



Newsletter 07.02.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fabulous week in school this week and the children have all been working very hard. In Burn Class, they have been writing amazing information texts about the Romans and they have all been teaching me some quite amazing but also revolting facts about the Romans.

Swinney outdoor area 'grand opening'!

As you will know, we have undertaken some significant improvements to the Swinney Class outdoor area. Last week, we had a visit from North Yorkshire Councillor, Annabel Wilkinson, who came to visit school and to officially open this area. There will be an article about this in local media outlets in the next few weeks so please do look out for these.

Most importantly, we hope the children are enjoying using this area!



Wilderness Area:

Also, we have some very exciting news regarding the Wilderness Area. The work to transform this space into an exciting space for the children to use and build an outdoor classroom has begun. The picture below shows all of the hard work that has already been done and I will keep you all updated regarding this project in the coming weeks.



Finding Out What Our School Was Like

Swinney class would like to thank their visitors Jackie, Heather and Callum who very kindly answered all the children's questions about what our school was like when they attended.



Masham Town Hall Events

Family show: Ugg 'n' Ogg and the World's First Dogg - Sun 23rd Feb 12:00pm - 1:00pm

In the fresh sparkling world just after the last Ice Age there were no dogs - not a single one. So how did we get our best friend and the World's No 1 pet, the dog?

Well, luckily for us, along came two young hunter-gatherers called Ugg 'n' Ogg to pull up with the wolves Tooth 'n' Claw and embark on a fun-packed adventure where despite flying meat bones, raging forest infernos, and even a time-travelling stick, they finally get to invent the dog and save us all from a life of doglessness.

This original play for families and dog lovers of all ages is inspired by the truly amazing evolutionary process that transformed the wolf into all the dogs that we see in the world today. Brought to you by award winning children's theatre company Fideri Fidera, Ugg 'n' Ogg and the World's First Dogg has a rich mix of physical comedy, puppets, music and song. Watch the trailer here. Suitable for ages 3-7 (and doglovers of 3-103!) All tickets £6, available online here or at Masham Community Office, 01765-680200.

Times Table Rock Stars Competition:

The winners of this half terms TTRS competition are Burn Class! A huge well done to all of the children in Burn Class and to all of the children that took part in the event. We will let you know when the next competition is.

Scores:

Burn Class: 546

1st William, 2nd Ellie, 3rd Leela

Cover Class: 190

1st Varvara. 2nd Lewis, 3rd Nela

Keep on rockin' Masham!

Weekly Safeguarding Update – Safer Internet Day

SAFER INTERNET DAY 11th FEBRUARY 2025

Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online

Safer Internet Day is the UK's largest online safety event, focusing this year on online scams and how young people can protect themselves.

Organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre, it will explore the scale of scams, the impact of AI, and ways to improve online safety, with input from young people and industry experts.

This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to get involved in conversations and activities at home with your child about their online world, how to stay safe and what healthy screen use looks like.

Check out these great quizzes you can do at home with your child from Safer Internet.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/2025-sid-quiz>

Have a lovely weekend.

Matthew Boyle



‘Dates for your diary’

Blue text indicates occasions where parents and carers are warmly welcomed to attend

Other trips, visits and exciting activities will be added as the year goes on.

Friday	14.02.25	All	School Closes for half term @ 3.30pm
Monday	24.02.25	All	Children return to school
Thursday	06.03.25	All	World Book Day
Friday	14.03.25	All	Comic Relief
Friday	04.04.25	All	Easter Service 1.15pm @ St Mary’s Church
Friday	04.04.25	All	School closes for Easter @ 2pm
Tuesday	22.04.25	Staff	Training Day
Wednesday	23.04.25	All	Children return to school
Monday	28.04.25	All	Skip 2B Fit Day
Monday	05.05.25	All	School closed for May Day
Friday	23.05.25	All	School closes for Half Term @ 3.30pm
Monday	02.06.25	All	Children return to school
Monday	09.06.25	Year 6	Bewerley Park
Thursday	26.06.25	All	Sports Day AM
Thursday	10.07.25	All	Alternative Sports Day AM
Thursday	17.07.25	Year 6	Leavers celebration
Friday	18.07.25	All	Leavers Service 1.15pm @ St Mary’s Church
Friday	18.07.25	All	School closes for summer @ 2pm



Attendance

		Attendance Percentage	Days missed over a school year
Swinney –	98.75%		
Burn –	97%	100%	0 days
Cover –	98.33%	95%	10 days
		90%	20 days
		85%	30 days
		80%	40 days

Well done to Year 1 for 100% attendance this week

Whole school attendance is 98.06%

Superstars of the Week

- Swinney - **Martha** – for always having a respectful attitude to adults, other children and herself
Elias – for trying hard to use his phonics this week
- Burn - **Pippa** – for always being respectful towards others
Ellie – for having such a positive attitude to all her learning everyday
- Cover - **Ben N** – for always listening, following instructions, showing good manners to everyone in school
Martha A – for exceptional effort in maths lessons and for perseverance in using BIDMAS

Writer of Week - **Sonny**

Head Teacher Award – **Alex**

Dojo Winners

- Swinney - **Olivia**
Burn - **Alex**
Cover - **Dan**