



Swingate Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

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



This week has been a busy one at Swingate, with our Year 6 pupils completing the Medway Test. The tests ran very smoothly, and we were incredibly proud of the children for demonstrating such resilience and determination as they worked their way through the seemingly endless sections. Well done to all involved!

We have also had our individual school photographs taken this week, so your children will soon be ready to take pride of place in a new frame or on the mantelpiece at home.

As we settle further into our normal routines, with swimming lessons underway and the first signs of autumn appearing as the leaves begin to fall, it is wonderful to see the children embracing their learning and making the most of all the opportunities on offer at school. We look forward to another exciting and productive week ahead.



1 - Year 1 welcomed the Royal Engineer's to their classrooms this week. This was a prize from Swingate's engineering team winning the Royal Engineer's bridge building competition last year. They learnt about morse code.



2 - Well done and thank you to Dexter in Quokka Class for designing a Moonpig 'thank a teacher' card last term and winning £2,500 for the school! We will make sure it is used wisely. Thank you Dexter!

Nursery Early Club: Nursery will now have an 'Early Club' running every morning from **8:30-9am**. This will be available from this Monday 21st September onwards. This will be a paid additional session that is optional for parents to sign up for. This will run in a similar way to Home from Home and will be bookable via Arbor.

Places can be booked through **Arbor**, and we have included a [link to the guide](#) to help you with the booking process.

Swingate Fayre Saturday 19th September 2026



🎉 **Don't Miss the Swingate Fayre!** 🎉

Our much-anticipated **Swingate Fayre** is almost here, and we can't wait to welcome families and friends for what promises to be a fantastic day of fun, entertainment and community spirit!

There will be something for everyone to enjoy, including exciting game stalls such as **Hook a Duck, Teddy Tombola, Minecraft Mayhem, Human Fruit Machine, Coconut Shy, Playing Card Prizes, Poo in the Loo and Tic Tac Throw**, alongside our popular **Rainbow Raffle** and **Golden Bucket Draw** with some fantastic prizes to be won.

Visitors can enjoy a variety of attractions throughout the day, including **inflatables, bungee trampolines, children's rides, display vehicles, face painting, craft stalls and local businesses**.

A fantastic selection of food and refreshments will also be available, including pizza, burgers, Asian street food, doughnuts, ice cream, slush drinks, coffee and soft drinks.

We're delighted that **Rock Choir** will be performing at 11.00am to open the event, with performances from **The Anderson School of Dance** taking place during the day.

Most importantly, the fayre is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community, catch up with friends and support fundraising for our children. Every pound raised helps us provide additional opportunities and experiences for pupils at Swingate.

Bring your family, invite your friends and join us for an afternoon packed with fun, laughter and community spirit. We look forward to seeing you there! 📍🎪🍦🎵

Thank you to the Swingate Community Circle, our volunteers, sponsors and staff who have worked so hard to organise what is set to be a brilliant event for everyone.

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. 🎸★ Ethan F (Peacock) 🎸★
2. Sienna S (Turtle)
3. George S (Wombat)

Attendance

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

Class	Attendance
Fox	100%
Panther	100%
Hedgehog	99.66%
Hippo	99.31%
Toucan	99.29%
Capybara	98.97%
Sloth	98.67%
Otter	98.67%
Ocelot	98.62%
Quokka	98.62%
Peacock	98.62%
Turtle	98%
Wolf	97.73%
Llama	97.04%
Lion	96.67%
Orangutan	96.67%
Bison	96.09%
Puffin	95.86%
Penguin	95.77%
Jaguar	95.65%
Butterfly	94.9%
Wombat	91.33%

3 - Well done to **Fox & Panther Class!**

Year Group	Attendance
Year 4	99.07%
Year 3	98.14%
Year 2	97.82%
Year 1	97.75%
Year 6	97.36%
Year R	96.79%
Year 5	96%

4 - Well done to **Year 4!**

Term Dates 2027-2028 (not this year)

A few parents have requested to know the term dates for 2027-28 so that they can start booking their holidays. Please don't confuse these with this year's term dates!



Autumn Term

Tuesday 7th September 2027 – Friday 22nd October 2027

Tuesday 2nd November 2027 - Friday 17th December 2027

Spring Term

Tuesday 4th January 2028 – Friday 11th February 2028

Monday 21st February 2028 – Friday 31st March 2028

Summer Term

Tuesday 18th April 2028 - Friday 26th May 2028

Monday 5th June 2028 - Friday 21st July 2028

Staff Training Days (School closed to the children)

Monday 6th September 2027

Monday 1st November 2027

Monday 24th July 2028

Tuesday 25th July 2028

Wednesday 26th July 2028

School dates and events



BRAVERY

COURAGEOUS
HEROIC
ADVENTUROUS
BOLD

I will show mental and moral strength and not let fear hold me back



EMPATHY

COMPASSION
KINDNESS
UNDERSTANDING
GENEROSITY

I will try to understand how others are feeling and not judge

RESILIENCE

ADAPTABLE
FLEXIBLE
STRONG
ALWAYS TRYING

NEVER GIVE UP!

I will bounce back from difficult times and when things go wrong

RESPONSIBILITY

ACCOUNTABLE
ANSWERABLE
RELIABLE
AMENABLE

I will think before I act and not make excuses if it goes wrong

Dates
for Your
Diary

2026-27

Term 1

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



5 - 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!

