



Events



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SWIFT Summer Conference 2026

Thursday 18 June 2026 | 0830 - 1535 | Exeter Racecourse

Hear from a range of international, national and local speakers from across the educational landscape as they discuss the latest issues.

We are delighted to invite you to the SWIFT Summer Conference 2026 (#SWIFTConf26), taking place on Thursday 18 June 2026 at Exeter Racecourse. This year, we are proud to welcome an outstanding line-up of speakers, including:

- Daisy Christodoulou MBE | Director of Education at No More Marking | AI and assessment: what needs to change
- Sufian Sadiq | Education leader and Director of Teaching School at Chiltern Learning Trust | Equity, wellbeing and leadership
- Shaheen Myers | Founder and CEO of Balance:ed | Care, Culture and Connection - Taking care of hearts and minds
- Kamila Sidiqi | Afghan women's rights advocate, social entrepreneur and former government official
- Lewis Wedlock | Academic and masculinities educator | Masculinities In Schools - Preparing For "Newuniversal" Work
- Sally Apps | Deputy CEO at Cabot Learning Federation, responsible for the Secondary Phase and Specialist Settings | Disadvantage and the case for developing Oracy
- Nick Wakeling | Director of Colyton Foundation | Disadvantaged high attainers

Contact us

If you have any questions, please contact

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Cost:

SWIFT Members: £100 | Standard Price: £150

Discounts available for LSSW / SWIFT NPQ Alumni + ECT Induction Leads / Mentors

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Building an Oracy-Rich Classroom

Tuesday 28 April 2026 | 0930 - 1200 | Online

Drawing on over 10 years' experience in developing oracy practice, Rachel will guide colleagues through the first steps towards building a truly oracy-rich culture. This course blends clear theory with practical strategies, tools and models that can be implemented immediately in the classroom.

Suitable for colleagues across all key stages and levels of experience, this session will support you to strengthen talk for learning, deepen thinking and embed meaningful dialogue across your curriculum.

Cost

£75 per person for SWIFT member schools | £125 for non-members

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Primary Languages Professional Community

Tuesday 28 April 2026 | 1545 - 1700 | Online

We will look at:

- Key elements of an effective KS2 languages curriculum – supporting subject leaders to understand NC objectives and undertake subject monitoring.
- Supporting non specialist linguists to teach KS2 curriculum – resources and tried and tested approaches that can be used with ANY language and ANY topic.
- Embedding the curriculum across the school – seed planting in KS1 and EYFS as well as whole school events to raise the profile of languages

Cost

FREE for SWIFT member schools | £35 for non-members

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Early Years Moderation

Thursday 7 May 2026 | 0930 - 1230 | Countess Wear Community School, Exeter

The session will provide teachers with the opportunity to:

- quality assure their assessment judgements
- have professional discussions with colleagues regarding children's attainment against the ELGs
- work together so that teachers can share experiences and develop their assessment skills
- build a shared understanding of the ELGs and EYFS framework

Cost

£45 per person for SWIFT member schools | £65 per person for non-member schools

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SWIFT NPQ UPDATE | AUTUMN 2026 COHORT

As you are probably aware, NPQ programmes will only run once per academic year. Our Autumn 2025 cohort has now launched, and we are delighted to be supporting almost 400 participants across the suite of NPQ programmes.

If you are a school leader or mentor who missed the opportunity to join the current cohort and would like to start your NPQ journey in the next academic year, please complete our [expression of interest form](#) and we will update you as soon as the application window opens in the Summer term.

Please feel free to share this information with your wider school community. For further information, please contact Fiona McNeile, fiona.mcneile@sw-ift.org.uk

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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 Ali
- 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

Ilsham English Hub

- **Various CPD opportunities**
Find more information [HERE](#)

Empowering Early Years CPD

- **Various CPD opportunities**
Find more information [HERE](#)

Cambridge Nationals CPD

- **Various CPD opportunities**
Find more information [HERE](#)

Cornerstone English Hub Conference & CPD

- **Various CPD opportunities**
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Devon Research School

- **Developing Metacognition in Your School Programme**
Find more information [HERE](#)

Finding My Voice

- **Various CPD opportunities**
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Primary ECT Supply Recruitment - Devon and Torbay - An Introduction to ESP

Wednesday 22 April 2026 at 1600 | Online

Working on supply as an ECT is a great way to expand your experience and confidence in a variety of settings and year groups. You build strong relationships with schools and it's a great next step after completing your training.

Come along to our online information session and discover our unique approach to supply. We're a not-for-profit service designed by schools, for schools, putting teachers and local communities first.

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Support for Teachers on Parental Leave

Colleagues may wish to explore upcoming opportunities from The MaternityTeacher PaternityTeacher Project, supporting teachers on parental leave and those preparing to return to work.

Upcoming events include:

Spring Parental Leave Group Coaching – from Monday 16 March 2026
Return to Work Workshop – Monday 23 March 2026

The **Missing Mothers Conference** also takes place on **Friday 13 and Saturday 14 March 2026**, with sessions for school leaders and parent-educators. Further information and resources are available on their website.

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