



Swingate Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

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



1 - Well done to the Y3/4 children who took part in the Medway Cross-country league at Medway Park. A fantastic effort from all; I know Mrs Wells was very proud. I will make sure that Mrs Davies knows that her running club legacy lives on too!

It's hard to believe that we have one more week of term remaining; it has flown by in a flash! I do hope for our 'new to Swingate' children they are feeling settled and happy but more widely all our children are flourishing in their new classes. Mrs Richards will be doing her first 'Celebration Newsletter' next Friday and I will look forward to a lovely review of all the amazing achievements this term. It still astounds me how fast the little ones settle into their new routines and expectations. Pupils throughout the school have been demonstrating their character values and working hard to earn their 'merch'! It's so exciting for Mr Woodcock and I to give out the various 'merch' awards in our value assemblies. I look forward to seeing you all at our Parent's meetings next week and I hope you find them informative, reassuring and useful.

Teachers are reminding children this week to leave any 'toys' or 'fidgets' unless approved or provided by our SEND team at home. These tend to cause issues and distractions at school and can get lost, broken etc. so please save them for home time!

We appreciate your support in this matter.



2 - I have decided to start a new award for the children that will recognise those children who have demonstrated our character values with a little more sparkle! Mrs Richards and I will give them out in our Celebration Assemblies next term. I wonder who will win the first brand new certificate?





3 - We will be supporting BBC Children in Need day on **Friday 13th November**. Get your spots or something yellow ready to wear to school for that day! A 50 pence or more donation will be very much appreciated by Pudsey!



4 - Next term, as part of **Anti-Bullying Week**, we will be taking part in **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 16th November**. This fun event encourages everyone to celebrate what makes us unique and reminds us that our differences should be valued and respected. By wearing odd socks, children can show their support for kindness, inclusion and acceptance, helping to create a school community where everyone feels safe, valued and proud to be themselves. 🎵💖💖 Get your socks mixed up and ready!

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. Harley M (Toucan)
3. Anaia H (Sloth)

Attendance

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

Class	Attendance (%)
Year 6	97.47%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 4	96.16%
Year 2	95.98%
Year 5	95.72%
Year R	95.28%
Year 3	92.67%

5 - Well done to **Year 6** for having the highest attendance last week.

Class	Attendance (%)
Penguin	98.97%
Lion	98.67%
Wombat	98.67%
Wolf	98.64%
Puffin	98.33%
Sloth	98.33%
Jaguar	97.83%
Panther	97.83%
Toucan	97.5%
Fox	97.24%
Ocelot	97.24%
Otter	96.67%
Peacock	95.86%
Bison	95.65%
Hippo	95.17%
Butterfly	93.67%
Hedgehog	93.33%
Orangutan	93.33%
Llama	92.96%
Capybara	91.72%
Turtle	91.67%
Quokka	86.55%

6 - Well done to **Penguin Class** for being top attenders last week!

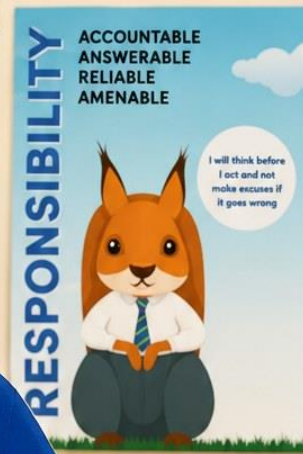
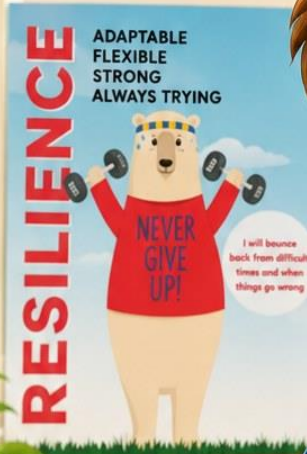
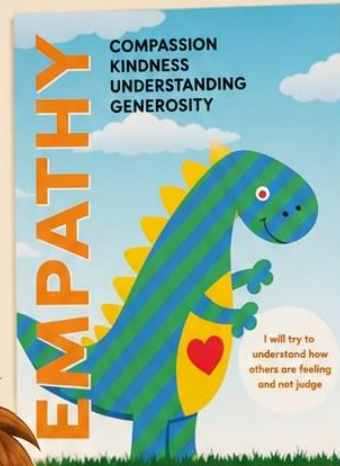
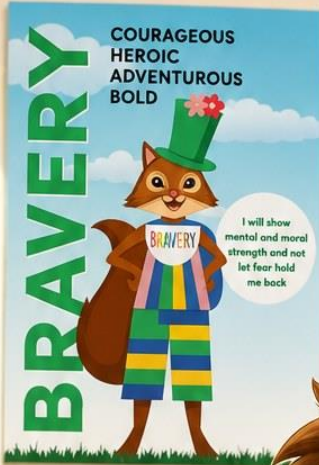


7 - Thank you for the donations we have had so far; please continue to send in food donations for Harvest this year. Please send them with your child in to their class teacher to be collected and displayed during our **Harvest assemblies on Tuesday 20th October**.

Please see the poster for items that Caring Hands want donated.

Many thanks for your kindness.

School dates and events



Dates
for Your
Diary

2026-27

Term 1

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.

Term 2

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.

Friday 6th November - Phonics workshop for Year R parents at 2.30 pm. This will take place in the KS1 Large Hall.

Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance assembly being led by Year 5 and the choir. Parents are welcome to join us at 2.00 pm. This will take place in the KS2 Large Hall.

Thursday 12th November – Basketball Mini Youth Games at Medway Park.

Friday 13th November – Flu vaccines for Year R – 6.

Friday 13th November – Children in Need Day. Children may come to school wearing something yellow or spotty. A minimum donation of 50p.

Monday 16th November – Anti-bullying week. Children may come to school today wearing odd socks.

Tuesday 17th November – Cross Country at Brompton Westbrook.

Wednesday 18th November – Wombat and Peacock Class swimming.

Keep up to date with what is happening at Swingate



8 - 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!

