



Swingate Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026

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



Thank you to SCC for such an amazing Fayre!



SCC Summer Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the SCC Summer Fayre on Saturday. It was a fantastic event and wonderful to see so many families come together to support our school community. The atmosphere throughout the day was incredible, and the event was a real celebration of everything that makes Swingate such a special place.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of the volunteers, staff members, local businesses and supporters who gave up their time to help make the day such a success. Events of this scale simply would not be possible without the dedication, hard work and generosity of so many people working behind the scenes.

We made a grand total of **£3,360** profit for the fayre. Congratulations to all and thank you.



Sadly, this year's Summer Fayre marked the final event for Karen Williams as Chair of SCC. Karen bravely took on the role when approached back in 2021/22, and it is hard to believe just how much has been achieved since that first conversation. Despite her own demanding work and family commitments, and even after her children left Swingate several years ago, Karen continued to devote her time, energy and enthusiasm to leading SCC and driving forward countless events and fundraising initiatives.

The impact of Karen and the SCC team has been significant. Their fundraising efforts have provided so many additional opportunities and enhancements for our children, including new stage lighting in the KS2 hall, the outdoor stage area, support towards the Year 4 *Matilda* trip, books and the reading vending machine, Classtonbury funding, Year R book bags and so much more.

However, the legacy of SCC is about far more than the money raised. Through Karen's leadership, SCC has helped to build a strong sense of community, encouraging families to feel invested in and connected to our school. It has strengthened school pride and helped raise the

profile of Swingate within the local area. Throughout Saturday, many local businesses commented on what a wonderful school Swingate is.

As we thank Karen for her incredible commitment and service, we also look to the future of SCC. To ensure that this vital part of our school community continues to thrive, we will need dedicated and committed parents to step forward, take up the reins and drive SCC forward. The success of SCC has always been built on the enthusiasm and generosity of our families, and we hope that others will be inspired to continue the fantastic work that Karen and the team have established over the years.

On behalf of everyone at Swingate, thank you, Karen, for your passion, leadership and unwavering support. Your contribution has left a lasting legacy that has enriched the experiences of countless children and families, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you have done. We wish you all the very best for the future. 💙💛



1 - 💙💛 A sad goodbye to Mrs Karen Williams 💙💛



2 - Year 5 parents: you have until Friday 2nd October to book your child's Bude place for 2027. £60 deposit to be paid via your Arbor account. Don't miss out! We only have 60 spaces.

Parent feedback from last year:

- "Every kid should do this trip, P has enjoyed every minute of it and hasn't stopped talking about it."
- "You may be a victim of your own success. E's brother is desperate to go now... please do this for another 4 years at least!"
- "We feel it will be a core memory to talk about for years to come! Younger sister S is already looking forward to her turn!"
- "I wish I hadn't been so anxious, as she had the best time and was well looked after by the amazing team of teachers!"
- "2 of my children have now been to Bude with Swingate and they both had amazing times. We're now going to try and book a break there as a family."



3 - Bude 2026 children

Kent Education Awards 2027

At Swingate, we are incredibly proud of our dedicated and hardworking staff, who go above and beyond every day to make a positive difference to the lives of our children and families.

If there is a member of staff who has made a real impact on your child, inspired them to achieve their best, shown exceptional care and support, or simply gone the extra mile, we would love for you to consider nominating them for a **Kent Education Award 2027**.

These awards celebrate the outstanding contribution of education professionals across Kent and provide a wonderful opportunity to recognise the commitment, passion and dedication of the people who help make our school such a special place.

The deadline for nominations is 28th February 2027.

To submit a nomination, please visit:

 <https://sekgroup.org.uk/support/sek-schools/kent-education-awards/>

Thank you for helping us celebrate the amazing individuals who make a difference to our school community every day. Good luck to all our fantastic Swingate staff members! 🌟🏆



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. 🎸★ Phoebe H (Peacock) 🎸★
2. George S (Wombat)
3. Sotirios R (Capybara)

Attendance

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

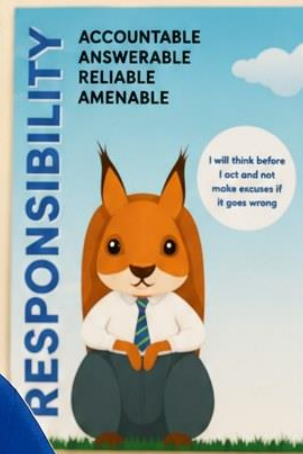
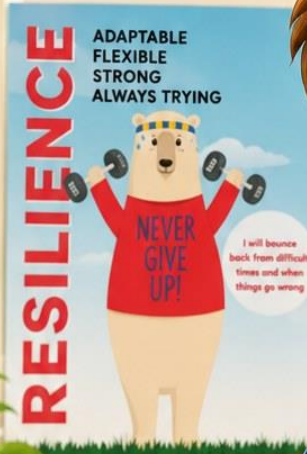
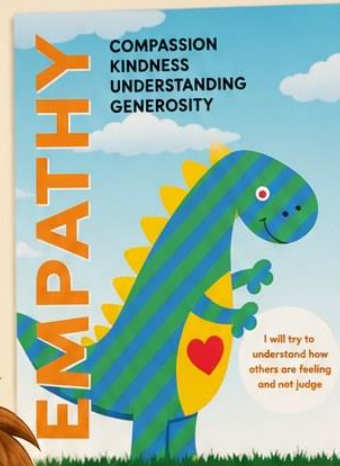
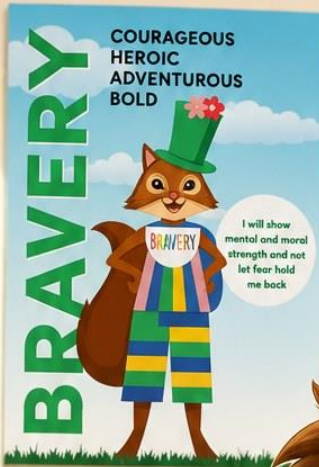
Year Group	Attendance %
Year 1	98.31%
Year 2	97.36%
Year 4	97.09%
Year 3	96.86%
Year 6	96.7%
Year R	96.57%
Year 5	93.78%

*4 - Well done to **Year 1!***

Class	Attendance %
Fox	100%
Puffin	99.66%
Quokka	99.31%
Peacock	99.31%
Hedgehog	98.64%
Bison	98.26%
Penguin	98.21%
Orangutan	98%
Hippo	97.93%
Lion	97%
Wolf	96.82%
Sloth	96.67%
Otter	96.67%
Turtle	96.67%
Ocelot	96.55%
Jaguar	96.52%
Capybara	95.86%
Panther	95.22%
Llama	94.44%
Toucan	93.93%
Butterfly	93%
Wombat	88%

5 - Wow! Well done to **Fox Class** - 100% attendance!

School dates and events



2026-27

Term 1

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.

Friday 23rd October – Last day of term.

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

Tuesday 3rd November - Term 2 starts.

Wednesday 4th November – Otter and Turtle Class swimming.

Friday 6th November – Class photographs.

Keep up to date with what is happening at Swingate



6 - 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!

