



Swallowfield Lower School

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Swallowfield Awards

We are very proud of the many awards and Quality Marks we have attained as a school. If you have visited our website or the school office, you will have seen a number of awards and certificates on our website pages or the corridor walls. We thought it would be useful to share more information about each of these.

Values-based Education Quality Mark

Values-based Education empowers schools to underpin their life and curriculum with universal positive human values such as respect, integrity, honesty and understanding. 'Values based Education' creates a better learning environment, in which pupils are able to attain better academic results. It equips pupils with social capacities that help them work with, and relate to others effectively. It also provides them with the self-esteem and confidence to explore and develop their full potential.

Our values weave through everything we do and are deeply embedded in the culture of our school. We focus on one value each month and they run on a two-year cycle. We promote these values as part of the daily curriculum and as well as teaching the children about each value, we strive to use these values in every aspect of school life – from the classroom to the playground. You, as families, have been very supportive to both us and your children in promoting the values at home.

The British Council's International School Award (2021-2024)

This prestigious Award is in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom. The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that demonstrate exceptional work in international education. As a school, we are very proud of our own internationalism amongst our pupils, but also take every opportunity to bring the global world into Swallowfield, thus expanding the children's horizons, developing our values further and learning how to be global citizens.

Early Years Quality Mark

Busy Bees and Reception succeeded in renewing the 'Quality Mark' for Early Years, an award that celebrates and supports continuous improvement in English, Maths and Computing. It was awarded to our school to recognise the provision, practice and performance across the curriculum in both settings. The staff demonstrated an excellent approach to improving standards even further, with evidence of the impact of its approaches.

Primary School Quality Mark

Staff across the school succeeded in renewing our 'Quality Mark' for the primary years (Years 1-6) that supports and celebrates excellence in English and Maths provision. This is an award that supports continuous improvement across the curriculum and will stand us in very good stead for when we become a primary school. It was awarded to our school to recognise the excellent provision, practice and performance across the curriculum where the school demonstrated an excellent approach to improving standards even further.



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After being nominated by Mrs. Brewer, Rob Plumbly (Year 4 Teacher) was successful in achieving the Silver award for **The Outstanding New Teacher of the Year** at the National Teaching Awards ceremony in 2021. Rob was selected from thousands of nominations from schools across the country. He is a truly inspirational teacher, for the children that he teaches and is a member of an outstanding team. His initiatives to keep in touch with the school community during lockdown were innovative and well received by families who wanted to feel connected to the school while their children couldn't attend.

Primary Science Quality Mark focuses on developing effective, confident science leadership for the whole school's impact on science teaching and

The School Games Platinum Award is the highest-level award for schools who have shown consistently high levels of enthusiasm and commitment to school sport. Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress.

Music Mark Schools are committed to providing a high-quality music education by recognising the value of music education as part of a broad and balanced curriculum and a strategy for continually improving the music provision provided for all children.

Eco-Schools Bronze Award

Swallowfield's Eco-Committee was first formed in 2011 as part of our involvement in the Eco-Schools scheme run by the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign. Eco-Schools is an international award programme that guides schools on their sustainable journey, providing a framework to help embed these principles into the heart of school life. Children are the driving force behind Eco-Schools – they lead the Eco-Committee and help to carry out an audit to assess the environmental performance of the school. Members are elected by their classes and in conjunction with the rest of the school and the wider community, they decide the environmental themes they want to address and how they're going to do it.