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*We are resilient and successful
We are trusting and kind
We are diverse and respectful*

Dear Families

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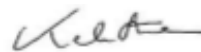
As we have Easter approaching the theme of my assemblies this week has been sacrifice. Bella from Year 11 spoke to the students in her usual considered and eloquent way around sacrifice. Bella's views were the same as those that I found when I spoke to students and staff – essentially sacrifice for the greater good is worth it. Everyone knows that if you want to be successful you do have to make sacrifices. I referenced this when talking to Year 10 to 13 students all of whom will make sacrifices to be successful in their exams. I hopefully reassured Year 10 students that given we recently received another award – this time for being in the top 10% of schools in the country for our GCSE attainment last year, that we know what we are doing and we are all here to support our amazing Swakeleys students to be successful.

Well done to everyone for their resilience over this busy term which is one of the shortest Spring terms I can remember – we have packed a lot in as you can see from the newsletter.

I hope that you enjoy the holiday and I look forward to welcoming your child/ren back to school at 8.30am on Tuesday 14th April for the Summer term.

Thanks as always for your support,

Yours faithfully



Kelda Stevenson
Headteacher.

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In recognition for being in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for student attainment in the 2025 end of KS4 exams


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Teacher of the Month

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Swakeleys Lit Fest 2026: We Went ALL IN for World Book Day!

What happens when you combine incredible authors, dramatic performances, creative costumes, real owls, and an early finish? You get Swakeleys Lit Fest 2026—a World Book Day celebration that truly had it all!

And with 2026 being the National Year of Reading, themed “Go All In”, it’s safe to say that at Swakeleys... we didn’t just join in—we went ALL IN on books, stories, and a whole lot of literary fun!

On Thursday 5th March, Swakeleys School was transformed into a vibrant hub of storytelling, imagination, and literary excitement. From the moment students and staff walked through the gates (many in fantastic costumes—everything from classic characters to modern-day heroes), there was a buzz in the air that could only mean one thing: books were taking centre stage! It’s safe to say the effort, creativity, and occasional last-minute outfit did not go unnoticed!



One of the highlights of the day was the electrifying performance by the Visiting Players, who brought “Macbeth” and ‘An Inspector Calls’ to life. Their energetic and engaging interpretations had students completely hooked—proving that theatre and

literature are a match made in heaven. There were moments of tension, laughter, and even a few gasps from the audience!



We were also incredibly lucky to welcome two brilliant authors, Benjamin Dean (World Book Day author 2025) and Jack McKay author of the book ‘Gloom’, who inspired students with their stories, insights, and advice. They spoke about their writing journeys, shared behind-the-scenes secrets, and encouraged everyone to pick up a pen (or keyboard!) and start creating. Who knows—maybe the next bestselling author was sitting in the audience!



And as if that wasn’t magical enough... owls arrived at Swakeleys! In a moment that felt straight out of Hogwarts, several visiting owls made a special appearance alongside their owners, who were dressed in full Harry Potter

costumes. Students were amazed to see these magnificent birds up close—it definitely added an extra sprinkle of magic to an already unforgettable day!



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Swakeleys Lit Fest 2026: (Cont'd)

Of course, no Lit Fest would be complete without a bit



of friendly competition... or a lot of it! Students took part in a range of activities throughout the day, including quizzes, challenges, and the ever-popular "Guess the Teacher's Favourite Book" competition (some of those choices were definitely surprising!). There were prizes galore, and the competitive spirit was alive and well.

To top it all off, the day ended with an early finish—giving everyone the perfect opportunity to head home, curl up with a good book, and continue the World Book Day celebrations in the best way possible: by reading. Because if there was ever a day to go all in on reading... this was it!



Swakeleys Lit Fest 2026 was a joyful reminder of the power of stories to bring us together, spark imagination, and create unforgettable experiences. This year, we didn't just celebrate books—we went all in... and we're not stopping anytime soon!

Happy reading!

Mrs Pimbert Assistant Headteacher/Director of English



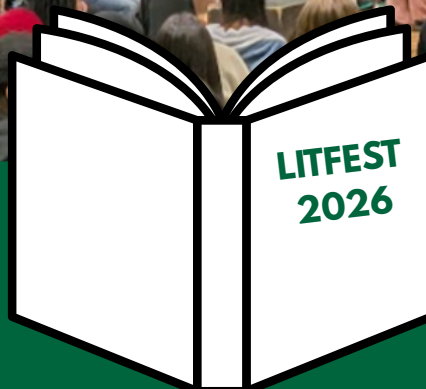
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Swakeleys Lit Fest 2026: (Cont'd)



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Geography Book Day Competition

The geography department held a world book day competition for year 7 and 8 students. This involved them creating a book cover that links to geography. The designs were amazing and we were so happy with the number of students that got involved. The geography department congratulated the winners of the competition which were Maryam 8MC, Hajwa 7MC and Insiya 7AF.



plans to attend QPR football college and will be playing professionally for her club. Despite this ongoing commitment, her attendance and punctuality is excellent.



Jack Petchey Student Award

Congratulations to the students below for winning the Jack Petchey student award.

Lola 9EB for overcoming barriers which would normally prevent someone from participating in sport. Throughout the year she has not let her disability stop her from participating in sport.

Lucy 11JA for being proactive to supporting and mentoring a student without being asked, she saw a need and acted. Lucy plays for Watford FC every Monday, Tuesday Friday and Saturday. Next year she

Miss Patel Teacher of Geography
Assistant Year Learning Coordinator of Year 7



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Das Gruselhaus

On Thursday 26th February, our Year 10 and 11 German students were fortunate to watch a German play (das Gruselhaus) performed by Onatti Productions Ltd.



The play was conducted entirely in German by 2 actors. They played 2 friends who needed to shelter from a storm whilst they were on a camping trip. They found a derelict house with the door open so were able to shelter there but all was not as it should be! One of the friends experienced various spooky happenings, there was a visit from a policeman who warned about a dangerous criminal in the area and who also told them that the previous owners of the house were dead! The friends also had to rescue a child who they saw outside the house – a volunteer from the audience was needed for this role and Siwar A in 10MY was the first to put her hand up so made her Onatti Productions debut! She did this very well and managed to converse with the other characters in German too.

The audience enjoyed the play and understood the majority of it. They also had an opportunity to correctly order a sentence from random words that the 2 friends had found in the house which was seemingly a warning from the previous occupants of the house – Verlasse mein Haus sofort! which means “leave my house immediately”! A spooky warning indeed.

Thank you to the Mrs Nanuck and the MFL department for organising this experience for Year 10 and 11 German students, the teachers (both MFL and non-MFL) who brought them to the hall, the students for their excellent behaviour and to Siwar A for participating.

Mrs Violet 2nd in MFL

RSVP

The French play, RSVP, was absolutely phenomenal. The two actors Théo and Léa performing the play were the kindest, and extremely friendly. A funny story about a quarrel between two friends. Whose theme for the party is better? And the story of course played fantastically by the wonderful actors!

The play which took place on Wednesday 11th March was very interactive and so lots of students were allowed to participate on stage and act out comedic scenes, creating a giggly environment for all to enjoy. Students and teachers were engaged the entire time, the French was understood by the students, and overall it was a thrilling experience! Sara (Ticket vendor), Mona (Chef), Aini and Manreet (Léa’s parents), Fatima and Muneet (Théo’s parents) all volunteered to help bring the play to together and showcase their French skills that they have learnt over the years- adding an air of familiarity to the entire thing. This play was organised by the Modern Foreign Languages department and I’m excited to see what else they will organise for the coming school years.

Sara M 10RP



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KS4 Careers Trip – Bosch UK Ltd

To mark the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, on Friday 13th February, 48 students from years 9 and 10 spent a day at the Bosch UK Ltd Headquarters in Denham. As a brand new trip launched this year there was plenty of curiosity, creativity and even coding magic to look forward to! Our students spent the day exploring the world of innovation and mobility in one of the world's biggest global companies.

Students took part in a variety of workshops which covered everything from how coding drives autonomous vehicles, to how safety systems like airbags and seatbelts protect passengers. It was certainly a day of engineering up close! They also got to meet the diagnostic and marketing interns, learn how computer science connects to modern day cars and take part in a highly competitive Egg Race Challenge! They spent time looking at the vast array of careers that are available in a company such as Bosch and spoke to individuals who had taken different pathways in to their current careers. And the icing on the cake?

The chance to sit in a real McLaren super car!!



A huge thank you to the team at Bosch UK Ltd for hosting such a fantastic day and also to the students for bringing their energy, curiosity and bright ideas!

Mrs Bradnum, Geography Curriculum Leader



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Swakeleys School Iftar

My name is Hala and I am a Year 12 student. This was my second year volunteering at the school Iftar evening, and this year I also got to see the full month of preparation that went into bringing the event together. I chose to volunteer again because I really enjoyed the sense of community it created last year, and I wanted to be part of helping make that experience possible for others. Being involved in the planning made me realise how much effort goes into organising an event like this, and it made the final evening feel even more rewarding.

On the day of the event, the hall was full of energy and anticipation. Long tables were carefully set out, and the room slowly filled with the amazing smell of homemade dishes that families had brought to share. At one point the food looked so good that waiting to break the fast felt like the longest few minutes ever. As more people arrived, the atmosphere became warm and welcoming, with conversations, smiles, and greetings everywhere. Seeing so many people come together to break their fast created a really special feeling.

My favourite part of the evening was welcoming the families as they arrived. Many of them walked in smiling and excited, often carrying trays of food to contribute. Being one of the first people they saw when they entered made the moment feel meaningful, because I could see how much the event meant to them. It was rewarding to know that even small actions, like greeting people and helping them find their seats, could make them feel comfortable and appreciated.

I think the Iftar evening is an important event for the school community because it brings people together and helps everyone learn more about different cultures and traditions.

It creates a space where families, students, and staff can connect, share food, and celebrate an important part of the month of Ramadan together.

Overall, the event went even better than I imagined, and seeing everyone breaking their fast together made every moment of hard work leading up to it completely worth it. Next year, I am especially looking forward to being involved in the preparations again and welcoming even more families to an event that continues to grow each year.

Hala A 12T



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The EAL Club



The EAL Club is made up of a group of students who support other students with learning English, we meet every week and we participate and run a variety of projects across the year! Our club also grew a few months ago as we welcomed our new EAL Buddies, who come up with new and exciting ideas as well as supporting the EAL students, so if you're interested please come to room 118 on Wednesdays to talk to us.

We launched our wooden map earlier this year that celebrates all the different places across the world that people in our school community are from. You can see it in the hall and if your country is not represented you can write it down on a piece of paper and put it in our suggestion box in the library.

More recently, we've been looking at how we can improve our Culture Day Foodstall, which raised £600 last year.



Our plans this year mean it is going to be bigger and better than last year because we have listened to your suggestions and made huge improvements, particularly to the food choices we have! This term we also hosted our first Litfest workshop for year 8, there was lots of positive feedback and everyone really enjoyed the games that were designed to help create appreciation for different languages.

Naina S, 12M.

Mini-Culture Day



Our culture day is always a really colourful, fun day in school. This year we are holding the main event in July but as our Sixth Formers and Y11 students will have finished exams, they asked for one last opportunity to celebrate our rich, diverse community together. We delivered and enjoyed a cat walk showcasing an array of fabulous outfits, a special international menu in the canteen, and music from around the world. Look out for photos in the next edition. Above is our world map, put together by the EAL Club, which has a pin for every country where our students have a link to.

Mrs Stevenson Director of Operations and Compliance



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YEAR 7

Year Learning Coordinator Miss Allan

Recent Events and Activities:

- 2nd March – 6th March – House Debating Week which was a great week to showcase students' oracy & debating skills.
- 3rd March – Community Iftar – It was lovely to have so many families in school breaking their fast together, it was a wonderful community event.
- 5th March – LITFEST and World Book Day – Year 7 had a great day celebrating the power of reading, it was fantastic to see the effort so many put in by dressing up as their favourite characters.
- 23rd March – House Uno Competition – a fun way to end the term with an Uno competition for all year groups and staff to gain some much wanted house points!
- 24th March – Year 7 Spring Celebration Assembly – we celebrated the many successes of year 7 in school, and the great achievements with some students winning a £10 gift card for 100% attendance, for being a Zero Hero, top 20 epraise points, upholding Swakeleys Values as well as announcing that 7EB were the winners of the year 7 Attendance League competition!
- 27th March – Zero Hero Assembly – celebrates all the students who have not received any behaviour points which is a great achievement for the term or for some since September!

Assembly topics in Leadership and YLC assemblies:

- Lit Fest/World Book Day
- Code of Conduct - We are resilient & successful
- International Woman's Day (8th March)
- Code of Conduct - We arrive on time, equipped, and ready to engage fully in learning
- World Book Day – what books inspire us led by year 7s: Kira, Kaylee & Manat from 7MY who spoke brilliantly to the whole year group.

Things to Celebrate

- Many year 7s participated and achieved house points for participating in Swakeleys House events.
- Many year 7s have been issued with a number of Headteacher's Distinctions and merits this half term and since September, 82, 084 merits have been issued to year 7 students. Particular well done to Seeratpreet 7DS who has the most merits in year 7 at the moment, closely following by Aroua 7DS.
- 7DS as a form have the most epraise points – well done to them.
- 7EB had the best attendance overall this half term and won the Attendance League competition.
- We have had many year 7s nominated for YLC Star of the Week for upholding the school values.

Things to look forward to in the next half term:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W/C: 27th April – House Assembly Week • 29th April – A number of year 7s & 8s are involved in the Junior Maths Challenge • 30th April – Values Drop Down Day – year 7 will consider how they have met the Swakeleys values during the Spring term • W/C: Sport Personality of the Year Assembly and vote • 1st June – Values Form Focus-Values Awards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th June – Your Life, You Choose for year 7 – a number of organisations run workshops with year 7 • 11th June – Year 7 Parents' Evening • 5th June – House Chess Week • 16th June – No Pens Day • 25th June – Performing Arts Summer Festival • W/C: Celebration Assembly • FAB Trips |
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Well done year 7 on completing your second term here at Swakeleys, continue to participate well in your lessons and to join a range of the many great extra-curricular activities that are run at lunch time. I hope that you all have a lovely Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you continue to achieve and demonstrate our school values in your last term of year 7!



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YEAR 8

Year Learning Coordinator Mr Gray

Recent Events and Activities:

- Year 8 Internal Exams
- House Debating Week
- Community Iftar
- LITFEST and World Book Day with a Guest Speakers
- Team Building With The Army (Aspirational Programme)
- House Uno and House Assembly
- Dance Evening
- Subcommittee meetings, SSCC and School Council
- Year 8 Spring Celebration Assembly
- Zero Hero assemblies to celebrate all students in year 7-11 who have zero behaviour points. Well done to the 132 Year 8 students who are Zero Heroes!

Assembly Topics in Leadership and YLC Assemblies:

- Ramadam
- Litfest and World Book Day
- International Women's Day
- House Assemblies
- Easter
- Revision
- Student Voice
- Code of Conduct Assemblies
- Year 8 Spring Celebration Assembly

Things to celebrate

- Key Stage 3 House Debate Winners - Hiranur A & Issra M - RP
- A huge congratulations to our stars of the week for winning a "jump the queue" pass for the canteen this half term: Riyah K - DS, Eyagal H – FN, Kanishka K – EB, Thansikaa S – FN
- Performing Arts Star of The Term - Bethany M - MC
- 109 Students with 97% or above attendance
- Winners of £15 All4One Vouchers for: Attendance Draw, Epraise Points Draw and YLC Star of the Week Nominees Draw
- Attendance League Winners – 8DS!! Who will have a movie and popcorn afternoon in the Summer Term

Things to look forward to in the next half term:

- W/C: 27th April – House Assembly Week
- 29th April – A number of year 7s & 8s are involved in the Junior Maths Challenge
- 30th April – Values Drop Down Day – year 8 will consider how they have met the Swakeleys values during the Spring term
- 5th May – Movie afternoon for form Attendance League Winners and YLC Stars of the Week
- W/C 18th May – Sport Personality of the Year Assembly and vote
- 15th May – Rounders and Ice Cream Afternoon

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YEAR 9

Year Learning Coordinator Ms Currell

Recent Events and Activities:

Assemblies

Assemblies have been on:

- Soft skills in terms of employment
- Tutor team careers
- FAB launch.

Upcoming assemblies will be on the Classroom Code of Conduct.

Things to celebrate

- The Stars of the Week have been: Isla RP, Dia MC, Jenina JA, Annalise MY and Aishbeer FN.
- We have over 130 students who are zero heroes for this term! Well done!
- The year 9 team have been working on improving the number of lates to lesson. We've seen a reduction in these – please keep encouraging your child to be on time!
- This half term we had a postcard competition. These postcards will be used for students to write to a member of staff they would like to thank. Our runners up were Sabrina in MC and Maleeha in JA! Our winner was Sana in AF. Well done to all those who uploaded their postcards!



Things to look forward to

- Y9 Parents' Evening: Wednesday 25th March
- Interhouse Sport
- SPOTY assembly week: 18th May
- Drama Evening: 22nd May

Upcoming Key Dates:

Mon 13th Apr
Tues 14th Apr
Mon 4th May

INSET DAY
Return back after Easter break
BANK HOLIDAY

Ms K Currell



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YEAR 10

Year Learning Coordinator Mrs Finnerty

Recent Events and Activities

- YLC Assemblies
- School Value: We Are Resilient
- School Value: Acting With Honesty
- Peer mentoring opportunities for Year 10
- Celebration assembly

Things to celebrate

- Year 10 attendance so far this academic year is 93%. This is above the national average, although we strive to reach 96%.
- Community Iftar event for the families. Eid Mubarak!
- Well done to Yasmin B. 10DS and Mishall G. 10DS who were runners up in our House Debate.
- Congratulations to our many 'Zero Heroes who achieved zero behaviour points this term.
- YLC Stars of the Week have been celebrated:
 - Harleen K, 10DS
 - Alish P, 10FN
 - Zarte A, 10FN
 - Yasmin B, 10DS

Things to look forward to

- SPOTY assembly week: 18th May
- Drama Evening: 22nd May
- Pride Month: June 2025
- Y10 Work Shadowing Week: WC 8th June
- House literacy and numeracy competition: 25th June
- Summer festival: 26th June
- House assemblies
- FAB trips!

Reminders:

- Students need to be entering the school building at 8.30am ready for registration at 8.40am. It is imperative that students are on time and are ready to learn every day. Please also encourage punctuality for all lessons too (students have a 5 minute changeover window to move to their next lesson).
- Attendance: Our target is 96%.
- Please check the school uniform and equipment guidance to ensure students are prepared for the start of the next half term.
- The Year 10 team would like to wish all students and families a peaceful and rested time over the Easter break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 14th April 2026.
- Year 10 Graduation Evening is on Tuesday 23rd June from 5.30pm (arrival and welcome refreshments) for 6pm start until approximately 7.30pm. This will be instead of holding a Parental Engagement event at the start of Year 11 and is a relatively new event now in its third year and has been hugely successful.

Mrs Finnerty



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YEAR 11

Year Learning Coordinator Miss Mejloumian

Recent Events and Activities

- Careers fortnight
- Parents' Evening
- English and maths mocks
- 6th form interviews
- Year 11 Reports were sent home on 11th March

Assemblies

- Assemblies have been on ASK- apprenticeships, RE, German and French, Science, Global Academy, Exams and the study leave programme.

Things to celebrate

- The Iftar Community Event was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with this event.
- Lots of intervention going on after school, during school and on Saturdays.
- More TAPS meetings have occurred during the spring term.
- Rec PE sessions are now study/intervention sessions.
- All have received individual exam timetables and the study leave programme.
- 6th form interviews went well and acceptance letters went out.

Things to look forward to

- Easter School
- GCSEs
- Y11 Celebration Assembly – 20th April
- Class of 2026 Assembly – 22nd May Period 3
- 6th form induction day – 22nd June
- Prom – 24th June 7-10:30pm
- Results Day – 21st August 9am-10:30am

Miss Mejloumian



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Dodgeball

Our recent Interhouse Dodgeball competition was a fantastic event, full of energy, teamwork, and great sportswomanship. Students who took part showed excellent skill, determination, and enthusiasm throughout the matches, making it an enjoyable experience for everyone involved.



It was especially encouraging to see such strong participation across the houses, with students supporting one another and demonstrating positive attitudes both on and off the court. The level of play was impressive, and all competitors should be proud of their efforts.

YEAR 8 RESULTS

1st	EB
2nd	MC
3rd	RP
4th	MY
5th	DS
6th	FN
7th	JA
8th	AF

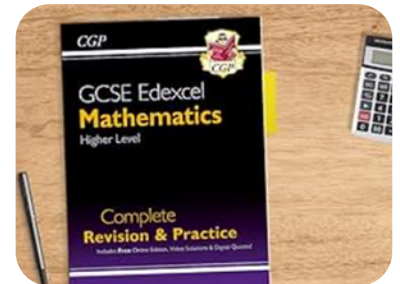
YEAR 9 RESULTS

1st	AF
2nd	EB
3rd	FN
4th	RP
5th	JA

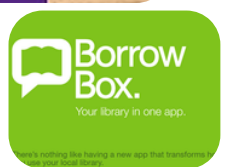
Mrs Peace Curriculum Leader PE

LRC News from Mrs Basra

To support pupils with learning, there are a range of CGP guides for pupils to use to complete homework or revise. The library is open for pupils during break, lunchtime and is open after school.



Hillingdon Libraries have an online app where anyone who has a London Borough of Hillingdon resident/library membership card can read books online



for free. There is a huge range of E-books and audio books, newspapers and magazines and interactive stories for children and adults. The app is called Borrowbox and if pupils would like support logging in, they can bring their Hillingdon library card to the school library and I can show them how to access it.

Reading Rockstars

Congratulations to our Swakeleys Reading Rockstars, who have been recognised as the most avid readers in the school. Certificates have been awarded to:

Aroua - 7DS

Avvai - 8RP

Brielle - 11FN

Fatimah - 9AF

Issra - 8RP

Rihanna - 7JA

Ruwaida - 7DS

Stephanie - 9JA

Sana - 9AF

Shanjana - 7AF



This year the government has recognised the importance of reading and the benefits to mental health and improving literacy. Reading for pleasure isn't just a hobby. It's linked to a range of benefits, including stronger writing skills, improved wellbeing and confidence.

Mrs Basra, LRC Co-ordinator



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House Debate Competition

I'm delighted to announce the winners of this year's House Debate competition

Key Stage 3: **RP**

Hiranur A
& Issra M (8RP)

Key Stage 4/5: **MC**

Anya V (11MC)
& Uma D (12T)



All eight students who took part in this afternoon's finals demonstrated superb oracy skills and represented their Houses with great pride.

Please also join me in congratulating the runners-up on their incredible efforts if you see them:

- Tiana M (7EB)
- Fatimah M (7EB)
- Yasmin B (10DS)
- Mishall G (10DS)

Thank you once again to everyone who supported and helped make the event such a success, it was fantastic to see students from Year 7 all the way up to Sixth Form getting involved!

Mr Green Assistant Curriculum Leader for Psychology & Sociology, Associate Leader Oracy

UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

On Tuesday 24th of February we had four students represent the school at the UKMT junior team maths challenge.



Pictured: Sana A, Issra M, Muskan P, Charlene A

The challenge consisted of four intense rounds: the Group Round, Crossnumber Round, Shuttle Round and Relay Round. Each round tested different skills, from logical reasoning and number theory to algebra and quick-fire problem solving. But this wasn't just about getting the right answers — it was about teamwork, communication and staying calm under pressure.

The atmosphere was electric, especially during the Shuttle and Relay Rounds. Every second counted. Answers had to be accurate because one small mistake could cost valuable time. When we finally completed one of the rounds after a particularly tense stretch of questions, we couldn't help it — we burst out screaming in excitement! It was a mixture of relief, adrenaline and pure joy.

The competition pushed us to think faster and more creatively than ever before. It showed us that maths is not just about working quietly at a desk — it can be competitive, collaborative and genuinely thrilling.

Overall, it was an unforgettable experience, and we are incredibly proud to have represented our school. We are already looking forward to the next challenge!

Charlene A , 8MC



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Stronger Families

Early Help services in Hillingdon - Drop in session

Would you like to know more about Early Help services in Hillingdon and how they can support you and your family?

They provide support to children, young people, and families who may be experiencing difficulties.

The aim is to offer help as early as possible so that challenges do not escalate and families can access the right support at the right time.

Early Help focuses on building family resilience, improving wellbeing, and helping children grow up in safe, stable, and supportive environments.

If you would like more information regarding the support they offer sign up to one of our weekly clinics with Mrs Venner, which are held either virtually or in person every Monday 10am. If this time is not convenient for you please do let me know and I can arrange a date and time suitable to you

Sign up here - <https://forms.gle/Ku5TxAGriT2frfst9>



Thrive



Dear Parent/ Carers,

Hillingdon are pleased to let you know that the new Thrive website is now officially live.

Please visit <https://thrivehillington.co.uk>

The website has been designed to support children, young people, families, and professionals by bringing together clear information, self-help tools, signposting, and a wide range of emotional well-being resources in one accessible place. Its aim is to make it easier for people to understand what support is available and how to access it.

Please feel free to share the website link widely across your teams and networks so others can benefit from the resources



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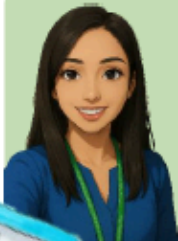


Maths Newsletter



Spring Term – March 2026

NOTE FROM THE TEACHER



Dear Parents and Guardians,
I hope you have a fantastic Easter break when it arrives.
Best wishes,
Mrs G Kang.



HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD REVISE

Revision is most successful when it follows a clear and simple structure. I would recommend focusing on the Swakeleys three step revision strategy to revise effectively for maths.

1. Review Knowledge

Before attempting questions, your child needs to understand and remember the core methods. Encourage them to revisit their class notes, examples in their book, or a revision guide. This should include looking at the work in their books from September. Ask questions such as, "What was today's topic about?" or "Can you explain this method to me?" Saying ideas out loud helps cement understanding.

2. Revise Knowledge

Your child can now summarise the information onto flash cards, mind maps or summary sheets. This should include questions with worked out solutions. If your child would like to see an example of this, please ask them to see me.

3. Recall Knowledge

Once the information is secure, practising questions is essential. Start with straightforward questions and gradually move towards exam-style problems. If your child gets stuck, avoid giving the answer straight away (please see my previous article in January). Instead, ask "Is there a similar example in your flashcards/mind maps/summary sheets?" or "Which topic is this testing?" Identifying the topic will help them decide what skills are needed. This builds independence and confidence. Exam questions are particularly valuable for Years 9-11, as they help pupils become familiar with GCSE-style wording. Afterwards, encourage your child to review their work, identify mistakes, and correct them in a different colour. Ask, "What went wrong here?" or "How will you avoid this next time?" Discussing why a mistake happened helps prevent it from happening again, turning mistakes into powerful learning opportunities!

YEAR 10

Mock Exams will take place immediately after the Easter Holidays. In maths there will be 2 exam papers, 1 calculator and 1 non-calculator. The papers are 80 marks each and students will have 90 minutes to answer each paper. The topics will include everything they have learned in year 9 and 10. A complete revision list will be shared via epraise and Google Classroom. The maths department do not recommend that students use past

papers to prepare for exams in year 10. Instead, students should choose specific topics and work on those questions using MathsWatch. Please ask your child to speak to their maths teacher if they have more questions.



CALCULATORS

The correct calculator students should be using in lessons and assessments are the Casio scientific calculators, such as the Casio fx-83GTX or Casio fx-85GTX. These models are designed to match exam requirements that students practise with regularly in class. If your child currently has a different calculator, there is no immediate concern, but I would kindly suggest considering purchasing the recommended Casio model when convenient. If you require financial help with the calculator, please contact the school and address it to Mr Ladva (Head of Maths). Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

NEWSLETTER

What's
on...

at Oak Farm Library

Easter Activities for Young People



Lego Spike Prime Super Clean Up Workshop

Monday 30th March 2026 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Open to 11 to 15 years olds (Secondary School students)

Build and program Lego Grabbers using the LEGO® Education SPIKE™ Prime kit. Compare their effectiveness at picking up different objects by coding their movements!

Teen Book Club

Thursday 2nd April 2026 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Open to 11 to 14 years olds (Secondary School students)

Join the Teen Book Club during the Easter holidays, where we will be discussing our latest book, 'Noughts and Crosses' by Malorie Blackman. Get creative by learning to draw one of the main characters in the style of Manga.



Booking is essential for all activities above. Scan the QR code to book a free space on the Hillingdon website. Under 16's must ask a parent/carer to book for them.



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NEWSLETTER

Term Dates 2025-26

Summer term:

Monday 13th April (training day school closed to students)

Term starts:

Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 8.30am

Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May 2026 (school closed to students)

Half term:

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026

End of term:

Friday 17th July 2026 (**half day: students complete work from home**)

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