



SJS NEWS



THURSDAY 23RD JULY 2026

Dear Families,

I can't quite believe where the year has gone! I've a few more wrinkles and the greys have definitely taken hold but I just want to thank the whole school community for their support during my first year of headship. Parents, you have been so supportive of decisions and been patient when we haven't quite got things as right as we would have liked. The children have welcomed me from day one and are genuinely amazing individuals. My staff have worked so hard this year to bring in the changes the Senior Leadership Team have made and as always, have remained fiercely dedicated to making sure each child feels loved and supported.

For some of our families it is unfortunately 'goodbye' as many send their children off to secondary school, marking the end of their time at Sawley Junior School. You are always welcome back any time, although we hope you feel settled and happy at your new schools. From all of us, good luck.

On behalf of all the staff here, have a wonderful summer holidays and we will see you on Monday 7th September.

Natalie Sisson
Headteacher



UPCOMING DATES

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

September

7th School reopens
9th Year 4 Anglo Saxon workshop
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17th Tawny House Captain/ Vice Captain elections
17th Friesland Open Evening
18th Snowy House Captain/ Vice Captain elections
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5th School Council trip to Houses of Parliament
8th School visit to Church for Harvest Festival
8th Year 6 Parent Residential Meeting
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PERSON OF THE YEAR

Person of the Year is always a difficult task for staff. Young people in their class can stand out for a variety of reasons. It could be that they are a role model to others, it might be that they have faced challenges and have worked hard to overcome them. Whatever the reason, they have really done a good job impressing their teacher. A massive congratulations to the following children.



HEAD TEACHER'S CHOICE & MERYL LACY SPORTS AWARD

For Year 6, we have two special awards. The Headteacher's Choice is given to two individuals who have been exemplary throughout their whole journey at SJS. They embody the school values and are people to put their all in to everything they do. That honour this year went to Sakura and Luca, both of who have stood out to me during my time here. Your new schools are very lucky to have you.



We were incredibly honoured to have Meryl Lacy herself take time out of her busy week to come and award the Lacy Sports Award in person. This award is given to those who show an aptitude for sport AND sportsmanship. Both Jackson and Esme lead active lives outside of school but take the time in school to always give sport 110%. Not only this, they have both on numerous occasions represented SJS in the community and supported younger pupils when they are taking part. Both should be proud of their accomplishments.

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION AND LEAVERS' CELEBRATION

What a fantastic way to end the year! Our Year 6 children delivered a wonderful performance, showcasing not only their talent but also the confidence, resilience and teamwork they have developed throughout their time at Sawley Junior School.

As we say goodbye to this year's class of 2026, we reflect on the incredible journey they have been on. We have watched them grow into thoughtful, capable and caring young people who have embraced opportunities, overcome challenges and contributed so much to our school in so many different ways.

Whether they are moving on to The Long Eaton School, Friesland or Wilsthorpe, we know they leave us well prepared for the next stage of their education. We are excited to see what the future holds for each and every one of them.

Year 6, you should be immensely proud of all that you have achieved. Thank you for the memories and the laughter along the way. Remember, you will always be part of the Sawley family and we are here if you need us.

We wish you every happiness and success as you begin your next adventure.

Good luck, Class of 2026!



FAMILY LIAISON SUPPORT

SUPPORT FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Our Family Liaison Officer Claire Kudryk has put some advice together to help you to know where access support during weekends and school holidays if you ever find yourself in an emergency or crisis situation and are unsure of who to turn to when school is closed. It also has lots of ideas to support your family's wellbeing and support in coping with the changes when the normal school routines are not there.

There is also lots of information on the school website under 'Family Liaison officer' (found under either the 'Help and Support' or 'Parents' section). You can contact Claire Kudryk, our family liaison officer if you need to via email on ckudryk@oneacademytrust.co.uk and she can get back to you when school reopens.

Trying to entertain children for longer periods can be challenging for many reasons. There are lots of low cost and free activities available in the local community which are often advertised through flyers or on social media. You can also search for specific activities via in Derbyshire via; www.localoffer.derbyshire.gov.uk This website also has options to search for SEND specific activities.

TOP TIPS FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Keep a flexible routine

Children thrive with some structure, but holidays don't need to be scheduled every minute. However, maintaining regular mealtimes and bedtimes can make a big difference in helping children feel secure and happy.

Balance activity and downtime

It's okay if every day isn't packed with trips. Quiet play, reading, and simply relaxing are important too for both you and your children.

Get outdoors every day

Whether it's a local park, a walk, a picnic, or playing in the garden, fresh air supports both physical and emotional wellbeing.

Make memories, not perfection

Children remember time spent together more than expensive days out. Baking, crafts, games, and family walks all count.

Encourage independence

Let children help prepare snacks, choose activities, tidy toys, or complete simple jobs to build confidence.

Keep talking

Check in with your child about how they're feeling. Holidays can bring excitement but also worries about friendships, change, or returning to school.



TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED



DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD



REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,
your words,
your presence

FAMILY LIAISON SUPPORT

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Long Eaton and Sawley Food Banks Long Eaton: Tuesdays and Friday at The Baptist Church, Station Rd, Long Eaton. NG10 1GJ

Sawley: Saturdays at 165 Wilmot Street, **Sawley.** NG10 3EL Please contact the food bank directly to discuss your situation for support

Email:
info@longeatonsawley.foodbank.org.uk Tel:
07950 547671

- During school termtime, school can make the referral
- Long Eaton food bank also has a school uniform bank

Citizens Advice

- 0300 456 8390 (advice line and to book appointments)

Derbyshire Discretionary Fund (DDF)

- The DDF can provide grants or emergency cash payments if you are in urgent need of financial help. More details can be found through www.Derbyshire.gov.uk

Bundles of Hope

- Bundles of Hope is a community based initiative which provides opportunities for families of preschool children to access clothing, shoes, nappies and wipes free of charge - <https://bundlesofhope.co.uk/>

HOUSING SUPPORT

Housing Support

Including Eviction and Homelessness) Erewash Borough Council - Homeless and Housing Team

- Email: homelessness@erewash.gov.uk
- Tel: 0115 907 2244 Derbyshire Housing Aid
- 0115 930 0199

Mental Health Support

Mental Health Crisis Team Derby City and South Derbyshire

- Tel: 01332 623700 (24 hours, Monday to Sunday).

CAMHS Duty Line

- 0300 123 9164
- Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm Derbyshire Wellbeing website
- Contains information and links to all the mental health and well-being support available to support parents & children.

[derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing. uk/](http://derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk/)

Domestic abuse Support Derbyshire - 0800 0198 668

<https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>

Autumn 2026 Term Dates for Parents

(Subject to change)

September 2026		
Date	Event	Details
4 th	INSET DAY	
7 th	School reopens	
9 th	Year 4 Anglo Saxon workshop	
14 th & 15 th	British Values workshops	
16 th	Barn & Eagle House Captain/ Vice Captain elections	Year 6's wishing to stand, please prepare a speech detailing what you could bring to the role.
17 th	Individual and sibling photos	Please can all children wear uniform- teachers will give details of PE for this week
17 th	Tawny House Captain/ Vice Captain elections	Year 6's wishing to stand, please prepare a speech detailing what you could bring to the role.
17 th	Friesland Open Evening	
18 th	Snowy House Captain/ Vice Captain elections	Year 6's wishing to stand, please prepare a speech detailing what you could bring to the role.
25 th	Jeans for Genes Day	Children to wear jeans but must wear school uniform on top. £1 cash donation welcomed
29 th	Parent Reading Workshop	3:30- 4:15pm in the school hall
30 th	Year 3 Stone Age workshop	Details of payment & booking to be send out via Arbor

October 2026

1 st	Year 3&4 Film Night	Please see Arbor for booking details nearer the time
5 th	School Council trip to Houses of Parliament	Newly elected School Council
6 th	Year 5&6 Film Night	Please see Arbor for booking details nearer the time
8 th	School visit to Church for Harvest Festival	Children only- parent helpers welcome
8 th	Year 6 Parent Residential Meeting	3:20-4:15pm
14 th & 15 th	Parent's Evening	Booking details will be sent out via Arbor
23 rd	Last day of term	

November 2026

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3 rd	School reopens	
11 th - 13 th	Year 6 residential	
13 th	Children in Need	Non- school uniform day £1 donation welcomed
16 th	 Odd Socks Day	Children to wear odd socks (for Anti- Bullying week)

December 2026		
4 th	Non- school uniform day	Children wear non-school uniform in exchange for a donation to the Christmas Fayre tombola
8 th	Sawley Church visit (Christmas)	Children only- parent helpers welcome
10 th	Christmas Jumper Day	Donations to Save the Children
16 th	Book Bus Visit & Christmas Fayre	
18 th	Break up for Christmas!	



BELLA ITALIA

EATING OUT OFFERS FOR SUMMER

Bella Italia

Children can also eat for free at Bella Italia locations from Sunday through Thursday this summer break.

The offer allows one child to receive one complimentary meal from the Kids Menu when accompanied by an adult purchasing a main meal, just let your server know when you arrive.

Beefeater & Brewers Fayre

Two kids can eat for free with every paying adult during the summer holidays.

Burger King

From 23rd July up until the end of August, Burger King is bringing back its Kids Eat Free offer, with a free King Jr. Meal available with the purchase of any adult meal through the Burger King app.

The offer also includes the Whopper Jr. for the first time ever.

Bills

Up to two kids can eat for free when one adult orders any main, whether it's breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

This deal is valid on weekdays throughout the summer until Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

Chiquito

You can get one free kids' meal, which includes a main, side, drink, and dessert, for every full-paying adult main course purchased at any Chiquito location this summer.

And this generous offer is actually available during all school breaks throughout the year.

Farmhouse Inns

Already offering free meals on Fridays after 3pm, Farmhouse Inns typically extends this deal even further during the summer holidays.

Two free children's meals will be available for free with every purchase of a full-paying adult breakfast, main meal, or carvery.

Frankie & Bennys

Kids can enjoy a free main, two sides, a drink, and a dessert with every paying adult this summer.

And this offer is valid for any school break throughout the year.





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Morrisons

Children under 16 can get a free kids' meal, including a drink, with every adult main meal purchased over £5.

This offer is valid all day, every day, including the summer holidays.

Pausa Cafe @ Dunelm

For every £4 an adult spends, a child receives a free main, two snacks, and a drink.

The deal is available at all Pausa Cafe locations all day, every day during the summer break.

Tesco

Tesco is bringing back its Kids Eat Free scheme to its 317 cafés and coffee shops across the UK over the summer holidays (excluding weekends).

This offer allows kids to eat free, worth up to £4, when you purchase anything of the Cafe menu.

TGI Fridays

Kids can eat for free until Sunday, September 6 at all TGI Fridays locations.

Make sure you download the TGI Fridays app to make the most of this offer.

Turtle Bay

For every adult who spends at least £15 on the main menu, one child, aged 10 and under, can claim a free meal from the Little Turtles menu.

This offer is available all week throughout the summer break.

Whitbread Inns

Up to two kids under 16 can eat breakfast for free with every full-paying adult breakfast purchased.

Make sure to check out Whitbread Inns email newsletters for further information.

YoSushi!

Kids eat free all day (Monday to Friday) during all school holidays at Yo Sushi!, when dining with a full-paying adult (minimum £10 spend).

Zizzi

Children under 12 can enjoy a free three-course from the Bambini menu with the purchase of any full-priced adult main course.





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Asda Cafes

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required, for the entire year (including half- terms).

In addition, children will receive a free piece of fruit such as an apple, a pear or a banana when purchasing the hot kids' £1 meal deal.

Flaming Grill Pubs

Kids can eat for just 88p during the summer holidays with a paying adult, available from July 20 until August 28 from Monday to Friday.

Kids' meals come with the choice of a drink and a dessert, and for those with bigger appetites, parents can also upgrade to a larger kids' meal for just £1.31.

Harvester

At all Harvester locations, kids can eat for £1 from the Kids Main and Breakfast Menu when an adult main is ordered.

The offer available every day throughout the school holidays until September 4, and even comes with an unlimited salad.

Hungry Horse

Hungry Horse Kids eat for 88p on weekdays with a paying adult this summer holidays.

Choose any adult main (including lunch) and add up to 2 children's small main meal deals at just 88p each. Kids' meal deals include a main meal, pudding and a drink.

IKEA

Kids can enjoy Kids Pasta with Tomato Sauce for 95p, served with a drink and a piece of fruit.

Prezzo

Kids up to age 12 receive a two course kids meal for £1, every school holiday at Prezzo. The offer is valid from 12pm every day.

Sizzling Pubs

Between 3pm – 7pm (Monday to Friday), kids eat for £1 with the purchase of every 1 adult main meal in Sizzling Pubs in England, Scotland and Wales.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder of the uniform expectations ahead of summer. Post COVID it was decided that PE kits would be worn on PE days. This meant that children would receive the full hour of PE rather than the 15 minutes either side of the lesson changing. What we have noticed that on non PE days, trainers and joggers are being worn rather than school trousers. Please can I ask that you support us in making sure the correct clothing is worn on non PE days.

I have noticed that children are starting to wear their hair down- please can you ensure it is tied up each day.



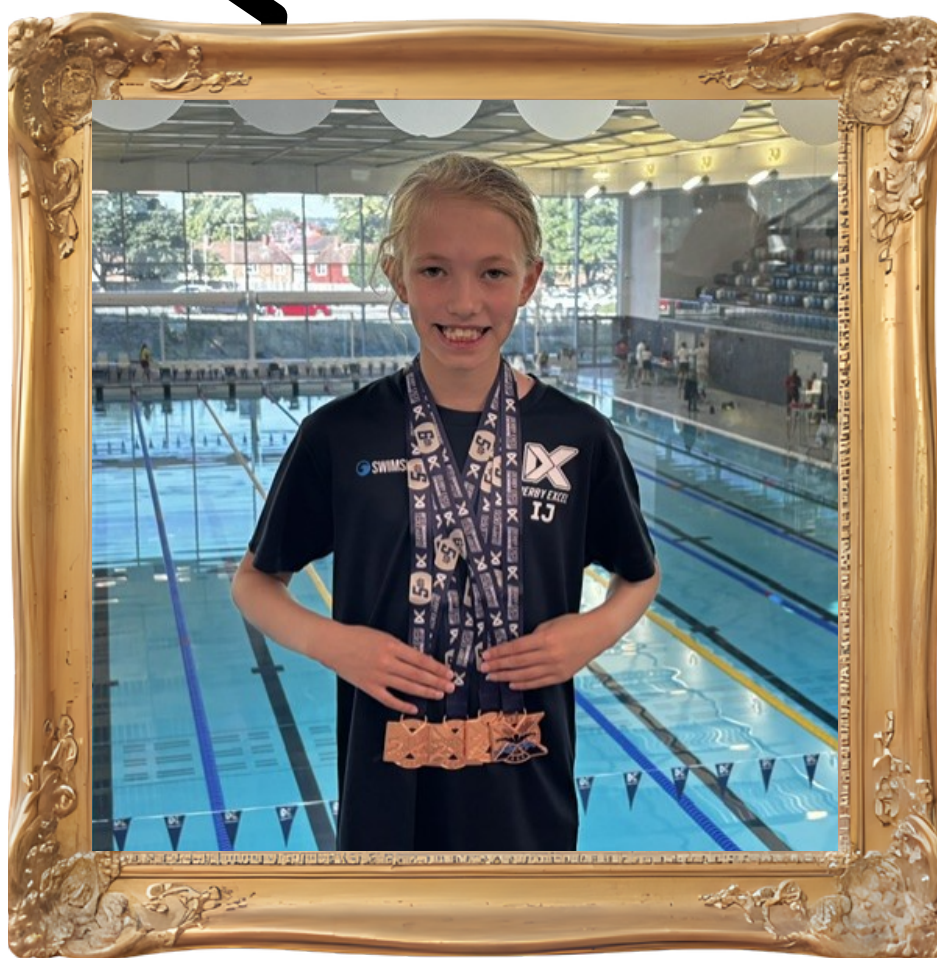
JEWELLERY

Lot's of children have started wearing necklaces and hooped/ dangling earrings. Please can you ensure they don't wear these to school. First of all the health and safety implications should a necklace or hooped earring get caught in something could be serious but also, we don't want things to get lost or broken.

Thank you for your support with this.

PROUD@

Issie has recently taken part in the Derby Excel Summer Sizzler, a two-day long-course swimming gala. She took part in seven races, achieving four medals and six personal bests.



Email us at proud@sawley-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk if you want to give your child a shout out!