Fairfields! We are really happy to have you all back after the summer break.

For this term we will be adopting a transition period between the Early Years Foundation Stage and the National Curriculum. The children will be moving towards whole class learning whilst still enjoying learning through play. We will be continuing with daily English, maths, phonics, reading and handwriting sessions, alongside weekly subjects such as science, computing, PE, music, RE, PSHE, art or D&T and history or geography. Your child will be sent home with a reading book weekly for you to enjoy at home. In addition, a phonics homework sheet will be sent every Monday to show you exactly what we are covering that week in school and how to help your child with this at home. This term we are planning on exploring our local area to link with our geography and science and will have a toy workshop to link with our history. A letter will be sent out nearer the time regarding information, dates and any contributions. The PTFA have kindly agreed to continue to subsidise our workshops throughout the year.

In the second half of this term the children will be bringing home weekly spellings to be tested the following week. We would appreciate it if you would help your children to learn these spellings using the 'LOOK – SAY – COVER – WRITE – CHECK' method. The children will have two books, one for their new spellings and one to complete their tests, please do not write in these books at home. Please ensure that both the books are in your child's book bag every day.

Please hear your child read daily. It is just as important to discuss the book as it is to read it; there is a page at the back of each reading book with comprehension questions that you could ask your child as you read together. Please sign your child's reading record every day in order for us to know that your child is reading regularly at home.

Please make sure all items of clothing are **clearly labelled with a permanent pen /name tag**. This will ensure that any lost items will easily find their way back to their rightful owner. We would also like you to provide your child with a named water bottle each day. Please ensure that your child's shoes are relatively easy to put on and take off so that time is not wasted – please no shoe laces if they are unable to tie them themselves. From the beginning of September, all children will be required to have a tracksuit and trainers as we will be outside for most of our PE lessons. The children will be having their PE lessons each week with Mr Z and should come to school dressed in their PE kits on Tuesdays.

Please ensure your child has a book bag every day (not a rucksack as we do not have room for these) to put into their trays, we also do not have room to store umbrellas or sunglasses.

Please note that it is a strict school policy that **no jewellery**, including earrings are permitted whatsoever.

As we are not fully aware of family faces at present, we would appreciate your help at home time. The children will be let out one by one and will not be allowed to leave the building unless the teacher is positive that there is an adult there for them. Please help us by being forthcoming as you reach the door. We would be grateful if you would ensure that the class teacher is made aware if your child is to be picked up by anyone other than the regular person. This could be by a very brief note passed to the teacher in the morning or a phone call to the school if circumstances change during the course of the day.

There will be a Year 1 Parents' Meeting on Monday 14th September at 2:45pm. This is an opportunity to find out all about Year 1. Thank you for your help and co-operation. We look forward to meeting you all!

Mrs Azmi & Miss Russell

Year 1 Class Teachers