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1st October 2025

Dear Parents & carers,

### Parent Consultations

On the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding our first Parent Consultations of the year. This provides an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss how they have settled in, progress and next steps. Appointments may be booked by using the Parent Evening Booking Form on Parentmail - these are live to book now.

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October during Parent Consultations, the NHS Children's Mental Health Service will also be available to share with parents and carers, the support that they can provide to children, young people, and their families, as well as general advice and guidance, including how to refer into the Service.

## Morning wobbles parent session

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, we have a parent drop-in session to provide support and advice to parents whose children struggle with 'wobbles' at morning drop-off. Please come along at 9:00am for a quick chat with the Education Welfare Officer from NCC.

## **Fundraising**

Rag Bag - We have a collection receptacle in our school car park. We can accept the following items: wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts. Every time the Rag Bag receptacle is emptied the school receives a donation. Low grade textiles are made into industrial wiping cloths, carpets, underlay and mattress linings. Good quality clothing is transported to Africa and other developing nations where your old clothes are re-used.

















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Easy Fundraising - we are a member of Easy Fundraising. It won't cost you a penny to support us and in the last few years we have raised over £1,000 for the school! Easy Fundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. The cost is covered by the brand. Please see the link below:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/swarlandprimaryschool/?searchSessionId=9ae1cca7-1704-4faf-bd0e-0743e05ed475

## Portal for school place applications

A reminder that the application portal is open for applications to Secondary schools in September 2026, and will close on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please ensure that you apply for your child's high or middle school place by this date.

The Online Admissions Portal for First and Primary school admissions will open on the 1st of November 2025 for children starting Reception in September 2026. Please see the page below for more information about how to apply:

Reception entry applications | Northumberland County Council

### Harvest Festival Collection

A reminder that we are collecting dried food packages and tins as part of our Harvest Festival collection. These will be donated to the Alnwick Food Bank. Please can any donations be brought in before half-term.

### <u>Visitors this half-term</u>

This month the children will have a number of visitors to deliver workshops and training to support their learning. The Police will deliver an assembly on seatbelt

















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safety and we have workshops on money and healthy relationships as well as First Aid training.

## Thank you

Thank you very much to all of those who contributed to our crowd funding page over the summer to raise money for a new climbing frame for the children. We raised £1,102! We are currently looking at outdoor play equipment to find a suitable model.

Regards,

Louise Fletcher

Headteacher

















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## <u>Dates for Diary</u>

1st October - PSHE Healthy relationships workshop

3<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday Tuck Shop starts

3rd October - Police safety assembly

6th October - Swarland Friends AGM @ the Village Inn 7:00pm

10th October - KS2 Money workshop

14th October - First Aid workshops

15th October - flu immunisations for the whole school

 $15^{th}$  October - Reception Parent consultations 3:30 - 6:00pm

 $15^{\text{th}}$  October - DCHS open evening 5:00 - 7:00pm

16th October - Year 1 to Year 6 Parent Consultations 1:00 - 6:00pm

16th October - KS2 Cross-country competition

 $21^{\text{st}}$  October - KS2 football tournament at Whittingham Primary School

21st October - Morning Wobbles parent session 9:00am

24th October - Swarland Friends Halloween Bingo doors open 5:00pm

 $24^{\text{th}}$  October – Break-up for half-term

















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31st October - deadline for secondary school applications

 $1^{\text{st}}$  November - portal opens for Reception school places for September 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> November - back to school after half-term











