



## Covid Update

You received a letter on Wednesday, in paper copy as well as electronic, with further updates on the Covid situation in school. Please read that letter, which can still be found on our website - [CLICK HERE](#) - with the main bullet points copied again for you below:



For the next week or two - **regardless of government 'advice'** - to help me keep our school open and avoid the closure of classes, please do the following:

1. Always wear a mask when on school site. Our positive cases have doubled overnight! Please help us keep you, as well as other people, safe.
2. Respect distances when approaching staff. We are working with children all day, many of whom are asymptomatic. Protect yourselves as well as us by socially distancing.
3. Please join daily Year Group Lateral Flow Testing when asked to by the office.
4. Continue to remind your child about handwashing and respecting personal space.
5. Do not send your child to school if they have symptoms, book a PCR Test instead!
6. If waiting for a PCR test result, please stay off.
7. If there are no symptoms and you have a positive LFT - isolate immediately (this means do not leave the house) for 5 FULL days with a negative test on days 5 & 6 - 24 hours apart. If you test negative early enough on day 5 (7am) then if you have the same result on day 6 isolation stops then - you are 'free' on day 6.

## Gate / Assemblies Music

The poster giving details of each week's music is published in this newsletter, posted on Twitter, [AMCPS-Swindon \(@AMCPS Swindon\) / Twitter](#) and shared with children in assembly each Friday.

## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Silbury	371pts
Kennet	369pts
Ridgeway	368pts
Avebury	364pts



Well done everyone - those House Points keep rolling in!

## Golden Book

Congratulations to the following children for being mentioned in the Golden Book Assembly today for their excellent attitudes and approach.

- Maddie and Noah** (Beech)
- Sienna and Daisy** (Hazel)
- Zoe and Flynn** (1Birch)
- Maisie and Miguel** (1Alder)
- Alex and Harley** (2Chestnut)
- Ava and Rory** (2Hornbeam)
- Samuel and Lois** (3Rowan)
- Kavin and Elise** (3Sycamore)
- Samuel N** (4Juniper)
- Jake and Kiara** (4Willow)
- Morewaoluwa and Iris** (5Ash)
- Paulina and Harry** (5Oak)
- Charlie, Amiya and Frankie** (5Maple)
- Lillia-Rose, Beth, Hayat and Gracie** (Year 6)



*Well done to all of you - keep it up!*

## Nursery News

We are really enjoying our new 'Bear' topic. This week we have been learning the story 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?' The children are able to confidently join in with the retelling of the story and Brown Bear even visited us earlier in the week.



## Year 4 Wilderness Trip

Good luck to our Year 4 children and staff as they embark upon the Wilderness Trips next week. As suggested in the name, they will be pretty much in the wilderness, with only the class and the centre staff on site - almost in the middle of nowhere. It will definitely be wet and cold - potentially freezing one minute and extremely wet the next. Please make sure you pack too many clothes and changes in footwear so their trip can be enjoyable and not spoiled by being cold.



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Gate Music 2022 - 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

25<sup>th</sup> January is Burns Night

Burns Night is annually celebrated in Scotland on or around January 25<sup>th</sup>. It commemorates the life of the bard (poet) Robert Burns, who was born on January 25, 1759. The day also celebrates Burns' contribution to Scottish culture. His best known work is Auld Lang Syne which is mostly sung to see in the New Year.



The music for this week is a poem written by Robert Burns and converted into a song by singer songwriter Eddi Reader called - "Winter It Is Past"



What instrument is accompanying the singer at the start?  
What colour or picture does this music make you think of? Why?

### Big Garden Birdwatch

Be wowed by your local wildlife. Big Garden Birdwatch is for everyone, whether you're a complete beginner or a birding expert. Simply count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 28 and 30 January 2022.



Register here: [BIG Garden Birdwatch 2022](#)

### Footballers Friday Football Fun

Well done to our younger football teams, who went to play in the football festivals at Swindome last Friday.

Both teams did exceptionally well and should be very proud of themselves.

The future of football at Abbey Meads is bright.  
Mr Stratton 😊



### Car Parking

A very small number of motorists are still parking across the drives of local residents.

It isn't ok to say you're only there a short time. Some local residents have their own children to collect from other schools, whilst others have medical appointments to attend.

Even if they have nowhere to go - the rules of the road do not allow motorists to park across residential driveways. Please help us by only parking in a sensible and legal manner.



All 4 – 12  
year olds  
welcome



Fully  
Qualified  
Coaches

## BROOK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

### 21st February – 25th February

Join in on our half term fun!

A wide variety of sports and activities on offer including Pool, Table Football, Football, basketball, invasion games, nature walk, outdoor gym equipment plus ever increasing range of Nerfs!

For an application form and price list please email - [swindonmultisports@hotmail.com](mailto:swindonmultisports@hotmail.com)



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This Newsletter is published every week on a Friday.  
**Please read it** - it doesn't take long and links are emailed and sent via text.



## "Happy Birthday"

You know it doesn't make much sense  
There ought to be a law against  
Anyone who takes offense  
At a day in your celebration  
'Cause we all know in our minds  
That there ought to be a time  
That we can set aside  
To show just how much we love you  
And I'm sure you would agree  
It couldn't fit more perfectly  
Than to have a world party on the day you came to  
be

*Happy birthday to you  
Happy birthday to you  
Happy birthday  
Happy birthday to you  
Happy birthday to you  
Happy birthday*

I just never understood  
How a man who died for good  
Could not have a day that would  
Be set aside for his recognition  
Because it should never be  
Just because some cannot see  
The dream as clear as he  
That they should make it become an illusion  
And we all know everything  
That he stood for time will bring  
For in peace our hearts will sing  
Thanks to Martin Luther King

### *Chorus*

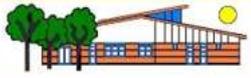
Why has there never been a holiday  
Where peace is celebrated  
All throughout the world  
The time is overdue  
For people like me and you  
Who know the way to truth  
Is love and unity to all God's children  
It should be a great event  
And the whole day should be spent  
In full remembrance  
Of those who lived and died for the oneness of all  
people  
So let us all begin  
We know that love can win  
Let it out, don't hold it in  
Sing it loud as you can

### *Chorus*

### *Extended Chorus*

We know the key to unity of all people  
Is in the dream that you had so long ago  
That lives in all of the hearts of people  
That believe in unity  
We'll make the dream become a reality  
I know we will  
Because our hearts tell us so

Last Week's Music was 'Happy Birthday' by Stevie Wonder. The poster below states why – and the lyrics below demonstrate how easy it is to listen to a song and not fully understand its message without listening properly.



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Gate Music 2022– 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.  
He was a Baptist minister and social activist who led the civil rights movement in the United States from the mid-1950s until his death by assassination in 1968. His leadership was fundamental to that movement's success in ending the legal segregation of African Americans in the South and other parts of the United States.  
King rose to national prominence as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which promoted nonviolent tactics, such as the massive March on Washington (1963), to achieve civil rights. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States, marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year.

Stevie Wonder wrote this week's song "Happy Birthday" as he was one of the main figures in the campaign to have the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. become a national holiday. He created this single to promote the cause.

What instruments can you hear in this piece?  
What style of music is it? Classical? Rock? Pop? How do you know?

The time is  
always right  
to do what  
is right.

- Martin Luther King Jr.

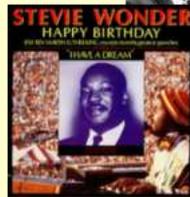


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SWINDON  
DANCE

+  
**FREE**  
**BOYS 8-16yrs**  
**INSPIRATION**  
**DAY** SAT 26 FEB | 10-3PM

+  
A day of activities, hosted by Swindon Dance Centre for Advanced Training. Be inspired in dance by participation, demonstrations, talks, film and performances. Opportunities to meet male students currently training on the Centre for Advanced Training at Swindon Dance, as well as dancers/choreographers/performers currently working in the dance industry.

Taught by inspiring role models:

- + Jacob O'Connell
- + Tomo Norimaki
- + Ben Dunks

Sign up here:

[www.swindondance.org.uk/event/boys-inspiration-day](http://www.swindondance.org.uk/event/boys-inspiration-day)

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