



Pastoral and Welfare Team Newsletter

Introduction

Here we are at the end of another school year, we have enjoyed seeing all our students grow and sharing in their successes.

We hope all are able to enjoy the summer safely and come back to us in September with amazing memories to share with us.

Enjoy your summer!

The Pastoral & Welfare Team

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There is an additional attachment that signposts you to a range of additional support over the holidays from Food Banks to Citizen's Advice Swindon—please take a look.



The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme provides healthy meals, enriching activities and free childcare places for low income families benefiting their health, wellbeing and learning.

Since 2022, the HAF programme has provided 10.7 million HAF days to children and young people in this country. The expansion of the programme year on year has meant a total of 5.4 million HAF days were provided between Christmas 2022, Easter and Summer 2023.

Children who take up a place at a free holiday club will have the opportunity to:

- eat more healthily over the school holidays, with a meal provided at each session
- be more active, by being involved in physical activities and a range of engaging and enriching activities to develop resilience, character and wellbeing
- be safe and not socially isolated over holiday periods
- most importantly, have fun with friends

This is a fantastic opportunity and we would please encourage you to make use of the vouchers.

Please follow the link below for anything HAF related:

[Holiday activities and food programme | Swindon Borough Council](#)

Helpful links;

- [Information for Parents and Carers - eotas Swindon](#)
- [The Dock](#)
- [Swindon Mind](#)
- [Support for Parents | Swindon Hub for Education](#)

BEST
BE A BETTER YOU

**SUMMER
HOLIDAY
CAMP**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY
8:45AM TO 3PM
THROUGHOUT THE
SUMMER HOLIDAYS
FOR AGES 5 TO 16 @
OUR ATHENA AVENUE
CENTRE**

SPECIAL OFFER
**£20 PER DAY
INCLUDES
A FREE HOT MEAL!**

**Swindon
HAF
Programme**
Swindon Holiday Activities
and Food Programme

**SPACES AVAILABLE
VIA HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES**

**EMAIL
info@bestrust.co.uk
TO SECURE YOUR
CHILD'S PAID SPACE**

GOOD NEWS!!!!!!

We've extended our Holiday Camp Hours!

Please see our updated Summer Holiday Camp poster with our new hours at our centre in Athena Avenue.

We are still honouring the original hours, however parents and carers can now drop off their children from 8:45am and collect at 3pm.

Our experienced Sports Coaches and Youth Mentors will be offering up to 6 hours a day of different types of sport, such as Football, Non-contact Boxing, Non-contact Martial Arts, Basketball and Badminton. In our fully equipped centre, we will be offering craft activities, theme days, along with games, pool, table tennis and lots more!

HAF vouchers accepted or £20 a session, freshly cooked, hot meal included as well as fruit and healthy snacks!

BEST—Be a Better You

Sun safety;

Sun safety over the summer is important as the temperatures rise. Children and teens are exposed to the sun a lot more in the summer due to outdoor activities. The key to keeping your child safe during the summer is to minimize sun exposure and remember to use sunblock with a high sun protection factor (SPF).

Here are some tips to keep you safe;

- Minimize sun exposure
- Do not go out in the sun during peak hours (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going out into the sun. Reapply every two hours and after swimming or sweating
- Sun protective clothing provides ultraviolet protection (UPF) of 30 to 50+. This blocks 96 to 98% of the sun's harmful rays
- There's no need for sunscreen when your child's body is covered with UPF clothing

We would also encourage you to follow the SLIP SLAP SLOP method;

SLIP on a t-shirt

SLOP on sunscreen

SLAP on a hat

Again we want everyone to enjoy the summer holidays but please do so safely!

Water Safety;

Over the summer there can be nothing better than a dip in the pool, lake or sea but, whilst doing so, please be as safe as possible. 49% of those who lost their life in the water were classified as swimmers.

Have a lovely time but please follow these safety tips from the Royal Lifesaving Society to keep yourself and everyone safe.

The infographic features a sun icon at the top center. The title 'Summer WATER SAFETY' is displayed, with 'Summer' in a yellow banner and 'WATER SAFETY' in a red banner. Below the title, the text reads 'To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...'. Three safety tips are illustrated with icons: a yellow warning triangle for 'ENTER SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY', two hands reaching towards each other for 'STAY WITHIN REACH', and a pair of red and blue goggles for 'ALWAYS BE SUPERVISED'. On the right side, a vertical teal banner contains the text 'In an emergency...' at the top, followed by a red telephone handset icon and 'CALL 999', and a red and white lifebuoy icon with the text 'IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE FLOAT AND CALL FOR HELP' below it.

Summer
WATER SAFETY

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

 **ENTER SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY**

 **STAY WITHIN REACH**

 **ALWAYS BE SUPERVISED**

In an emergency...

 **CALL 999**

 **IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE FLOAT AND CALL FOR HELP**

Rail Safety

Be careful of electricity around railway lines. Electricity can be very dangerous and can jump up to three metres. Be aware of cables as they run under the ground and beside the track.



Never fly kites or balloons around railway lines. This is because they can get caught in the electrical cables.

Never play near railway tracks. Every year, people get hurt or die from playing near railway lines.



Level crossings help people and cars cross railway lines safely. Do not cross when:

- the barriers are closed
- the alarm is ringing
- the lights are flashing red

At the train station, make sure you wait for the train behind the yellow line on the platform. Never try to stop a train door from closing by putting your hand between the doors.



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Aspiration & Achievement

Resilience & Responsibility

Courage & Confidence



EOTAS SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025-26

September 2025					October 2025					November 2025					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	5	12	19	26
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	Tue	7	14	21	28	Tue	6	13	20	27
Wed	3	10	17	24		Wed	8	15	22	29	Wed	7	14	21	28
Thu	4	11	18	25		Thu	9	16	23	30	Thu	8	15	22	29
Fri	5	12	19	26		Fri	10	17	24	31	Fri	9	16	23	30
Sat	6	13	20	27		Sat	11	18	25		Sat	10	17	24	31
Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	12	19	26		Sun	11	18	25	
December 2025					January 2026					February 2026					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	9	16	23	30	Mon	9	16	23	30
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	Tue	10	17	24	31	Tue	10	17	24	31
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Thu	4	11	18	25		Thu	12	19	26		Thu	12	19	26	
Fri	5	12	19	26		Fri	13	20	27		Fri	13	20	27	
Sat	6	13	20	27		Sat	14	21	28		Sat	14	21	28	
Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	15	22	29		Sun	15	22	29	
March 2026					April 2026					May 2026					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	5	12	19	26
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	Tue	7	14	21	28	Tue	6	13	20	27
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Sat	7	14	21	28		Sat	11	18	25		Sat	10	17	24	31
Sun	8	15	22	29		Sun	12	19	26		Sun	11	18	25	
June 2026					July 2026					August 2026					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	5	12	19	26
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Bank and public holidays

Christmas Day holiday
Boxing Day holiday
New Year's holiday
Good Friday
Easter Monday
May Day holiday
Spring/bank holiday
Summer bank holiday

Thursday 26 December 2025
Friday 26 December 2025
Thursday 2 January 2026
Friday 3 April 2026
Monday 6 April 2026
Monday 6 May 2026
Monday 26 May 2026
Monday 14 August 2026

Teacher training days

Mon 1st September
Tue 2nd September
Fri 28th November
Mon 22nd January
Wed 1st July

