



SUPPORT • NURTURE
INSPIRE • ACHIEVE

Swallowfield Lower School

Our vision is Support. Nurture. Inspire. Achieve

Following last month's look at Support, this month's focus is on Nurture. The definition of nurture is to cultivate, educate, nourish, raise, to care for and protect while growing. Every child matters at Swallowfield and we value children for all their different strengths and qualities. We nurture our children through a stimulating curriculum both inside and outside of the classroom.

Swallowfield has a dedicated member of staff who spends time supporting children in their understanding of environmental issues. The school has a poly tunnel where the children have the opportunity to learn about and grow vegetables and plants. They also learn about life cycles, recycling and climate change.

Children are the driving force of the school's Eco-Committee. 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. To date this has included; carrying out an environmental audit and developing an action plan for the school, tree, bulb and shrub planting, sowing a flower meadow, clearing areas for growing, Waste Week and Switch Off Fortnight campaigns, regular recycling collections, composting, designing and planting competition entries for local garden centres.

Swallowfield makes the most of its large outdoor space with an all weather running track, a swimming pool and a wide variety of PE activities and events. Annual Outside Classroom day, Den day and No Pens day also provide further learning experiences outside of the classroom.

Staff are also nurtured at Swallowfield. They take part in regular training, continuing professional development and other opportunities to expand their role. Swallowfield has nurtured a number of Newly Qualified Teachers, mentoring and developing them as they begin their teaching career at the school.

If you wish to join our Swallowfield family and are considering applying for a place at Swallowfield Lower School or Busy Bees Pre-School, we will be happy to show you and your child/children around with a personal tour.

Please contact the school on 01908 582101, email office1@swallowfieldlowerschool.co.uk or visit our website at swallowfieldlowerschool.co.uk

