



Celebration Newsletter!
Friday 23rd October 2026

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

Welcome to Term 1's celebration newsletter! We've had a wonderful first term at Swingate full of enriched learning, celebrations and rewards. These rewards have included: House Points, Golden Squirrel Awards, Reader of the Week Certificates, Top Table Nominations, Hot Chocolate with the Head Invitations, Attendance Meerkats and most importantly...our special Swingate Values Stickers and Merch! We've certainly had lots to celebrate!

A HUGE well done to Years 1 and 3 for their fantastic harvest assemblies this week! We are so proud of your beautiful singing and clear, confident voices. Thank you to all that attended and for all of your generous donations of food which have been successfully delivered to our local food bank.



Our Amazing SCC

After hours and hours of organisation and preparation from our SCC, the Summer Fayre took place earlier this term and was fantastic! So many of our children and families came along and had a lovely time and an incredible **£3,360** was raised for our school! We know how much hard work goes into this event and we want to thank every member of the SCC for their efforts in making the day such a success. Also, a huge thanks to our staff members who gave up their Saturdays to help out too!



We also say a sad goodbye to our SCC chair Karen Williams who has been a force for our school community. Thank you for everything Karen - you are AMAZING!



Enrichment Opportunities



1 - Year 1 had a visit from the Royal Engineers Museum who delivered a really interesting session about Morse Code. The children loved using the machine and practising their own coded messages. Thank you to Miss Thompson and Mrs Pennington for organising this wonderful opportunity for our Year 1 children!



2 - Year 3 visited Kent Life which enriched their learning about the Romans. They made a fantastic Roman Tortoise formation with their shields!



3 - Year 5 were welcomed to Gravesend Gurdwara and had a wonderful time seeing their RE learning coming to life. We were very proud of the respect our children showed within the Gurdwara and the delicious food and ornate shrines were definitely a highlight for many!

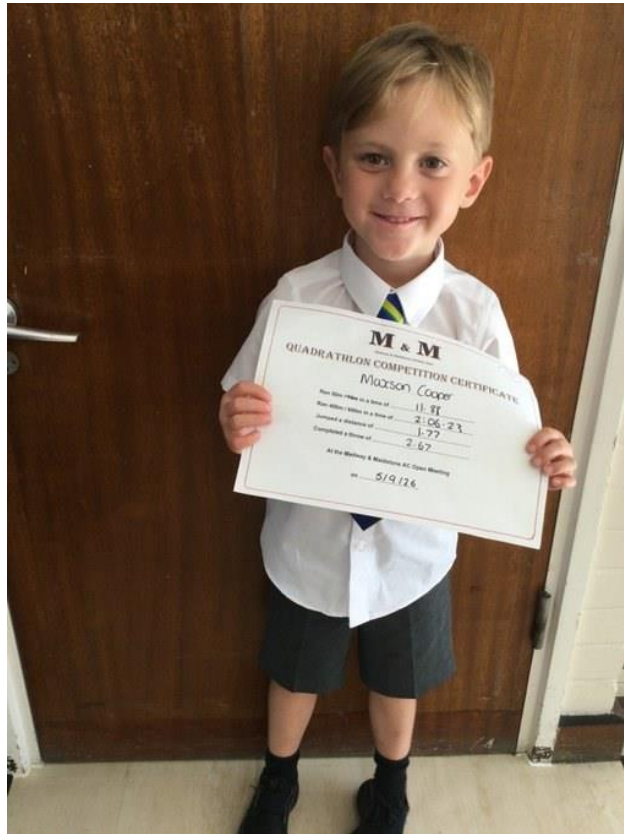


4 - Year R had a wonderful, muddy morning pumpkin picking and parents were invited into school to carve their carefully selected pumpkins with their children. Great fun was had by all!



5 - Year 4 had a brilliant time baking as part of their DT learning. I can confirm that their cookies were delicious! Thank you for my surprise cookie that was left on my desk!

Celebrating Achievements Outside of School



6 - Maxson in Butterfly Class completed a quadrathlon!



7 - Ellie-Mae in Wolf class did Swingate proud as a mascot for the England Women's Rugby Team, The Red Roses!



8 - Jacob in Sloth class competed in a hockey tournament with OWHC. They won an incredible 7 out of 8 matches and showed superb teamwork!



9 - Hallie in Puffin class was presented with a certificate for her amazing ballet!



10 - Grayson in Penguin class was awarded with his first ever trophy for the coach's player during his rugby training session!



11 - Ajai in Hippo class came first place and won a medal in his karate competition!



12 - Miss Dabb received a medal for competing at the Great British Irish Dancing Championships!

Hot Chocolate with the Head



This term's winners of the Hot Chocolate Awards were chosen for being wonderful role models for their peers and for showing Swingate's character values. They were then invited to have a delicious hot chocolate with either Mrs Clarke or Mr Woodcock and a letter was sent home to celebrate their fantastic achievements.

Our winners were:

Rhona A, Lucas C, Erin C, Jake M, Athina R, Ida H, Taiwo A, Brody P, Amelia S, Charlie A, Chase D, Enaissa B, Jake L, Mason R, Millie E, Freddie A, Henry B, Phoebe A, Teddy G, Hudson A, Hallie W, Archie T, Brennon H, Ariana G, Joshua H, Benny T, Jaden A, Oliver A, Louis C, Isobelle S, Constance J, Ronnie A, Freddie F, Freya D, Seth D, Elsie C, George A, Arabella S, Ben M, Frankie H, Delilah S, Annie W, Sophie D, Athena B, Poppy B, Darlie-Rae B, Lewie B, Darcie S, Oliwia S, Kayden L, Emilia H, Savanna K, Brody D, Ayla L-W, Sienna J, Mara B, Ada S, Taliah B, Isabella H, Sophie S, Ella M, Esme M, Blue-Belle B, Timothy E, Dolly-Rose A, Sana-Mailey A, Millie S, Jacob M, Layla W and Bella K.







Golden Squirrels

We've had so many wonderful children to celebrate this term! Those chosen to be our golden squirrels were awarded with a certificate and had a chair made of pure gold to sit on in class for the WHOLE week! Well done to all of you!

This term's Golden Squirrels were...

Year 1: Henry, Kai, Michael, Josie, Callum, Laker, Isla, Olivia, Noah, Connie, Emilie, Skye, Freddy, Piper, Megan, Zoe, Roman, Madison, Kamila, Polly, Lennie, Oscar, Evie and Troy.

Year 2: Fraser, Oliver, Tommy, Jack, Isla-Rose, Darcey, Yaryna, Sotirios, Jack, Amelia, George, Amiyah-Rose, Jesse, Joshua, Elliott, Rory, Arthur, Ayda, Nathan, Isla, Olivia, Virat, Desire and Eiden.

Year 3: Cleopatra, Nicholas, Cleo, Adam, Sienna, Sebastian, Melah, Mya-Rose, Lennox, Aurora, George, Louie, Hudson, Lennox, Eden, RB, Dolly, Ruby, George, Maddox, Tommy, Dennis, Harley and Isaac.

Year 4: Finnley, Hudson, Hunter, Aderola, Cruz, Alfie, Phoebe, Bella, Oliver, Lola, Josie, Tabitha, Emily, Benjamin, Frank, Elsie, Hayden, Lola, Dexter, Capability, Jensen, Charles, Athena and Isabelle.

Year 5: Rome, Elijah, Arunveer, Tommy, Ella, Lillie, Perrie, Keiko, Tomiwa, Grace, Elijah, Mia, Elliott-Lee, Alfie, Kye, Emily, Martin, Ralph, Kehinde, Charlie, Jaxon, Olivia, Thea and Victor.

Year 6: Oliver, Eliana, Aderayo, Jasleen, Summer, Amelia, Betsy-Mae, Scott, Ian, Ellie-Mae, Sophie, Laynie, Summer, Savannah, Sophie, Jared, Ronnie, Olivia, Ivy, Tiffany, Sophia, Owen, Charlotte, George, Belle, Louie, Freddie, Jimmy, Ronnie, Toby, Zak and Georgie.

We look forward to welcoming Year R to our celebration assemblies next term. I wonder who will be the first to earn their golden chair?

House Points

All through this term, our children have been working hard to earn house points. These can be awarded for showing kindness, using good manners, making the right choices, doing amazing learning and for many more reasons. The house with the most house points is then rewarded with a special treat on the last day of term! We look forward to Year R joining in with the house point fun next term!

Congratulations to J.K Rowling, who won the most house points this term in Years 1, 2 and 3 with 6,269 house points and in Years 4, 5 and 6 with an incredible 13,636 house points!

Children in J.K Rowling came to school in their own clothes today as a reward! I wonder who can collect the most house points next term...

Other Achievements



13 - Some of our wonderful Readers of the Week who went on to win a book from our vending machine!



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17 - Swingate's hockey club represented our school brilliantly at the hockey MYG. We were so proud of their super teamwork and sportsmanship - well done everyone!

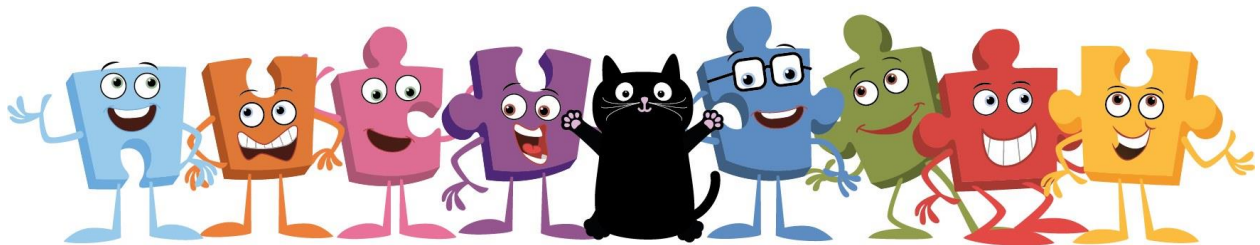


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Staying informed ...



Celebrating Difference

Next term, our Jigsaw learning will focus on Celebrating Difference, helping children to recognise, value and respect the unique qualities that make each person special. Linked to Anti-Bullying Week 2026 and its theme, “Break the Silence”, children will learn about kindness, inclusion and the importance of speaking up when something does not feel right. Throughout the unit, pupils will explore similarities and differences between themselves and others, develop positive friendships and learn how to recognise and respond to bullying behaviour. They will discuss how words and actions can affect people, practise giving and receiving compliments, and learn strategies for resolving conflict respectfully.

Children will also explore different family structures, cultures and experiences, helping them to understand and appreciate diversity within our school and wider community. As they learn about topics such as racism, disability, inclusion and exclusion, they will develop empathy, respect and confidence in celebrating differences and standing up for themselves and others.

Through these engaging lessons, we aim to nurture caring, respectful and resilient children who understand that everyone belongs and has the power to make a positive difference.

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20 - 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!

In school, it is routine practice to carry out lockdown procedures and fire safety practices. Today we carried out a routine lockdown practice to help ensure everyone knows how to stay safe; it was presented in a calm, child-friendly way and the children responded thoughtfully and sensibly throughout. We referred to this as a 'Safety Drill'.

As with fire drills, these procedures are practised periodically so that everyone knows what to do in the unlikely event they are ever needed. These practices are part of our wider safeguarding procedures and are carried out in most schools.

Well done to all of our children for following the instructions given to them.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 ready for the start of Term 2!

