

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the first full week of the new school year, a big thank you to our whole school community for all their hard work and commitment to ensuring the children are in school on time and have plenty of great learning opportunities to get stuck into!

I would also like to express a big welcome to all our new families who have joined us this academic year. I hope you are finding your way around school and the children are settling in well, if you have any questions then please do come and ask.

These children have been celebrated in assembly today for achieving the certificate of excellence or the values award for their class:



The class with the highest attendance, winning the award this week was Year 6 with an amazing 99.3%, it is always so important that the children are in school every day and on time as it impacts their achievements and social relationships when they miss school. Please remember to contact the school office before 9am if your child is unwell and can't attend school for that reason.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the school registration times. For Years 1-6, the children need to be on the playground in their lines ready to walk to class at 8:40am, after this time they will need to go through the main reception door. If they arrive to school later than 8:50am, they will receive a late mark on the register. For children in nursery, pre-school and reception, the doors open at 8:30am, if they arrive after 8:45am, they will receive a late mark on the register.

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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
**Topic – The World We Live In**  
**Value of the Term – Diversity**

For safeguarding reasons, the school gates accessing the playground need to be locked at 8:45am. Mr Scott will be locking these promptly so please can you make sure you are off school site as soon as the whistle blows at 8:40am and the children have walked to their classes, we wouldn't want anyone locked in for the day!

Next Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, it is Jeans for Genes Day. To mark this day and to support the cause, children can come to school wearing jeans for a small donation of 50p or whatever you can comfortably afford. This charity supports and helps the lives of children with genetic conditions. Thank you in advance for your support.

Wishing you a lovely and safe weekend, hopefully with some more of this sunshine to enjoy!

With best wishes,  
**Mrs Helen Wollington**  
 Headteacher

Upcoming diary dates:  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Jeans for Genes Day  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3 to Wyvern Theatre to see Ballet performance  
 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September – European day of Languages  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – MacMillan coffee morning

**Attendance – "Every Day Counts"**

100% 0 days of lost learning  
 96% 8 days of lost learning  
 94% 11 days of lost learning  
 92% 15 days of lost learning  
 90% 19 days of lost learning

GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL REALLY DOES MATTER  
 WAKE UP!  
 PLEASE ENCOURAGE PUNCTUALITY TO MAINTAIN ATTENDANCE.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!		PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!	
ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	MINUTES LATE PER DAY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF DAYS TEACHING LOST IN A YEAR
95%	9 days	5 mins	3 days
90%	19 days	10 mins	6 days
85%	29 days	15 mins	9 days
80%	38 days	20 mins	12 days
75%	48 days	30 mins	18 days

A reminder for parents with children in Year 6 and pre-school, applications for starting secondary school or Reception in September 2025 are now open and can be completed online via the Swindon Borough Council [Secondary school admissions for September 2025 | Swindon Borough Council](#) Secondary school applications close on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

[Primary school admissions for September 2025 | Swindon Borough Council](#) Primary school applications close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**BRANCHES SUPPORT GROUP**  
 EVERYONE WELCOME

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BRANCHES is a support group open to all parents and carers of children and young people with any Special Educational Need or Disability, aged 0-25 years

**When?** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
**Time?** 10AM-11.30AM  
**Where?** Punjabi Community Centre, Gorse Hill, Swindon, SN2 7BB  
**Guest Speakers:** Jodie Smitten - Children's Well being Practitioner. She will be talking about a range of topics such as burnout, anxiety and the autistic experience.  
 Working Together Strengthening Support Reaching Out  
 Swindon SEND Families Voice

  
**SIAS**  
 Providing free and accurate information, advice and support about SEND to help you feel confident in making decisions about your education or the education of children or young people you have responsibility for.

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