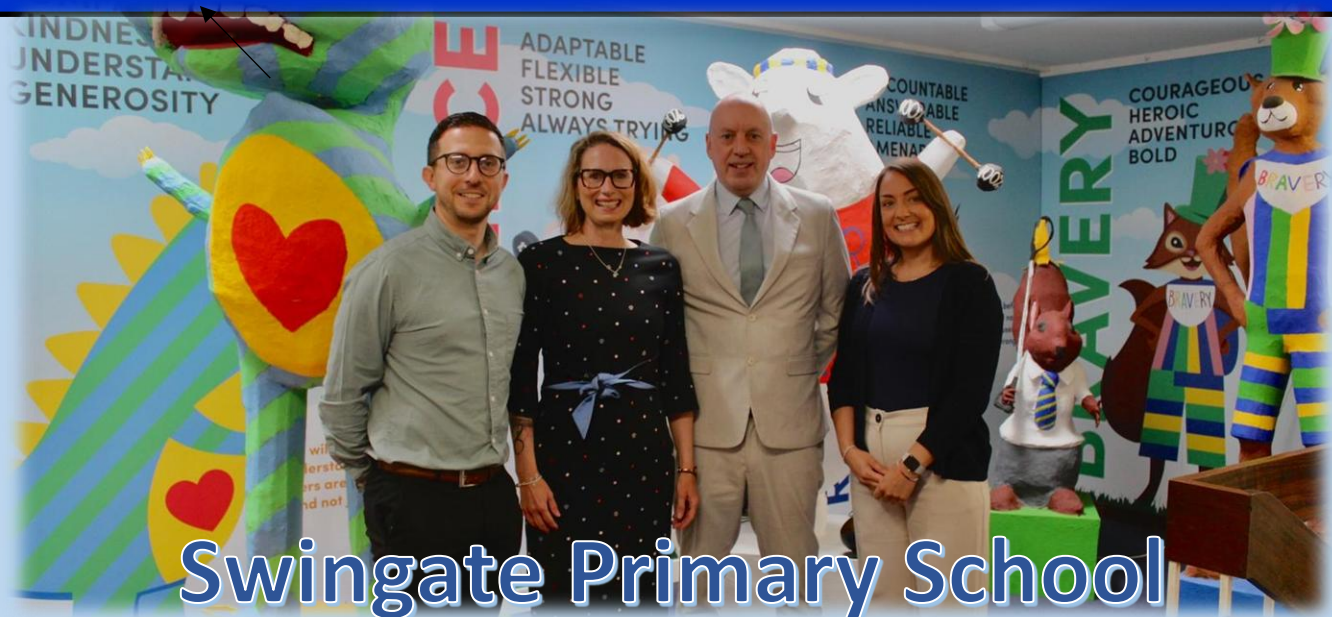




Swingate Primary School

Our Character Values: Bravery Resilience Empathy Responsibility

Dear all,

It's hard to believe that this is my final newsletter of the 2025-26 academic year. I would like to sincerely thank all our families for your support, encouragement and engagement with me and all things Swingate this year.

My first year as Headteacher has been one filled with pride and a real sense of accomplishment. Our children have achieved so much academically, physically and emotionally. Just some of the highlights have been Healthy Living Week, The Year R Nativity, our Bude Residential and the SCC events. But also, witnessing the growth and dedication from our staff team – we really are a lucky school! Huge thanks to each and every one of our Swingate team.

As we look ahead to a new year, we know there will be new challenges and exciting opportunities. One of those opportunities has come along for our wonderful Mrs Davies. Mrs Davies will be taking up a secondment at Greenvale Primary School, where she will be serving as Interim Headteacher from September until April. During this time, Greenvale will be recruiting a permanent Headteacher. First and foremost, we are incredibly proud of her. This is a fantastic opportunity to further her career and gain valuable headship experience, and we know she will do an outstanding job leading another school community. She will undoubtedly take her trademark Swingate sparkle (& glitter!) with her and make a real difference there.

This is a wonderful reflection of the strength of leadership at Swingate and the reputation that Mrs Davies has built through her hard work, dedication and commitment to our children and families. Whilst she will be missed, we can be confident that the values, high standards and strong relationships she has helped to establish will continue to thrive. Her influence can be seen across every aspect of school life, and the strong team she has helped to develop is more than ready to build on that success.

As always, **#TeamSwingate** has risen to the challenge. To ensure a smooth transition:

- Mr Woodcock will take on the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher.
- Mrs Richards will become Acting Assistant Headteacher (alongside being Cappybara Class Teacher).
- Mrs McGillivray will take on the role of Acting EYFS Lead (alongside being Hedgehog Class Teacher).

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We have already been working hard behind the scenes on handovers and planning, and this will continue throughout the summer. This means that, come September, everyone will be fully prepared and ready to ensure our children continue to receive the excellent education, care and support they deserve.

Whilst we will miss having Mrs Davies with us every day, we are excited for her and grateful for the immense impact she has had on our school. We know she will represent Swingate brilliantly, and we look forward to hearing all about her successes during this exciting next chapter

☀️ **Good luck, Mrs Davies – Greenvale is very lucky to have you!** ☀️

We still have another week of exciting events ahead next week with Year 6 Chessington adventure, Swingate's Got Talent and our legendary beach party day! Remember, on Friday all children should be in beach wear and may bring a watergun with them. They require a towel and full change of clothes (including shoes) plus a bag to put their wet stuff in.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Special thanks to our incredible PTA Swingate Community Circle – they've managed another year of incredible events (the colour run was simply brilliant!) and raised lots of extra funds for our school. It has been another memorable year at Swingate, and we are incredibly proud of all that our children have achieved.

🍷 Wishing everyone a safe, happy, fun and relaxing summer, whatever that may look like for your family. 🍷

We look forward to welcoming Y1-6 back on **Wednesday 2nd September** and YR and new Nursery children on **Thursday 3rd September**, refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning, growth and opportunity.

Have a wonderful summer break and take care.

🌀 Mrs. Clarke 🌀

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UPCOMING DATES

Monday 13th July - Year 6 trip to Chessington.

Monday 13th July – Nursery graduation at 3.05 pm in the KS1 Large Hall.

Tuesday 14th July - Sports Day for Year R at 9.30 am.

Tuesday 14th July – Sports Day for Nursery at 11.00 am followed by their Teddy Bear's picnic at 11.30 am.

Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 Award Presentation afternoon at 2:00pm.

Wednesday 15th July - Swingate's Got Talent event (no parents).

Thursday 16th July – iRock end of term concert at 2.30 pm in the KS2 main hall.

Thursday 16th July - Year 6 Classtonbury Festival 6-9pm leavers' party.

Friday 17th July - Last day of term: Beach party. 1:30pm Year 6 children may leave. 2:00pm rest of school.

Tuesday 1st September – Staff Development (School is closed to children).

Wednesday 2nd September – Term 1 starts. School is open to Year 1-6 and existing Nursery children only.

Thursday 3rd September – Year R and new Nursery children start today.

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