



Swingate Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026

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

Welcome to a new year!



Welcome to my first newsletter of the new school year. A new year and a new look to our newsletter! I hope you like it.

I hope everyone has settled in well and enjoyed a positive start to the term. It has been wonderful to see our pupils returning with such enthusiasm. Uniforms are looking incredibly smart, and there have been plenty of smiles across the school as children reconnect with friends, meet new teachers and begin their learning journeys for the year ahead.

As we settle into our routines, we look forward to a year filled with both challenges and successes. We are excited about the opportunities ahead and remain committed to supporting every child to thrive academically, physically, and emotionally; helping them to develop the knowledge, skills, confidence, and resilience they need to succeed.

Parking Considerately Around School



As we settle into the new school year, we would like to remind all families to park considerately and respectfully when dropping off and collecting children from school. We have recently received concerns from local residents about vehicles blocking driveways, parking on yellow lines and creating congestion on nearby roads. We ask all parents and carers to be mindful of our neighbours and the wider community by parking legally and safely at all times.

Please allow a little extra time for your journey and consider parking slightly further away from school and walking the remaining distance where possible.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our children, families and local residents safe and ensuring that Swingate remains a respectful member of the community.

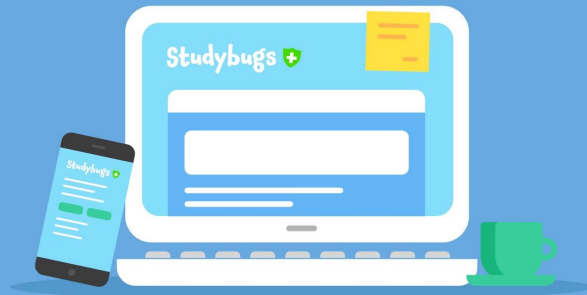
#TeamSwingate 💙

Swingate Fayre Saturday 19th September 2026



Swingate Community Circle's Fayre will be on the school fields next Saturday! There will be amazing games, stalls and food to try and enjoy. It is always a fantastic community event so please do come along! Stalls will be a mixture of cash and card so please do bring both. It will be on from 11am-3pm (Please note: this is different to previous years). See you there!

School attendance 2026-27



Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due
to illness and send messages to school.



Studybugs 

Studybugs: Currently 80% parents have signed up to '*Studybugs*'. This is a more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence. Sign up for free here:

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

Medway: Please see the Medway's information regarding attendance:

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

Term Dates: The 2026-27 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>

Attendance

This shows the class and year group with the highest attendance last week.

Class	Attendance (%)
Hedgehog	100%
Ocelot	100%
Quokka	100%
Peacock	100%
Toucan	100%
Panther	100%
Sloth	99.44%
Llama	99.38%
Fox	98.85%
Otter	97.78%
Turtle	97.78%
Hippo	97.7%
Wolf	96.97%
Lion	96.67%
Capybara	96.55%
Puffin	96.55%
Bison	95.65%
Orangutan	95.4%
Wombat	93.33%
Jaguar	92.75%
Penguin	90.32%
Butterfly	88.89%

1 - Well done to **Hedgehog, Ocelot, Quokka, Peacock, Toucan and Panther** Classes for getting 100% last week!

Year Group	Overall Attendance (%)
Year 3	99.61%
Year 4	99.22%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 1	96.97%
Year 6	96.34%
Year 5	96.3%
Year R	92.97%

2 - Well done to **Year 3**

Swingate Leaderboard
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A huge well done to the three children whose names are displayed below. These pupils have spent the **most time practising on TTRockstars this week**, showing fantastic dedication to improving their times tables skills. Regular use of TTRockstars helps children build speed, accuracy and confidence with multiplication and division facts, which supports learning across many areas of maths. The effort these children have shown is something to be very proud of!

Could your child be on next week's leaderboard? Encourage them to log in regularly, challenge themselves and keep practising. Every minute spent on TTRockstars helps to strengthen their mathematical fluency while having fun.

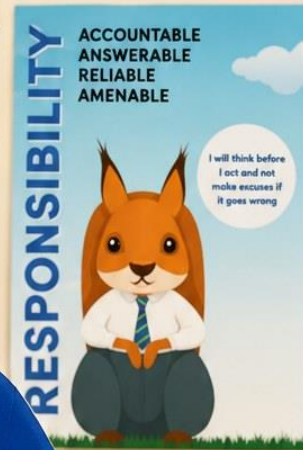
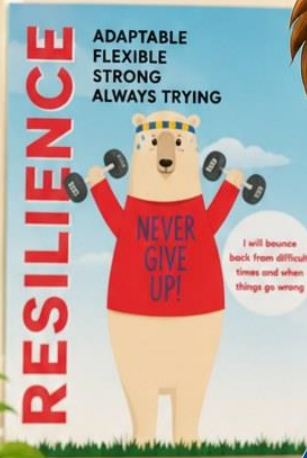
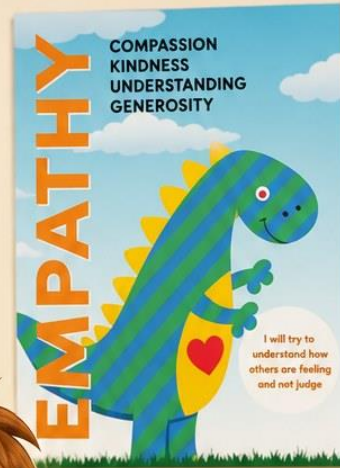
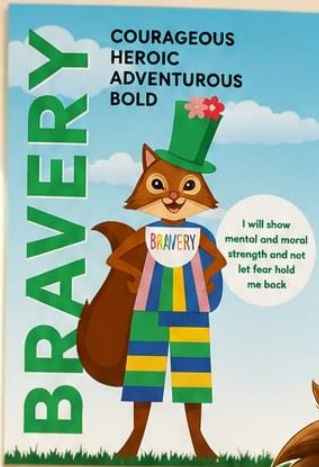
🎸★ Keep rocking those times tables, and let's see who can claim a spot on next week's top three! 🎸★📖

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>



1. 🎸 ★ Aderola A (Peacock) 🎸 ★
2. Harley M (Toucan)
3. Ellie C (Hippo)

School dates and events



Dates
for Your
Diary

2026-27

Term 1

Monday 14th September – Kent Messenger in to take ‘first class photos’ of Year R.

Tuesday 15th / Wednesday 16th September – Medway Test.

Wednesday 16th September – Otter and Turtle Class swimming.

Thursday 17th September – Year 5 Bude Meeting for parents at 3.30 pm (KS1 Large Hall).

Friday 18th September – Individual school photographs by Braiswick.

Saturday 19th September – SCC Fayre

Wednesday 23rd September – Otter and Turtle Class swimming.

Tuesday 29th September – Year 3 trip to Kent Life.

Wednesday 30th September – Otter and Turtle Class swimming.

Thursday 1st October – Year 5 trip to Gravesend Gurdwara.

Wednesday 7th October – Otter and Turtle Class swimming.

Thursday 8th October – Hockey Mini Youth Games at Holcombe Hockey Club.

Friday 9th October – Sibling photographs by Braiswick.

Wednesday 14th October – Otter and Turtle Class swimming.

Friday 16th October – Year R trip to Pumpkin Moon.

Monday 19th October – Year R pumpkin carving. Parents invited at 2.30 pm. This will take place in the classroom and we ask one adult per child attend.

Tuesday 20th October – Year 1 Harvest Festival at 9.30 am. Parents are welcome (KS2 Large Hall).

Tuesday 20th October – Year 3 Harvest Festival at 2.30 pm. Parents are welcome (KS2 Large Hall).

Wednesday 21st/Thursday 22nd October – Parents/ afternoon evening. Further details will be sent out soon.

Friday 23rd October – Last day of term.

Monday 2nd November - School NOT open to children - staff training day

Tuesday 3rd November - Term 2 starts

Keep up to date with what is happening at Swingate



3 - Swingate Primary Twitter Account

Follow us on X / Twitter: <https://x.com/SwingatePrimary>

Don't forget to follow the Swingate X / Twitter page to stay up to date with all the exciting things happening in school! It's a great way to see our learning in action, celebrate children's achievements and get a glimpse into daily school life. From special events to classroom highlights, our X/ Twitter helps keep our whole community connected – we'd love you to be part of it!

Wishing you all a
lovely weekend!

★ Mrs Clarke ★

