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"Love your neighbour as yourself" Mark 12:31

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Report for Swanton Morley Parish Council AGM

The last year has seen us say good bye to some of our longstanding families who have moved out of the area due to postings or relocation, we have also welcomed new families to our school and with the private rental houses now available at Robertson Barracks and the new estate on the Swanton Morley Road we look forward to welcoming many more.

Last year our hardworking and enthusiastic team of parents who run the "Friends of Swanton Morley" organised a very successful Summer Fayre that was well supported by the local community and raised funds that went towards: a play barge for the infant playground, ticket for the Christmas Pantomime at the Theatre Royal, tickets for a whole school trip to Bewilderwood in June and tickets for all the children to go to the Hippodrome in December as well as funding other projects in school. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team and hope that the local community will all come along to the next summer fayre on July 11th 2026.

In the local community our pupils have been to All Saints Church for our Christmas Carol concert and Easter celebrations, a group of our pupils also visited Lincoln House in December to sing carols to the residents. We have been very lucky to benefit from the kindness of others and thanks must go to Bernie Marsham who once again provided a Christmas tree for the pupils to decorate and Judy Leary who kindly donated some trees for us to plant with the children Jose who provided a class duck for each class so that the children could take part in the village Duck Race. The Queens Dragoon Guards very kindly brought some of their vehicles and military equipment to school to show the children, who had lots of fun trying on equipment and sitting in the tanks and vehicles as part of their learning about people who help us. We are lucky to have such a supportive community.

We are now entering our final half term of the academic year, our Year 6 pupils have taken their SATS and are looking forward to moving up to High School in September, we wish them all the best as they begin the next part of their education journey. In September we will be welcoming our new Reception class pupils who are starting their learning journey with us.

A lot of our service pupils have been affected by the lengthy deployment of service personnel from Robertson Barracks. We are so proud of their resilience and how they and their families have coped. A lot of the children received support from Mrs Whiting our Service Pupil Champion who provided pastoral care and support to the children affected and it has been lovely to witness some of the reunions when a parent has come home earlier than expected and turned up at school as a surprise at the end of the day. We recently took a group of service pupils to the Norwich University of Arts for a "Festival of Friends" along with 15 other schools who attended, there were over 120 children from service families, the event was organised to celebrate our service pupils and all that they bring our schools and community.

Parking issues continue to be a problem and there have been a few near misses outside school at peak times. We are so grateful to Kelly Pickard and the Parish Council who have applied for, and been awarded funding for traffic calming measures. Hopefully when the new traffic calming measures are in place it will be a lot safer for our pupils who walk to and from school. As ever parents are reminded that there is ample parking at the village hall which is just a few minutes walk down the road. Hopefully the presence of the new Street Warden will also help to create a safer environment outside the school gates.