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Friday 13th February 2026

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News from The Three Schools

Happy Half Term!

Dear Parents and carers,

As always, we have had another jam-packed week, with some unbelievable experiences and sporting opportunities for the children to demonstrate they can do more and that they know more!

We are delighted to share that we've enjoyed a wide variety of exciting opportunities including; a gymnastics competition for pupils in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6, Safer Internet Day across all Three Schools, Year 6 took part in a knife crime workshop, Cross Country competitions, KS2 Football matches and Kingfishers enjoyed completing their 'We love stories' topic.

We hope you enjoy this week's newsletter, stay safe and have a wonderful half term break!

Yours sincerely

David May (Executive Headteacher)



The KS2 Golden mile update - W.C 2nd February 2026

Gates are open at 8.25am—COME AND JOIN US!

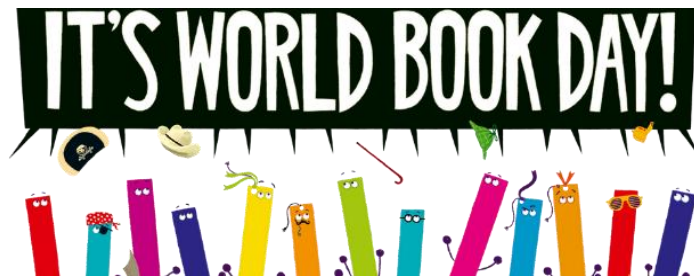
We have had a fantastic 4 days of running last week, the children have hit the ground running and have managed to clock up an **AMAZING** number of miles. As a school collectively, we managed to clock up **483 laps – 24 miles!!**

The class that covered the most distance was **Year 3** with **251 laps – 13 miles**

Golden Mile – Certificate Winners;

- Bertie M (Year 3) – 20 miles
- Isabelle G (Year 3) – 10 miles
- Winnie L (Year 3) – 30 miles
- Emily C (Year 3) – 40 miles

(Mrs Newman—Golden Mile Co-ordinator)



KS1 & EYFS World Book Day and Book Week

We have planned a very exciting week (**2nd - 6th March 2026**) to celebrate World Book Day and our love for stories and reading! Here is a summary of some of the activities we have in store:

- **Monday 2nd March** - Match book characters to quotes/sayings & Book Quizzes!
- **Tuesday 3rd March** - Book Swap - Children bring a book to school they no longer want or need and swap it for another.
- **Wednesday 4th March** - 'Extreme Reading Challenge' – we would like the children to read in an 'unusual place' or in an 'extreme' way as their homework over the next couple of weeks. It would be great if parents could photograph this – the children need to bring it to school on this day to share with the rest of the school!
- **Thursday 5th March** - Reading Breakfast. Children can come to school from 08:35 and have breakfast, whilst listening to their teachers reading stories.
- **Friday 6th March** - World Book Day. Children can dress up as a character from a Julia Donaldson story.

We will be completing various activities based on the book *'Follow the Swallow'* by Julia Donaldson.

(Mrs Smuts – KS1 English Leader)

Safer Internet Day 2026

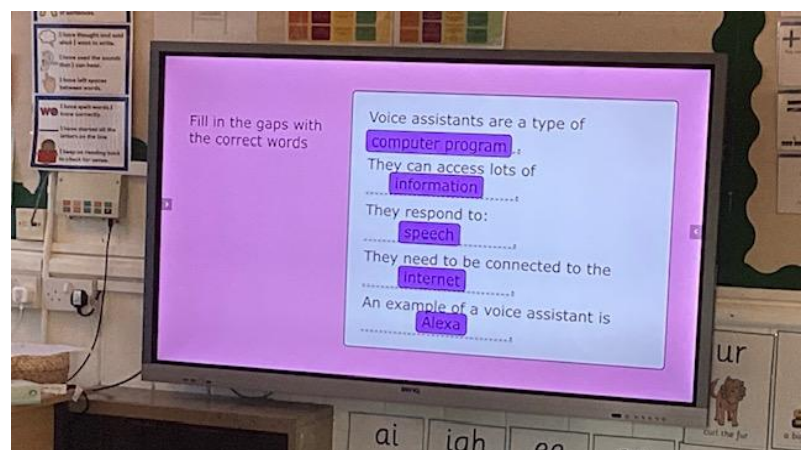
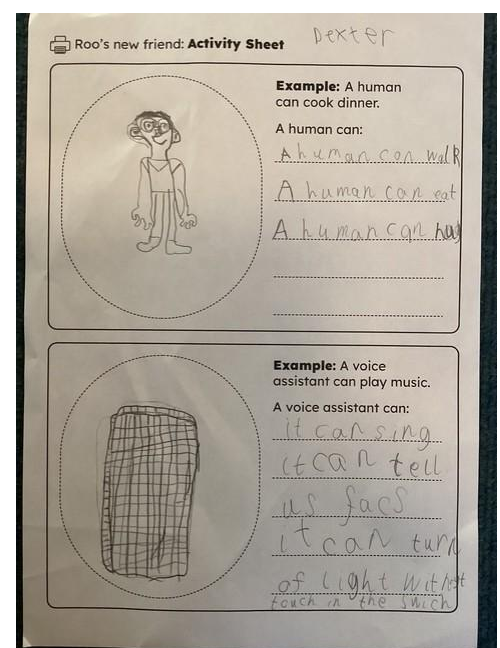
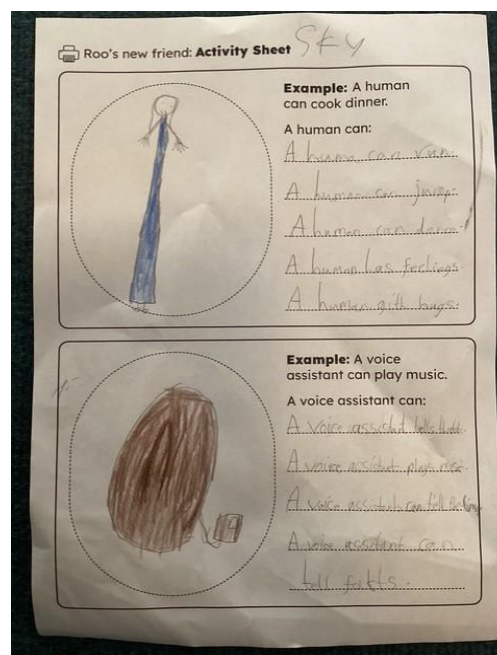
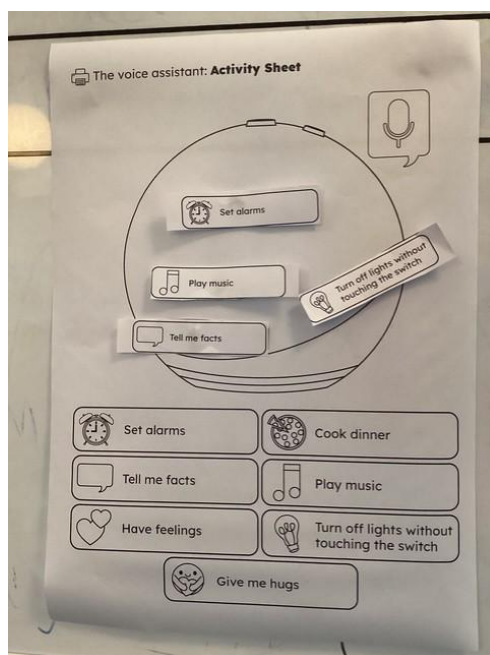
This week, children across the Three Schools took part in Safer Internet Day. The theme for this year was 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology.



As part of Safer Internet Day, we explored the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good. In KS2, the children looked at a variety of scenarios and discussed whether or not AI was being used appropriately. We also talked about what to do and who to turn to if we ever encounter anything involving the use of AI which worries or upsets us. We also looked at AI chatbots, including what they are and how they can be used safely and responsibly. As with other forms of technology, we explored the risks of overusing it and becoming too reliant on it. This is an area Year 6 will explore in more detail later this year as part of one of their computing topics, exploring some of the ethical considerations in responsible use of AI technology. Across all of the classes there were some excellent discussions taking place.

If you would like some more information or guidance on how to support your child in this area at home, please visit <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

(Mrs Glover & Mrs Featherston – Computing Leaders)



Year 6 Hazard Alley – Knife Crime Workshops

On Wednesday 11th February Year 6 pupils took part in a Knife Crime Intervention workshop. The Safety Centre Charity (Hazard Alley) have been awarded funding from The Heart of Bucks Community Foundation to provide fully funded workshops, teaching about Knife Crime Intervention to pupils across Buckinghamshire.



We have been lucky enough to access this session for a second year, as our school falls in the area set out in the funding.

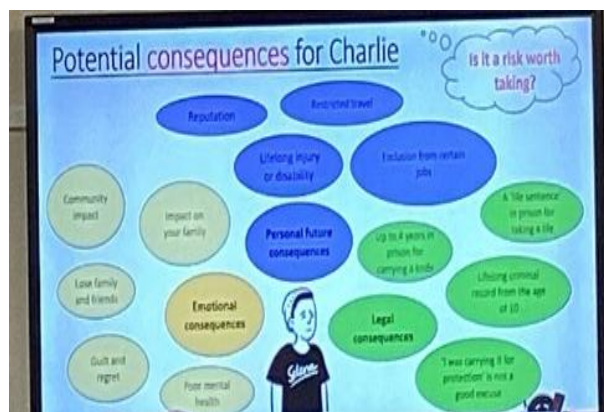
The workshop lasted 1 hour 15 minutes and was delivered in an age-appropriate way delivered by the Hazard Alley Safety Centre.

The Knife Crime Unit 2 session included information on:

- How choices have consequences that can affect us, our future, friends, family, and the wider community.
- The risks of carrying knives.
- The consequences of being involved in Knife Crime
- The laws around knife crime.
- Where to get help and support.
- The pupils also went through a 'story' of how a young person becomes involved in carrying a knife and explore each choice the character makes, and how this affects his life and the people around him.

The session started with a quiz, which highlighted the key messages needed to move forward in the session, which included information on:

- Decision making through practical activities.
- Discussion around scenarios involving knives to clarify any misconceptions.
- Exploring how and why peer pressure can affect decision making and outcomes.
- Strategies for staying safe.
- An introduction to 'Joint enterprise', exploring this theme through a film narrated by a young person who received a jail sentence for being a bystander in an incident involving a knife.
- Where to report or get help and support with knife crime.



Feedback from Year 6 pupils;

- *"I like the session; it was interesting to find out about a life sentence and crimes linked to carrying or using a knife"*
- *"I really did learn lots and since the workshop I have had lots to think about"*
- *"It was really interesting and I now know how we should behave around knives and how dangerous they can be"*
- *"I now understand that you can be arrested and trouble even if you don't carry a knife but know someone is going to use one. It is called 'Joint Enterprise'"*
- *"It is so important to speak to a trusted adult and get help if you're worried about knife crime"*

Feedback from Louise (Education Officer at Hazard Alley);

Hi Mr May,

I just wanted to say thank you for booking me into your school to deliver the knife crime session.

The children were exemplary throughout and I hope they found the workshop useful.

Many thanks,

Louise – Education Officer (Hazard Alley Safety Centre)

Well done Year 6 – what wonderful feedback, we are VERY proud of you!

(Mr May – Executive Headteacher)



Thornton Trail - 6th February 2026

Last Friday, Swanbourne took part in the Thornton Trail, for the second consecutive year. Unfortunately, as with last year's event, what should have taken place in the Autumn term had to be postponed due to excessive rain, until the Spring.

We took 12 runners, split into three teams. Two of these teams competed in the Years 5 & Year 6 race and one team took part in the Years 3&4 race. Both races were very competitive, with 79 girls running in the first one and 64 in the second.

Our runners were brilliant. They all embraced the challenges of the course, the competition and their own nerves to perform really well. They also represented Swanbourne positively, helping to build on the growing reputation that we have of being competitive, whilst also being sporting ambassadors (and having fun).

The children's placings in their races were: **Bonnie 30th, Orla 32nd, Jess 33rd, Milly 35th, Felicity 50th, Nansi 54th, Violet 57th and Olivia 58th. Bella 1st, Winnie 18th, Izzy 26th and Meya 28th.**

Special mentions are needed for **Bella**, who won her race and **Nansi** who managed to complete her race, despite having a tooth removed earlier in the day.

Well done everyone! Another example of Swanbourne's sporting endeavour.

(Mr Thorp & Mrs Mann)



KS2 Gymnastics Competition

On **Tuesday 10th February**, 12 pupils across all KS2 year groups headed to Stoke Mandeville Stadium for the Buckinghamshire 2026 Gymnastic Festival.

It was a fun-filled, action-packed day with 15 schools from across Buckinghamshire competing against each other throughout the day. The competition was run in 2 groups with Years 3 and 4 forming one group and Years 5 and 6 another.

All pupils had to learn 2 separate routines and also had the chance to perform on the vault which is always a highlight of the day.

Swanbourne pupils were a real credit to our school. They had beautiful manners to all members of staff, supported each other and shone in many of the events.

Our **Year 5 and 6 team** came **4th** out of their 15 groups and our **Year 3 and 4 team** came an incredible **2nd** place out of their 15 groups.

Well done to everyone involved. It was a pleasure to take you this event.

(Mrs Mann – Gymnastics Coach)



Swanbourne Chase (12th February 2026)

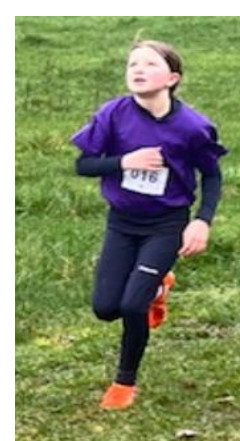
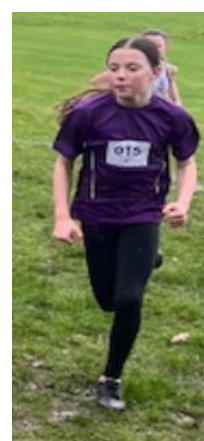
Yesterday, eleven of our Year 5 and 6 children trekked all the way across to Swanbourne House School to take part in the Swanbourne Chase. This was the original inter-school cross-country event, from which last week's inaugural Mini-Swanbourne Chase came. Hopefully we can make both events a fixture of our sporting future.

This was tough! The rain was falling, the under-foot conditions were slippery, the competition was very strong and the course was longer than our runners are used to (2.4 miles). However, our children battled against all of this, to complete their races – which wasn't the case for several of the starters in each event.

Our runners should be very proud of their accomplishment, as we are certainly proud of how they represented Swanbourne C of E School.

Well done everyone!

(Mr Thorp, Mrs Grimes & Mrs Ransley)



Boys' Football V Whitchurch (12th February 2026)

Yesterday saw the resumption of the boys' football league matches, after the winter break, with a competitive match against Whitchurch.

This was due to be a 'home' game for Swanbourne, which should therefore have been played at Mursley Recreation Ground. However, due to the weather, these pitches were unavailable and the game looked likely to be cancelled. Instead, the game was switched to Whitchurch Combined School, on the condition that Swanbourne were able to provide a high-quality referee. Unfortunately, this wasn't possible, so Mr Thorp refereed the game and it went ahead anyway.



Whilst the pitch was initially 'playable', it quickly started to churn up and the match became a mixture of football and ice-dancing (appropriate with the Winter Olympics currently happening).

It became apparent quite early on that the pitch was going to bring the quality of football down to a level lower than Swanbourne are used to playing. Despite this, there were flashes of high-quality skill and teamwork, which resulted in an early goal for Ted. This was followed by a neat finish from Jacob, to make it 2-0 at half time.

Whitchurch had some chances and could have equalised from the penalty spot, when some very laid-back play led to one of the Swanbourne players resorting to pulling the opposition striker back (a red card offence in the professional game). Fortunately the penalty was saved.

In the second half, Swanbourne took greater control and whilst only adding one further goal, were clearly the dominant team.

Well done to everyone who took part, with special mention to Troy, who was voted player of the match, on his debut for the school team.

(Mr Thorp – Football Coach)



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February Half Term

14 - 22 February 2026

This February half term, dive into hands-on fun with Sand Art, Dragon Puppets for Chinese New Year, Superhero Capes and Masks, plus dazzling Rainbow Science. Make a day of it and explore the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, discover the I Grew Up 90's exhibition, family trail and sensory room for a week packed with imagination and discovery.

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Kingfishers Pre-School Update

We can't quite believe how quickly this half term has flown by, we have had such an amazing time making new friends, sharing our favourite stories and getting involved in adventures and exciting new experiences.

We finished our 'We love stories' topic with a traditional tale, The Three Little Pigs. We really enjoy this story and even before we read the book,, we were able to recall the story, remembering what came first and what happened at the end. We have been making our own houses for our small world pigs throughout the week using our construction materials as well as our junk modelling, we have made some very elaborate creations, some even included swimming pools.

As it is Valentines Day on Saturday, we decided to make some gifts for someone we love. We created some heart cards using cutters dipped in bubbly paint, this created a fun effect on the paper especially with the mix of colours we used. We also made some savoury cheese hearts in cooking, making sure we made one for ourselves and one for the person we love.

At forest school we had a lovely treat of pancakes which we toasted on the fire. We talked about Shrove Tuesday which falls in half term and enjoyed a hot chocolate and warm pancake at base camp. We also created some daffodil pictures as we are finally starting to see the first signs of Spring appear.

We had a lovely surprise this week of a donation of large vehicles we can use in our garden. We have loved pushing these around and using them to collect objects and toys and carry them to other places. We really appreciate donations such as this; the children have been so excited to explore their new toys, so a huge thank you from all of the Kingfishers children.

On Thursday we held a small Kingfishers leaving party for Kathryn as it was her last day. The children worked together to make her a huge card and a giant banner to tell her how much we are going to miss her. We then all shared some yummy treats together like pizza, sausage rolls and cakes, yum yum!

We hope you all have a wonderful half term.

(Kelly Hall – Pre-School Leader)





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- Learn more about teenagers and their needs



THE NURTURING PROGRAMME

3 to 11 years old

- Help deal with the challenges that come with parenting
- Think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel



BALANCEABILITY

2.5 to 5 years old

- Accredited learn to cycle programme
- Develops confidence, spatial awareness, dynamic balance, and how to ride without stabilisers



KEEPING YOUR CHILD IN MIND

All ages

- Work together in ways that support growing children and a calmer family life
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- Explore ways to increase confidence and self-esteem.
- How to deal with peer pressure and setbacks.
- Explores how the online world affects self-esteem.

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Understanding childhood development and behaviour	Tuesday the 10th of February 2026	<u>Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</u>	
Understanding Low mood	Monday the 9th of March 2026	<u>Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</u>	
Understanding adolescent development and behaviour	Monday the 9th of March 2026	<u>Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</u>	

The Three Schools Calendar and Important Dates (Spring 2026)		
Friday 13 th February 2026	All Three Schools	Dare to be different day
Friday 13 th February 2026	All Three Schools	Break up for February Half Term
Monday 23 rd February 2026	All Three Schools	Spring Term 2 Starts
Thursday 5 th March 2026	Swanbourne (Year 3)	Egyptian Day
Saturday 14 th March 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	Cross Country Event (Ascott House)
Friday 27 th March 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	Easter Services (9.30am & 2.00pm)
Friday 27 th March 2026	All Three Schools	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April 2026	All Three Schools	INSET DAY
Tuesday 14 th April 2026	All Three Schools	Summer Term 1 Starts
Wednesday 15 th April 2026	All Three Schools	Parents Evenings (3.30pm – 8.00pm)
Thursday 16 th April 2026	Swanbourne (KS2)	Parents Evenings (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Friday 24 th April 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 1)	Windsor Castle Trip
Monday 4 th May 2026	All Three Schools	Early May Bank Holiday
Saturday 16 th May 2026	All Three Schools	Colour Run
Thursday 21 st May	All Three Schools	Break up for May Half Term
Friday 22 nd May 2026	All Three Schools	INSET DAY
Monday 25 th May 2026	All Three Schools	May Bank Holiday
Monday 1 st June 2026	All Three Schools	Summer Term 2 Starts
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Skern Lodge Residential Trip
Wednesday 17 th June 2026	All Three Schools	Book Look
Friday 19 th June 2026	All Three Schools	Summer Disco
Friday 26 th June 2026	All Three Schools	INSET DAY
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	All Three Schools	Transition Day
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Transition Day 2 (Year 6 only)
Friday 10 th July 2026	All Three Schools	Speech Cup Final

Monday 13 th July 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Year 6 Production (7.00pm)
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Mursley & Drayton Parslow (Year 2)	Year 2 Leavers' Services (2.30pm)
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	Swanbourne (Year 6)	Year 6 Leavers' Services (9.30am)
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	All Three Schools	Break up for Summer Holidays

Dates for your diary – INSET Days (2026)

The INSET Days for 2025-2026 are shown below:

- Monday 13th April 2026
- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Friday 26th June 2026



Swanbourne School Term Dates 2025/26 Academic Year

Pupil Days

Bank holidays

School holidays

Proposed inset days - 4 more inset days can be set by the schools

Transition Days

Students: 190 days

Teachers: 195 days



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