



SWALECLIFFE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning: 13.10.25

This Week's Dates for your Diary

11.10 Open Day for 2026 Year R families

13.10 4G Trip to Whitstable Museum

14.10 Open Morning for 2026 Year R families

4H Trip to Whitstable Museum

15.10 Flu Vaccines

16.10 Values Day

Year 1 Horsebridge Portrait Exhibition

17.10 Last Day of Term



Term 2 Dates for your Diary

30.10 4G Trip to Whitstable Museum

Halloween Discos

04.11 Year 3 Stone Age Day

06.11 Open Morning for 2026 Year R families

10.11 Open Morning for 2026 Year R families



P.E Days - Reminder

Yr R Thurs (after half term)

Yr 1 Tues & Wed

Yr 2 Mon & Fri

Yr 3 Wed & Fri

Yr 4 Thurs & Fri (see hockey that was previously sent out)

Yr 5 Mon & Thurs

Yr 6 Mon & Wed

Term Dates

Term 1 3rd September - 17th October

Term 2 27th October - 19th December

Term 3 6th January - 13th February

Term 4 23rd February - 2nd April

Term 5 20th April - 22nd May

Term 6 1st June - 17th July





PARKING - BE KIND TO OUR NEIGHBOURS

If you need to drive your child to school, for their safety and ours, please remember:

WE CARE about our neighbours, you should too: we understand it can be convenient for you to park close to the school gates and that you're not stopping for too long, but please, for their safety and convenience, never park across driveways or on corners or junctions.

Want to really make a difference? Join the movement!

- ★ Ultimately, fewer cars at the school entrance will help make it a safer environment for you and your children.
- ★ **Park and Stride** – consider walking part of the way to school by parking away from the school entrance and walking the last 5 or 10 minutes. Walking half a mile only takes between 8 and 17 minutes. How many calories you burn depends on how fast you walk!
- ★ **Try Car Sharing** – consider sharing the school run. If you have to drive to school then get together with other parents who need to go by car and take it in turns to drive.
- ★ **Walking Bus** – organise a small group of parents to share the walk to school and take it in turns with other parents to do the school run. You could even combine this idea with Park and Stride.

Walking, cycling or scooting to school contributes to the recommended daily physical activity for you and your children. It also helps to reduce congestion around the school and helps to improve air quality, providing benefits for everyone.

For more advice, inspiration and key contacts for responsible parking, please visit our website: www.responsibleparking.co.uk

Thank you,
Miss Garton (Acting Head of School)

OPEN EVENTS

Our Open Day is this Saturday!! Please share with any families whom you know have children starting in September 2026.



SWALECLIFFE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY AND MORNINGS

Join us at our Open Day or our open mornings to experience our wonderful school. These will be a chance to meet our children and staff, seeing all that our lovely school has to offer your family.

Dates & Times:

SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER 1pm to 4pm

On this day, there will be three tours running at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm (our last tour) but do pop in if you can't make those exact times.

MORNINGS, 9.15am-10.15am

Tuesday 14th October
Wednesday 5th November
Monday 10th November

Don't miss this chance to be a part of our school community and take the first step towards your child's brighter future!

FOLLOW TO BOOK:



FOREST SCHOOL - A CELEBRATION

Friday 10th October was World Forest School Day.



In Forest School at Swalecliffe, we love watching our children develop their resilience and confidence as they take supported risks and this term, Key Stage Two have been mastering tool skills.

It's not just about the fun; it's about fostering a deep connection with nature, nurturing creativity, and building essential life skills in an inspiring outdoor environment. Go to our school Facebook for more photos.



SCHOOL DINNERS

The new pre-ordering system!

We are experiencing a significant number of children having school dinners without their pre-order being completed at home. While we will always ensure that no child goes without a meal, these unexpected additional dinners in a day place a real strain on our catering team and make it difficult to guarantee that every child receives the meal of their choice.

To help us manage this more effectively, from next week we will telephone home if a child has a school dinner that has not been pre-ordered. If this continues to happen regularly, please be aware that we may not be able to guarantee your child will receive their preferred meal option.

We kindly ask for your support in pre-ordering your child's meal each day to help us provide the best possible service to all pupils.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation,
Mrs Roy (Acting Deputy Head)





PARENT FRIENDS ASSOCIATION EVENTS



Here is the link to book your child's tickets for the Halloween Disco:

[Halloween Disco Ticket Link](#)

Costumes are optional but school do request that the children don't bring props, especially weapon-style ones.

The PFA do rely on volunteers to help at our events so if you can help at any of the discos, contact the PFA Team on the following email:

swalecliffepfa@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk

KEY STAGE 2 CHOIR

We are excited to let you know that choir will be running in Term 2 every Thursday lunchtime for children in Years 3 to 6 at 12:25 - 12:55 in the 6H classroom. The choir will prepare songs to perform in school and at events in the community, so we would love regular attendance to make this possible. Please log into the Arbor App to sign up.

Thank you,
Miss Holness and Mrs Jones (Music Leads)



RIVERSIDE PANTRY - OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY FOOD PARCELS



We have been approached by the Riverside Pantry. They are offering half term holiday food parcels for five families at Swalecliffe who need a little extra support for their children through the holidays. Children in the family aged 1-16 years are included in the scheme. Please email Ms Hill directly in confidence (chill@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk) by Tuesday 7th October if you would like to receive this support.

Each food bag (designed for two children) will include items such as: squash, 10 packets of crisps, 10 snack bars, 2 packets of biscuits, 2 tins of beans, jam, tinned tuna or ham, fresh fruit, tinned fruit, cereal, 2 bread products (loaf plus bagels/wraps/crumpets).

The food bags will be delivered directly to families on Monday 20th October between 10-11.30am.



EMAILS SENT OUT THIS WEEK

Flu Vaccine Final Reminder - Whole School
Lost Property - Whole School

CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you need to contact the school, you can do so by emailing
office@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk or using the link on our website:
swalecliffeprimary.org/contact-details/

If you wish to contact a teacher then use the
office@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk and write in the subject line who you wish
it to go to e.g. FAO - Miss....

If you need to contact a DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead), you can do
so directly using the following email-
DSL@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk

Executive Headteacher: Mr Ben Cooper

Head of School (Acting): Miss Leah Garton

Deputy Head (Acting): Mrs Kate Roy

Inclusion Lead & Lead DSL (Acting): Mrs Julie Deeks

Wellbeing Lead: Ms Carrie Hill

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USEFUL LINKS ON OUR WEBSITE



**Swalecliffe Community
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<https://www.swalecliffeprimary.org/topic/parents>

Homework Guide: [Swalecliffe Community Primary School - Homework](https://www.swalecliffeprimary.org/topic/parents)