



Germander Park, Southwood and Downs Barn Schools' Newsletter April 2026

World Day for Cultural Diversity—Wednesday 20th May



This year, for World Day of Cultural Diversity (and as it is also the National Year of Reading), we would like children to bring in something to read about their home country (no food this year!). This could be a traditional story, or it could be some factual information. It doesn't need to be in a book, it could be on a poster, a leaflet, or just on a piece of paper! We would like to know about the children's cultural heritage and for children to be able to share this with their classmates.

Swimming at Southwood



We have been extremely impressed with the efforts of all our children across the three schools who have been swimming in the temporary pool at Southwood since the beginning of term. It is always a challenge to get so many children into the pool in a school week (and it only works due to the hard work of all the staff across the schools). Across this half term, around 300 children will have been swimming from our schools and **most** of those children will have been swimming 6 times (some children 12 times). The National Curriculum expectation is for children to have a term's worth of swimming once in their school lives (around 12 sessions) and we have had the pool now for three consecutive years, so children are getting a superb opportunity with us!

Attendance

Southwood:	95.2%
Germander Park:	91.3%
Downs Barn:	95.7%

To get up to date information about term dates and other key information, please visit our school website:



www.boulevardprimarypartnership.org.uk

Facebook

We share regular news about upcoming events on our Facebook page. This is the link if you'd like to follow us too: <https://www.facebook.com/Boulevard-Primary-Partnership-114657664463501>

Upcoming session run by MK SENDIAS:

	Workshop	Date	Booking link
1	Helping Your Child Start Secondary School	Tue 12 May 12pm – 1pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985450062584
<p>Starting secondary school is a significant milestone for children and can be a daunting experience for both them and their parents. Join our session designed to provide practical advice and strategies to support your child through this important transition. Whether your child is feeling anxious, struggling to adapt, or you simply want to be prepared, this session will provide you with the knowledge and confidence to help your child navigate this important change.</p> <p>This workshop is suitable for parents/carers of year 6 children.</p>			
2	Helping Your Child Move to a New Year Group	Tue 19 May 12pm – 1pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985450477826
<p>Moving from one year group to another can be a challenging time for children. Join our session designed to provide practical advice and strategies to support your child through this transition. Whether your child is feeling anxious, struggling to adapt, or you simply want to be prepared, this session will provide you with the knowledge and confidence to help your child navigate this important change.</p> <p>This workshop is suitable for parents/carers of primary-aged children.</p>			

Facilitated by the MK SEND Information Advice and Support Service (MK SENDIAS) for families living in **Milton Keynes**.

Places must be pre-booked. You do not need to have downloaded Microsoft Teams to be able to join. We recommend joining the session via laptop, iPad or desktop.

Please book your place via Eventbrite.

If you have further questions, please email on Contact@mksendias.org.uk

For more information visit <https://mksendias.org.uk/events>

