



Welcome to Year 5 and Year 6

The Children

We currently have 100 children in our phase.

They are split into 3 teaching classes:

Ravens, Swallows and Owls

Class Teachers

Mr Pawlett/Mr Jiggins: Ravens

Mrs Faiers/Mr Jiggins: Swallows

Mr O'Neill: Owls

The Teaching Assistants.

We are lucky enough to have 7 wonderful TAs working within our phase, supporting the children with their learning.

Mrs Gladwell

Mrs Leonard

Mrs Kent

Mrs Maloney

Mrs Howard

Mrs Ellson

Mrs Unbekandt

We also have Mrs Stevenson who will help run Maths intervention groups 3 afternoons a week. These will be predominately for Year 6s in the first 2 terms and then Year 5s in the last term. These will be for children from across all attainment levels.

Additional Teachers

Mrs Turian

Madame Monument

Mr Quinlan

PE

French

Music

These lessons will take place on rotation during a Tuesday afternoon



SENDCo
Miss Laura
McAuley

Miss McAuley is available as SENDCO from Monday to Friday, except Monday afternoons when she teaches Reception.

If you have concerns about your child's education, health, or wellbeing, please speak to their class teacher first. If further support is needed, the teacher may involve Miss McAuley.

She may request your consent to add your child to the SEND register, which helps staff provide appropriate support. This may include a termly-reviewed plan called Assess, Plan, Do, Review (APDR).

If external professional input is needed, Miss McAuley will discuss this with you beforehand.

For more details, please visit the SEND section of the school website. Miss McAuley can be contacted directly on: sendco@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk for any SEND matters - but please do ensure that class teachers are made aware of any primary concerns first.

Topics

Each term we have a main topic focus that we aim to integrate into all areas of the curriculum.

Autumn: World War II: Cambridgeshire's War

Spring: Mayan civilization

Summer: The Roman world

Trips and Visitors

We aim to develop our pupils' understanding and increase their curiosity by taking the children on visits within the local area and by inviting visitors who have an expertise within the subject into school.

We would be extremely grateful if you have any knowledge or know of someone who would be happy to share their expertise with the children.

English and Maths

English and Maths lessons will be taught every day within the pupils' own class, usually in the mornings.

The new curriculum is demanding and challenging, therefore additional support at home would be very beneficial.

Reading with and to your child is invaluable. Also asking a range of questions about what they are reading will help them develop both as reader and as writers. These can be simple retrieve information questions or more complex inference type questions.

Time tables practice is vital.

SMART Notebooks
Limited Mode

Purplemash: This has great resources for additional practice at home.

Homework

Weekly homework will consist of the following:

Regular reading practice (ideally 20 minutes daily)

Learning weekly spellings (must)

Maths 2do (must)

Either a Grammar or Maths task (optional)

Termly optional topic-based

Termly Yr 5/6 spelling list test (practice as needed)

Times tables (as needed)

Homework will be set on a **Wednesday**; spellings will be tested the following **Wednesday**

Some children will be given alternative spellings and join a group with Mrs Faiers. If this is the case, we will let you know so that you are aware of the spellings that your child is working on.

Reading Homework

Please make time to hear your child read aloud every day. This helps develop confidence, fluency and expression.

Also, more importantly, ask your child questions about the text as this develops comprehension skills that are crucial to understanding and enjoyment.

Reading to your child also enhances key vocabulary skills and is an enjoyable and valuable one to one time.

We encourage children to be more independent in their reading choices; choosing their own books from the classroom, school library and ideally out of school libraries.

The Year 5/6 Spelling List

This is a list of 100 spellings set out in the National Curriculum. They are challenging and will require a substantial amount of time to learn. We will be regularly addressing these words at school during the year, however your child will need to practise them at home regularly.

Termly tests will be given and results will be shared with you.

Year 5 are aiming to spell 50% of the spellings correctly by the end of the year.

Year 6 are aiming to spell 80% of the spellings correctly by the end of the year.

Tested 3 times a year the week after half term

Interventions

Interventions will be run throughout the year. Some of these groups will take place during assembly time and some during afternoons. These groups will focus on either reading, writing or maths and will be used to help support the needs of the children.

School Bags and Pencil Cases

A small school bag is allowed; children no longer require Book Bags.

Please make sure bags are clearly named and are not too large as our cloakrooms have limited space.

Children are not allowed to bring in any pencil cases or stationery from home.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Snacks - Fruit is not provided in KS2 but children are allowed to bring in their own piece of fruit or healthy snack for break time.

Water Bottles - We encourage children to bring water bottles to school. These will be kept in a designated place in the classroom.

PE days

Ravens - Monday and Tuesday

Swallows - Tuesday and Wednesday

Owls - Tuesday and Thursday



Children come to school in their PE kit on PE days -please ensure it is appropriate for the weather conditions.

- Black, grey or navy shorts
- Plain short-sleeved T-Shirt in your child's house colour (with or without school logo) - red, blue, purple, yellow or green
- Black, grey or navy jogging bottoms/leggings
- Plain jumper or hooded top which is appropriate for PE sessions, i.e. does not restrict movement and provides warmth for outdoor PE
- Trainers for outdoor PE with good grip
- Plain sports socks



Lunches



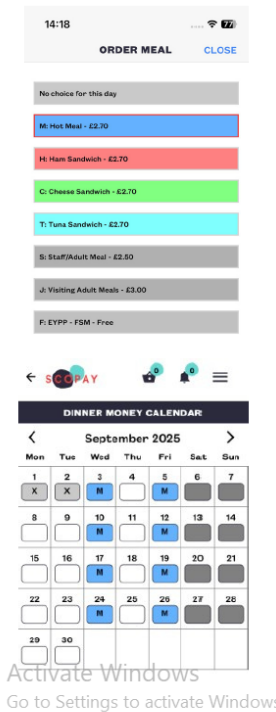
Children may either bring a healthy packed lunch from home or choose one of our nutritious school lunches.

Weekly menus are available on both the school website and Scopay—the platform used to book and pay for school meals.

[Link to Lunch Menu](#)

While children can select their lunch during morning registration, we encourage parents to discuss meal choices with their child at home. This helps children feel confident about their selection and ensures they enjoy their lunch.

Ordering meals in advance via Scopay is a great help to our kitchen team. It allows us to reduce food waste, plan more efficiently, and make sure every child receives the lunch they're looking forward to.



Pupil Premium

What is it?

Pupil Premium is extra funding given to schools to help children who may face barriers to learning—such as those from low-income families, in care or adopted, or with parents in the armed forces.

How is it used?

We use this funding to provide:

- One-to-one or small group academic support
- Help with music lessons, sports clubs & trips
- Resources and equipment
- Staff training for high-quality teaching
- Extended teacher meetings to support progress

Could your child be eligible?

If you receive benefits like Income Support or income-based JSA/ESA, your child may qualify.

Even if your child gets Universal Free School Meals (Reception–Year 2), you must still apply to unlock Pupil Premium funding.

We have letters with more information on Pupil Premium and how you can apply if your child is eligible if needed, please do ask.

Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium Funding?

What is the Pupil Premium?
Pupil premium is the additional funding for schools to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils in schools. It is given to help children from low-income families, children who are in care or adopted, and children with parents in the armed services.

How do we use the Pupil Premium in school?
Pupil premium funding is used to support children in a variety of ways. We aim to support children in a group or one-to-one basis. The list below offers a few examples of how we can use the funding:

- Additional curriculum support in a group or one-to-one with an adult
- Support for music tuition, after school clubs including sports clubs
- Educational visit support
- Professional development for staff to ensure high quality teaching
- Resources and equipment to support
- Extended meetings with teachers

Who is eligible?
Pupil Premium funding is available for children from Reception to Year 6. If you receive state benefits such as Income Support or income-based JSA or ESA, you can apply for Free School Meals for your child. This automatically entitles your child to Pupil Premium Funding.

Even if your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and they are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, you still MUST apply for Free School Meals to receive Pupil Premium Funding.

You can make apply for Free School Meals by completing an online application, sending a paper application form available on our website, phoning the Free School Meal Applications Department on 0203 203200, or by calling in at our School Office. You will need to have your National Insurance number or National Asylum Seeker number.

Financial support benefits: School lunches School trips and visits School uniforms Music lessons Clubs such as sports, reading etc.	Parental Support At both parent consultations, actions and spring you will be offered an extended appointment with the teacher. This additional 10 minutes will allow you time to express any specific areas of need your child might benefit from support in.
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If you would like any additional information regarding Pupil Premium Funding please don't hesitate to speak to any member of school staff. Along with this email, and on our website under the pupil premium tab, you will find additional information explaining Free School meals in more detail.

Online information can be found at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/readers/children-and-families/schools-learning/learning-in-schools-learning-centre/pupil-premium/>

Thank you

Thank you for supporting us today.

We hope it has been useful and informative.

We encourage you to get in touch with your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

