



Celebration Newsletter Term 6

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Celebrating #TeamSwingate

The biggest celebration of them all...



It is hard to believe that Term 6 has already come to an end. It has been one of our busiest terms yet and one that seems to have flown by in the blink of an eye. It has also been a term filled with celebration, pride and, for many of us, a few emotional moments too.

As we reach the end of the year, we say goodbye to our incredible **Year 6** children as they prepare to embark on their next adventure. We have enjoyed celebrating their time at Swingate with a wonderful production of *The Pirates of the Curry Bean*, a memorable Graduation Ceremony and, finally, their fantastic Classtonbury Festival. There was glitter, dancing, music and countless photographs taken in the photo booth, creating memories that we hope our children will treasure for many years to come. We are immensely proud of each and every one of them and wish them every success as they begin the next stage of their journey.

This term also saw our fifth residential visit for our Year 5 children, who travelled to the beautiful seaside town of Bude in Cornwall. Throughout the week, the children truly embodied our school values of Bravery, Empathy, Resilience and Responsibility. They challenged themselves through swimming, running, bodyboarding, surfing, mountain boarding, climbing, caving, canoeing and high ropes activities. New friendships flourished, new talents were discovered and, most importantly, the children achieved things they never thought possible. We could not be prouder of everything they accomplished.

A huge thank you must go to **Mr Moreea** for another outstanding Healthy Living Week. Children across the school had the opportunity to experience a wide range of sporting activities, some familiar and others completely new. The week concluded with our eagerly anticipated Sports Day, where children demonstrated determination, teamwork and sportsmanship whilst competing for medals. Standing in front of such a large audience can be daunting, yet every child showed remarkable courage and resilience. We were incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and positivity displayed throughout the event.

One of the highlights of the term was the SCC Colour Run, which once again brought our school community together. It was particularly special to see our Nursery and Reception families joining in alongside their children, creating wonderful memories together. This year's event raised a truly astonishing £10,815.67. A special congratulations goes to Lion Class and Fox Class, who raised the highest amounts across the school. We are incredibly grateful to the **SCC** for organising such a fantastic event and to all of our children and families for their support. Every penny raised will be invested back into the school to enhance opportunities and experiences for our children.

Our Year 4 children also enjoyed a fantastic trip to see *Matilda the Musical*, another wonderful opportunity made possible through the support of the SCC. Experiences such as these create lasting memories and enrich the children's learning beyond the classroom.

Alongside these major events, the term has been packed with many other exciting opportunities, including the Mini Youth Games, a variety of sporting competitions and our Transition Day. Change can often bring a mixture of excitement and nervousness, but we were delighted to see how confidently our children embraced meeting their new teachers and preparing for the year ahead. We were also thrilled to welcome our new Reception children as they began their journey with us.

As we close another successful school year, we reflect with pride on everything our children have achieved. Thank you to our staff, families and wider school community for your continued support. Together, we have created a term full of learning, laughter, challenge and success. We

wish all of our families a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at Swingate.



1 - Bude 2026!



2 - Daisy and Riley helping us understand diabetes on Diabetes Awareness Day!



3 - Thank you Miss Thompson for taking us on the science trip!



4 - Sports leaders help our EYFS children on their Sports day.

Good bye year 6. Thank you to every member of staff, volunteers, family members and children for making this term one to really remember.

Celebration Assembly



5 - Just some of our superstars who performed at Swingate's Got Talent. Well done to all of our acts!

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

EYFS: Kamila, Talia, Aurora, Spencer, Olivia, Nirel, Elliott, Ivy, Josie, Zara, Megan, Noah, Archie, Chloe, Connie.

Year 1: Eddie, Tommy, Muaz, Fraser, Bonnie, Lylah, Elsie, Daria, Jack, Nevaeh, Amelia, Phoebe, Jack, Nola, Gabriella.

Year 2: Dennis, Sienna, Ryan, Myla-Grace, Orson, Janelle, Evangeline, Lydon, Casey, Ivy, Lottie, Georgia, Sebastian, Ruby, Hudson.

Year 3: Ethan, Frank, Logan, Freddie, Michael, Lois, Elsie, Jacob, Scarlett, Harley, Lola, Jaxon, Oren, Ada, Cape.

Year 4: Taiwo, Mailey, Archie, Albie, Olivia, Hudson, Charlie, Mia, Lukas, Kye, Molly, Harper, Finley, Harper, Aizah.

Year 5: Albie, Eliza, Isla, Owen, Bodhi, Georgie, Enaissa, Millie, Sophie, Eliana, Freddie, Lauren, Albie, Fraser, Teddy, Ronnie, Skyla.

Year 6: Kai, George, Jasraj, Vanessa, Harrison, Isaac, Leilah, Louie, Harvey, Zack, Ruby, Ellie, Mischa, Evie, Ava.

Hot Chocolate Friday & House Point Winners



6 - Year 6 had a super time at Chessington!

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

Amelia, Joshua, Annie, Oscar, Emily, Harlie, Denzel, Sydney, Betsy-May, Nora, Zackary, Aaliyah, Isla, Ashleigh, Dottie, Freddy, Darcey, Jack, Logan, Dolly, Jaden, Lucas, Jensen, Vinnie, Ho Kiu, Taiwo, Archie, Francesca, Jasleen, Ronnie, Louis, Sophia, Beau, Riley, Kacie, Araoluwanimi, Summer, Aurora, Sofie, Lissie, Sowthreethan, Janelle, Myla-Grace, Maisie.

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

In years R, 1 and 2 the winning team was **JK Rowling** and in **years 3, 4, 5 and 6** it was **David Attenborough**.

Well done to all of these children!

Farewell and Best wishes



This term, we celebrate some very special members of our Swingate family. While it is always difficult to say goodbye, we are incredibly proud of those moving on to exciting new adventures and would like to thank them for the tremendous contribution they have made to our school community.

We say a special goodbye (for now) to **Miss Williams**, who has begun her maternity leave. We wish her and her family every happiness as they prepare for this exciting new chapter and look forward to welcoming her back in the future. We hope she enjoys a well-deserved rest – although we're not entirely sure just how restful life with a new baby will be!

This term, we also say farewell to **Mrs Bell, Mrs Harmer, Mrs Adams and Mrs Butler**. Our final Celebration Assembly was an emotional occasion as we recognised and thanked these treasured members of staff for everything they have given to Swingate over the years.

Mrs Harmer has dedicated an incredible **24 years** to Swingate. During her time here, she has worked across the school, enthusiastically getting involved in every aspect of school life. Her commitment to supporting children and helping them achieve their very best has made a lasting impact on countless pupils and colleagues.

Mrs Butler has been part of the Swingate family for **20 years**. During that time, she has worked as both a classroom teacher and, for many years, our SENCo. Her unwavering passion for ensuring every child receives the support and opportunities they deserve has been at the heart of everything she has done. We are incredibly sad to see her leave, but we know her new school is gaining someone truly special.

For me personally, writing this newsletter has been a mixture of immense pride and great sadness, as it is the last one I will write for now. I never imagined there would come a time when I would put on my golden jacket and golden hat for Celebration Assembly one final time, but this week that moment arrived.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to **Mrs Clarke** for allowing me to spread a little glitter and magic across our school over the years. While my magical wand may be retiring from Swingate, I hope to take that same sense of fun, wonder and belief in children's potential to my new school. Education should be inspiring, memorable and joyful, and I will continue to champion that wherever I go.

Before I hang up my Swingate lanyard, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our families. It has been a privilege to work alongside you and to be part of your children's journeys. Swingate will always hold a very special place in my heart.

A.A. Milne, author of *Winnie-the-Pooh*, wrote:

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

I cannot think of a more fitting quote for this moment.

So, for now, I wish you all a wonderful summer filled with laughter, special memories, new adventures and plenty of reasons to smile.

Thank you for everything, Swingate.

(Of course we needed to make one last video for now...[It's never goodbye, it's see you soon!](#))

**"You're off to Great Places! Today is your day!
is waiting, so... get on your way!"
You'll Go!**

**Your mountain
Dr. Seuss, *Oh, the Places***

