



Events



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Continuing Professional Development Offers from SWIFT & Our Partners

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Working Smarter Not Harder: Embracing AI with Mr P ICT (3 Sessions)

Starts Tuesday 10 March 2026 | 0930 - 1530 | Oldway Primary School

The course will be packed full of ideas for how to enhance teaching and learning through the use of technology with a focus on emerging AI technology.

- Learn how AI functions and discover practical ways it can streamline administrative tasks.
- Explore strategies for introducing AI concepts to students. This course also delves into various tech tools that can save teachers time, making teaching more efficient and enjoyable.

Please note: There will be three dates for this course, all included in the price:

- Tuesday 10 March Face to Face 0930 – 1530
- Tuesday 5 May Online 1530 – 1700
- Tuesday 30 June Online 1530 – 1700

Target Audience

EYFS Teachers, Primary School Teachers and SLT

Cost:

SWIFT Members: £195
Other colleagues: £245

Contact us

If you have any questions, contact
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SWIFT Spring Leadership Forum

Wednesday 21 January 2026 | 1530 – 1700 | Online

Join like-minded school leaders for the keynote on How to Improve Teaching by Steplab Director of Training, Harry Fletcher-Wood.

- **How to Improve Teaching Keynote | Harry Fletcher-Wood, Director of Steplab**
- **Introduction to CODE Maths Hub | Laura Clitheroe, Hub Lead**
- **Foreword by SWIFT Executive Director, Martin Smith**

Cost: FREE to colleagues from SWIFT Member Schools, SWIFT NPQ Programme Members, Early Career Teacher Programme Mentors and Appropriate Body Service Induction Leads. £35 for colleagues from other schools.

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TA Training: New to the role of Teaching Assistant

Friday 6 February 2026 | 0930 - 1230 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter

This training will seek to explore the fundamentals of the role of being a teaching assistant. Through a combination of presentation and small group discussion we will look to consider how we can make a difference to the learning and outcomes for those in our care.

We will look and discuss the motivations behind behaviours we may see in school and what might be happening in a child's brain when we are asked to support them. We will consider some practical strategies to manage pupils' behaviour positively, as well as looking at how we can keep our own mental health healthy by building our own resilience.

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Leadership Skills Training Day

Tuesday 3 March 2026 | 0900 - 1700 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter

Many leaders know what they need to do - have a difficult conversation, motivate a disengaged team member, or rebuild trust - but they often lack the how. This course bridges that gap by developing the essential soft skills of emotional intelligence, empathy, communication and conflict navigation, equipping leaders to act with confidence and compassion.

This course is designed for:

Deputy Headteachers, Assistant Heads, Heads of Year, Department Heads, Middle Leaders, SENDCos and Business Managers.

Programme Lead

Leonie Hurrell is an educational enthusiast. At 24 Leonie became the youngest Deputy Headteacher in Dorset and went on to be a Headteacher for 8 years, before becoming an ILM Certified Leadership Coach. Leonie is passionate about learning and people development. Founder of The Thinking Academy, a company that provides coaching and ILM approved training solutions for schools.

Cost

£120 per person for SWIFT member schools | £160 for non-members.
Price includes lunch.

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Fully Funded Opportunities from The MTPT Project

The [MTPT Project](#) is the UK's charity for parent-teachers. From humble beginnings as a blog and a Twitter handle, inspiring, empowering and connecting teachers choosing to complete personal and professional development while on parental leave, the MTPT Project has grown into the voice of parent-teachers in the UK.

The charity runs training and networking events, provides 1:1 and group coaching to teachers on leave, and is the only organisation completing research into women aged 30–39 – the largest demographic to leave teaching every year. Since 2016, the MTPT Project has worked to tackle the motherhood penalty in education, to transform education into a sustainable and "life-friendly" career choice for all.

VIEW TRAINING AVAILABLE [HERE](#)

Professional Communities

Professional Communities bring colleagues together to network, connect with leading practice, hear from expert speakers, and provide mutual support. Held termly, our team of Professional Community Leads provide a high level of expertise, enabling the design of high-quality agendas, recruitment of expert speakers and the identification of local expertise.



- Primary Curriculum & Assessment
- Equality & Diversity
- Primary Languages
- Primary SEND
- School Business Management
- Primary Design Technology
- PSHE
- Estates Management
- RE
- Sixth Form
- Secondary Leadership
- Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Data

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Primary and Secondary Subject Leader Briefings

Early Years, Maths, Science and English Subject Briefings for primaries and SEND, Maths, Science and English Subject Briefings for secondaries are designed to provide termly updates, guidance and examples of effective practice, drawing on area and national sources.



Primary Subject Briefings

- Early Years with Phil Armstrong | Early Excellence
- English with Danni Cooke | Ilsham English Hub Lead
- Maths with Josh Lury | CODE Maths Hub
- Science with Carla Bennett

Secondary Subject Briefings

- SEND with Amjad Amid
- Maths with Craig Barton
- Science with Jo Castelino
- English with Jennifer Webb

No charge for SWIFT members.

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EYFS & Primary Courses

CPD sessions, professional communities, briefings and training tailored for early years/primary educators and school staff. Topics span curriculum and assessment, subject leadership, inclusion, wellbeing and safeguarding.

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Secondary & Sixth Form Courses

CPD sessions, professional communities, briefings and training tailored for secondary/sixth form educators and school staff. Topics cover subject leadership & curriculum, assessment, inclusion, wellbeing and safeguarding.

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Other Events for your Diary

Ilisham English Hub

- **Various CPD opportunities**
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Empowering Early Years CPD

- **Various CPD opportunities**
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Cambridge Nationals CPD

- **Various CPD opportunities**
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Cornerstone English Hub CPD

- **Various CPD opportunities**
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Improving Oral Language Programme – Devon Research School

A three-day professional development programme for primary and secondary schools

This evidence-informed professional development programme helps schools strengthen oral language across the curriculum, from talk for learning to vocabulary, reading, and writing. It supports teachers and leaders to translate research into practice through structured reflection, practical tools, and collaborative planning.

Day 1: Friday 23 January 2026

Explore the evidence base - what are some effective approaches? What's ineffective? We will use audit tools to assess current practice and begin defining your school's key priorities in relation to oral language.

Day 2: Friday 27 February 2026

Day 2 will focus on the role of oral language in supporting vocabulary development and reading. We will also think about next steps for implementation based on the audit tools from Day 1.

Day 3: Friday 24 April 2026

On Day 3, we will explore the role of oral language in relation to writing. We will support you to develop an actionable implementation plan to ensure programme insights can be enacted in your own setting.

Who is the programme suitable for?

The programme is suitable for Headteachers, Teaching and Learning Leads, Literacy Leads, SENCOs, Curriculum Leaders, and teachers from primary and secondary schools who want to strengthen oral language as part of an evidence-informed approach to literacy and inclusion.

£295 per person (£150 for a second delegate)
All days run 9:30 - 15:00 & include lunch

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Research Schools Network South West and South Coast Regional Conference

Moving from Research to Practice

How do we move from what research says to what actually happens in the classroom?

Join us to explore how leaders can engage meaningfully with research evidence, support their teachers to bridge the gap between research theory and classroom practice, and implement the evidence to drive consistent, high-quality teaching across their schools.

Dates, Venue & Contact

June 12th 2026 from 9am to 3pm
Rougemont Hotel, Exeter

£100 per person
(£50 additional delegate)

Contact us:
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Keynote Speakers



Harry Madgwick
EEF - Senior Content and Engagement Manager



Charlotte Orpin-Wright
EEF - Regional Lead for the South West and South Coast

Workshops

Regional Directors Delivering Workshops



Amanda Grant
Hampshire



John Rogers
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Gloucestershire



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Somerset



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