

SELBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

08/05/26



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that Ealing Council has allocated 90 Reception places to new pupils and we will welcome lots of new and excited families to Selborne in September. We have just a couple of Nursery places left for next year so please apply via the school office if you have a 3-year-old (by September 1st) child who needs a school-based Nursery place



(8:40 - 11:40am). I just want to say thank you to all our parents who have recommended us to friends, family and neighbours. We have filled the last two Year 3 places in our school and have waiting lists in most year groups now - especially Year 2 where the waiting list is really long! Our school is funded by the Government on how many pupils we have on roll so running a school that is full to capacity means we can afford more teachers and resources for all our pupils to benefit from.



It has been a busy time in school as Y5 pupils have been doing their Bikeability courses 1 and 2. We book the trainers to come in from Ealing and they have worked so hard with the pupils to build their confidence. Some pupils can now ride a bicycle all by themselves for the first time! We also now have a cohort of pupils who are confident riding on a road and understand how to keep themselves safe when riding their bicycle. The trainers commented on how well behaved Selborne pupils are and I think we have been fortunate with the weather during their courses! Handily, we have such a vast playground area for pupils to practise on and the Medway Estate is quiet in the school day to build road confidence.

Equally as important, we made sure that all of Year 3 undertook pedestrian training last week. It is crucial that children know how to cross a road and stay safe when out and about in our community. We hope that you will enjoy practising these new skills with your growing child.





Reminder



We encourage all pupils to scoot or cycle to school as a GOLD travel award school. However, pupils (and parents) must **NOT** scoot or cycle on the school playground or driveway. At pick-up time, the school is too busy for you to be travelling at speed and we do not want anyone hurt. Please remind your child to push their bike and scooter until they get outside the school gate. Thank you.



Attendance

Just a quick reminder that if you take your child out of school in term time on holiday/to visit sick relatives abroad etc then not only do you get a fixed penalty fine from Ealing Council but you also risk losing your place at Selborne as we have to take pupils off roll after a certain number of days so please beware of this; you would then have to find a new school for your child as their place would be given to a child on our waiting lists (who perhaps did not have an Ealing school). We know how much parents value being part of Selborne's community so this is even more reason not to book any term-time absence. Our term dates for 2026 - 2027 are already set so you can book holidays well in advance. Pick up a paper copy of the term dates in the school foyer or they are available on our website. In a meeting last week, our school was praised as we have the fifth highest attendance figures out of all Ealing Primary Schools - let's see if with your help, we can make the top three schools with excellent pupil attendance in the Summer term. We like to aim high at Selborne!



Club Provision

Selborne offers an extraordinarily wide range of extra-curricular clubs. We are able to offer these at low cost to you as most are run by our teachers who give up their own time to plan exciting activities and sports for your children; I want to thank all these staff members across the school. Extra curricular clubs build your child's confidence and resilience and all pupils are encouraged to try to find an activity that they enjoy. Please make sure that you collect your child at 4:15pm sharp after their club has finished as some of our staff also have to collect their own children from childcare and it is not fair if they are incurring additional costs as you are late collecting your child. All our academic booster clubs are run free of charge afterschool as we want your child to 'catch up' in an element of their learning so that they can achieve high standards of learning by the end of the year. Over the last two Saturdays, we have also opened the school for Year 6 pupils so that they can come in for extra learning (at no charge to parents) as they get ready for their national SATs. We want them to feel as prepared as they can for these and alleviate any of their worries. I know (from your kind messages and gestures) that parents appreciate this and thank you to all staff and leaders involved in giving up their Saturdays to ensure that Selborne pupils get the best. Thank you too for your continued support. We wish Year 6 good luck in their SATs next week.



We were amazed that within the first 2 minutes of the clubs booking line opening, 200 parents had managed to book and pay for an after-school club. Please could we ask that parents also try to pay for their child's school trips/workshops as promptly? If we do not get enough payment contributions from parents for a planned school trip, we cannot pay the museums/theme park/palace etc, and we then risk having to cancel the trip for the whole year group. One year group nearly had their trip cancelled last term due to a lack of payment from parents and I think it is such a shame for all pupils to miss out. We do subsidise trips as much as we can, only go on one a term and use public transport to keep costs down (we apply in advance for free bus/tube travel) but trips do cost money and the school's allocated budget does not cover these. If you are struggling to pay for a school trip then do not hesitate to contact the Headteacher/Deputy Headteachers, via the school office, and we can design a payment plan to make it possible for you. With over a third of our pupils qualifying for benefit-related free school meals, we do understand how it is hard for some families and we are happy to make a financial plan with you but we do need parental contributions to ensure trips go ahead. Thank you.



Year 5 PGL



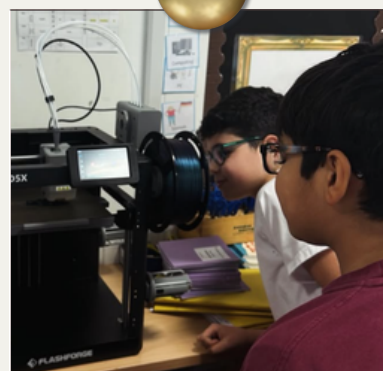
This week, Year 5 pupils have gone on a four day, three night residential trip to PGL Osmington Bay, in Dorset. They have enjoyed beach walks, toasting marshmallows over the campfire, zip- lining, laser quest and will round the trip off with a final evening disco! They are safely looked after day and night by PGL groupies and 6 Selborne staff who accompany them throughout. We heavily subsidise this residential trip (using funds raised from our fireworks event) as every child should get an opportunity of attending a residential trip in their time at Selborne and we only offer this in Year 5. Pupil feedback is that it was the best trip of their life! Our current Year 4 parents have been written to about how their child can participate in PGL in 2027 and Mr Cox will be running an information session for Year 4 parents on Thursday 21st May. I can see that a few parents have paid in full already to secure their child's place! A deposit (on Parent Pay) is only needed at this stage and we hope to take everyone in the year group. Don't miss out!



Social Media

We are really pleased that so many parents are using Instagram to keep up with every day school news and life. Please follow us at [@selborneprimarysch](https://www.instagram.com/selborneprimarysch). Due to the success of Instagram, we are now going to move towards using it as our only social media channel. Whilst we have enjoyed, over the years, sharing school news via X (previously Twitter), in more recent times, school leaders and Governors are not sure that X and some of its controversies around inappropriate AI usage have some of the same respectful inclusive values which we hold as a school so we will cease using it. Parents asked us to use Instagram, as they are more familiar with this platform so we will be only using Instagram moving forward.





PHOTOS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

Make sure to check our
instagram page for the
latest photos and updates!



@selborneprimarysch

Relationships and Health Education

At Selborne, the working party of parents, staff and Governors who got together to write our policy and shape our teaching, called our Relationships and Health Education, RAGU - which stands for Relationships and Growing Up. It is statutory that all pupils receive Relationships and Health Education in school and they receive this in their weekly PSHE lessons. We follow a scheme of work set by Ealing (the majority of Ealing state primary schools follow the same scheme, down to the same topic in the same week etc). In the Summer term, all the year groups focus on Relationships Education but at an age-appropriate level. From Nursery and Reception, all pupils learn about the PANTS rule and about how to keep themselves safe. By Year 2 pupils learn the correct names of body parts and by Year 4, all pupils are learning about puberty and menstruation. Reproduction is learnt in Year 6 as we prepare our oldest pupils for RSHE at High School. Parents asked for some of the older children to be taught in single sex groupings for some lessons so we do this too. Our curriculum maps are all on our website. The Government have new statutory rules from September 2026 around the teaching of this subject but we have been teaching it well for years so there will be little change at Selborne. In the Summer term, parent information sessions, teachers shared some of the worksheets and materials that we will be using with the pupils, as parents on the working party asked for this. It's so important that we teach pupils Maths and English but also how to look out for their personal safety, what growing up involves and how to keep their bodies healthy and clean. We ensure that all our staff are well trained and confident on how to teach RAGU lessons effectively.



Dates

All dates are from the school calendar on our website



Wednesday 20th May 3:30 - 5pm

International Event after school for parents and pupils. Pupils wear traditional dress all day.



Thursday 4th June (around 10am - after new to Reception meeting)

Nursery Sports Day



Friday 19th June

Morning - KS2 Sports Day

Afternoon - KS1 Sports Day



Friday 26th June (around 1:45pm after Y1 transition meeting)

Reception Sports Day



Friday 3rd July (after school)

PTA Summer Fair



Wednesday 15th July

Y4, Y5, Y6 certificate assembly



Thursday 16th July

Y1, Y2 and Y3 certificate assembly



Friday 17th July

Y6 Leavers' assembly (Y6 parents only)

Find More on: www.selborne.ealing.sch.uk