



SWINGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Character Values: **Bravery Resilience Empathy Responsibility**

Noticeboard

Attendance



Currently 76% parents have signed up to 'Studybugs'. This is a more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness. Sign up for free here:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

It's quicker, easier, more convenient

Please see Medway's policy on unauthorised absence in term-time:

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/358/school_attendance/4

Term Dates

The 2025-26 term dates and staff INSET days are now available on the school website:

<https://www.swingate.medway.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=89>



Thank you to The SCC volunteers who made the fayre a reality!

News

I'm incredibly proud to be writing to you as the Headteacher of Swingate. Having been part of this wonderful school community for many years as Deputy Head, it's a real privilege to now lead the school I care so deeply about.

The first two weeks in this new role have been fantastic; full of energy, positivity, and a real sense of teamwork. Thank you for your kind words and encouragement. It's been wonderful to welcome our new Year R children and they are looking settled already!

The summer fayre on Saturday was incredible! Huge thanks to Mrs Williams, Mrs Simpson, staff volunteers and the SCC crew! They worked tirelessly to create a brilliant and fun event—they even got the sun to shine! Total raised will be announced in due course.

We are ramping up the rewards this year for showing our character values (bravery, resilience, responsibility and empathy). When children are rewarded with a character value sticker for all 4 character values they will win some Swingate *MERCH!* Mrs Davies will be revealing more soon! We are very excited to celebrate this with our children and valuing these important characteristics.

We look forward to working as a team together to ensure Swingate has another very successful year academically, physically and emotionally.



Mrs M Clarke





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UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 16th/Wednesday 17th September — Medway Test for Year 6 children (only those who have been registered to sit it).

Wednesday 17th September — Otter, Wombat and Panther Class swimming.

Thursday 18th September — Bude meeting for Year 5 parents at 3.30 pm. To be held in the KS1 large hall.

Friday 19th September — Individual school photographs.

Tuesday 23rd September — Year 5 trip to Gravesend Gurdwara.

Tuesday 23rd September — First Class photographs by Kent Messenger for Year R children. These will be taken during the morning.

Wednesday 24th September — Otter, Wombat and Panther class swimming.

Tuesday 30th September — Sibling photographs

Wednesday 1st October — Otter, Wombat and Panther class swimming.

Friday 3rd October — Year 5 trip to Chatham Dockyard.

Our Mission: we all flourish from a wealth of learning experiences that positively impact on academic, physical and emotional success