



Celebration Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026 By Mrs Davies

Highlights from a Brilliant Term



1 - Read, read, read...

Miss Dent launched the Big Book Swap and Random Reading Competition, and it's been wonderful to see the enthusiasm it has created. Our social media has been full of photos of children reading in all sorts of places – to their pets, at the beach, in the park, on rocks, even perched on cars (safely, of course!) and in all kinds of creative positions at home.

It has been lovely to see children chatting about the books they brought for the swap, as well as sharing recommendations with friends before school. As a school, we have always championed reading, but this initiative has truly highlighted its power to spark conversation and bring peers together.



2 - Success at Swingate means thriving academically, emotionally and physically.

Lots of our teachers share the fantastic achievements of our children through their school Twitter pages. The PE team regularly invites children to bring in medals, trophies and certificates from clubs outside of school, and we love celebrating these successes. A huge well done to all our children for everything you achieve beyond the classroom – it's always a pleasure to hear about and celebrate your accomplishments.



3 - The children came 6th in the Rugby Mini Youth Games. What champions they are!



4 - The football team won 9 - 2 against Lordswood in the Medway Football League.

Sport continues to be a key part of life at Swingate, helping our children to achieve physical success. This term, Mr Moreea organised an exciting basketball festival, welcoming pupils from several schools. Our children had a great time attending and cheering everyone on, and the event was even featured on the Medway Messenger Facebook page – take a look! [Basketball Medway Messenger](#).

Miss Fenn has also been busy with her cheerleading squad, who are preparing for a competition on 9th June. We wish them the very best of luck. [Click here](#) to take a look at their fancy routine! Even our nursery children have been getting involved, taking part in dance workshops and showing just how active and enthusiastic our youngest learners can be.



5 - Light, Camera, Swingate! Our News Nuggets in Action!



6 - From Pencil to Planet: Honouring Sir David Attenborough!



7 - Swingate Meets Sir David Attenborough!

KMTV has been back in school this week, working with our children to create their own “News Nuggets.” Otter Class even visited Rochester Castle to film their very first news report – a fantastic experience! Watch this space for more Swingate press releases.

We also celebrated Sir David Attenborough’s 100th birthday. Children were welcomed into school by “Sir David” himself and some lively party music! During celebration assemblies, they shared fascinating facts about his life and achievements, showing just how much they had learned. Listen to all the great things Llama class learnt [here](#).



8 - Year 4 enjoyed bringing history to life in Rochester



9 - From Classroom to Countryside – Year 3 in Action!

Learning at Swingate certainly doesn't stop at the classroom door. This term, pupils have enjoyed a range of exciting trips to support their learning. Year 3 visited Detling Showground for the Living Land event, while Year 4 travelled to Rochester to bring their learning about the Norman Conquest to life.

Today we hosted our Music Sing-Off. The talent on display was phenomenal, and we are incredibly proud of how Swingate performed. A big well done to all the schools who took part. Take a look at our Twitter page to find out who won!

We finished the week with a boogie, as our Swingate Community Circle hosted discos for the whole school. The music had everyone up on their feet and was a fantastic way to celebrate an incredibly busy term. Thank you to the SCC for another amazing event!

We're already looking forward to next term's adventures, with plans for strawberry picking, visits to the farm, thrilling rides at Chessington, and even a seaside residential packed with opportunity and excitement!



10 - Just some of our SCC tuck shop stars! Forget the supermarkets... we've got better deals, bigger smiles, and top tier treats!

Celebration Assembly Awards



Here are our names for our Celebration Assembly Golden Squirrel Stars:

EYFS: Lucia, Thea, Lois, Aurora, Ivy-Louis, Oscar, Elliott, Teddy, Yvie, Emilia, Archie, Evie, Niharika, Dottie, Woody.

Year 1: Isla, Mila, Bonnie, Sienna, Edward, Sophie, Olly, Sotorias, Henry, Nevaeh, Mason, Adrian, Enya, Tommy, Nola.

Year 2: Eliza, Nevaeh, Eden, Millie, Taliah, Toby, Freddie, Janelle, Asher, Alex, Lennox, Dolly, Lloyd, Cami, Mya-Rose.

Year 3: Vinnie, Sophie, Leo, Ethan, Zac, Lennon, Ashleigh, Rose, Bella, Violet, Meadow, Ben, Athina, Dexter, Jenson.

Year 4: Mia, Madeleine, Daisy, Raife, Oliver, Peacocks, Elia-Grace, Ieuan, Timothy, Arti, Dolly, Victor, Oscar, Molly, Arunveer.

Year 5: Louis, Olivia, Poppy, Isla, Holly, Parker, Olivia, Layla, Zak, Alice, Tiffany, Summer, Jodie, George, Betsy-May, Louis, Sienna, Freddie, Savannah, Mary.

Year 6: Esma, Jack, Oliver, Harley, Vanessa, George, Isla, Brogan, Austin, Riley, Alfie, Mason, Ariana, Freddie.

Hot Chocolate Friday & House Point Winners



Here are the names of the children who have been nominated for Hot Chocolate Friday this term:

Oliver, Hayden, Teddy, Lewie, Olivia, Alice, Max, Eliana, Olivia, Summer, Amelia, Bonnie, Isaac, Kai, Noah, Callum, Riley, Phoebe, Henry, Delilah, Blake, Frankie, Ethan, Emma, Elsie, Keiko, Joey, Sana-Mailey, Ava, Aurora, Aila, Belle, Ava, Kamila, Mason, Zoe, George, Arabella, Skylar, Lydon, Vienna, Ellie.

The houses with the most house points this term are...

In years R, 1 and 2 the winning team is **Alex Scott!**

In years 3, 4, 5 and 6 it was **J.K. Rowling!**

The children got to celebrate by wearing their own clothes today!

Celebrations and Send-Offs



This term, our Year 6 children showed all of our character values of bravery, resilience, responsibility and empathy whilst completing their SATs, demonstrating bravery in facing each test, resilience in continuing to try their best, responsibility through their positive attitude and

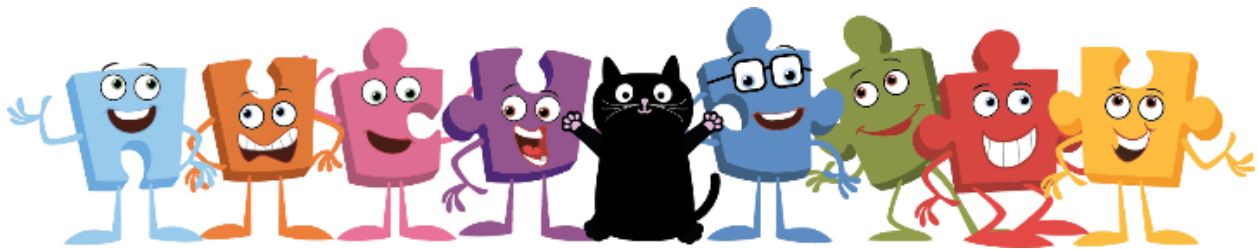
preparation, and empathy by encouraging and supporting one another. Well done to all of our Year 6 children!

This term we welcomed Mrs Seymour to the Swingate Team. Llama class have made sure she settled in quickly and it feels like she has been with us a lot longer. Earlier this term, we also welcomed Mrs Wong, who joined Rainbows Nursery to support the children during lunchtimes.

This term we say a special goodbye (for now) to Miss Dent, who is leaving us to begin her maternity leave. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing her again soon.

We wish all our children who are moving on to new schools every success in their exciting new journeys. You will be greatly missed, but we are confident that you will thrive and achieve wonderful things.

Staying informed...



Next term, in Jigsaw, our topic is '**Changing Me**'.

Children will learn about growth and change, from life cycles in the younger years to understanding independence, feelings and personal safety as they get older. Older pupils will also begin to explore wider changes, including relationships and preparing for transitions such as moving to secondary school. Throughout, there will be a strong focus on wellbeing, confidence and developing the skills to manage change positively.

We are delighted to invite you to an afternoon exploring Jigsaw PHSE and RE.

You will be able to observe live lessons

Join a CPD session led by the Jigsaw team:

- o PSHE: Is Your School Ready? Navigating the New RSHE Guidance
- o RE: How to embed a Worldwide Approach

Discover how Jigsaw enhances learning and wellbeing



Event Details

📅 Date: 01/07/26

📍 Where: Swingate Primary School, Sultan Rd, Chatham, ME5 8TJ

🕒 Time: 1:00pm – 4:30pm

💷 Cost: Free!

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11 - Come join the Jigsaw Team for a free CPD session!

In school, it is routine practise to carry out lockdown procedures and fire safety practices. Today we carried out a routine lockdown practice to help ensure everyone knows how to stay safe; it was presented in a calm, child-friendly way and the children responded thoughtfully and sensibly throughout. We referred to this as a 'Safety Drill'.

As with fire drills, these procedures are practised periodically so that everyone knows what to do in the unlikely event they are ever needed. These practices are part of our wider safeguarding procedures and are carried out in most schools.

Well done to all of our children for following the instructions given to them.

We hope you all have a lovely half term (and the weather warms up). We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 2nd June 2026**.