



SWALECLIFFE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning: 22.09.25

This Week's Dates for your Diary

22.09 Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
24.09 Forest School - 6G and 5P
26.09 School Photos
26.09 3G Swimming



Term 1 Dates for your Diary

11.10 New Year R 2026 Open Day
15.10 Flu Vaccines
03.10 School Closed



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 timetable that went out last week)
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



SCHOOL CLOSURE

Dear Parents,

I am writing to give you as much notice as possible, that the school will be closed on Friday 3rd October, both to enable staff to attend the funeral and wake of Mrs Alanna Grant, and as a mark of respect.

I am truly sorry for the inconvenience that this will cause many parents, but I trust that many of you will understand that we need to do what is right, and that this decision has not been taken lightly.

Where parents are really struggling in the light of this decision, please contact us and if we can find a way to help we will.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mr Cooper

Executive Head Teacher

BOOK OF CONDOLENCE

As Mr Cooper has also written about above, last week he wrote to let our families know about the heartbreaking news of Mrs Grant (Alanna)'s passing. Mrs Grant was a much-loved, treasured member of our school who made such a positive impact on us and our children. She was a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. She touched the lives of all the staff here and the children too.

We are all missing her greatly and as Mr Cooper said, our heart goes out to her husband, children and all her family.

From Monday, there will be a book of condolence/ memories in the foyer (outside of the school office) which our Swalecliffe families, and the children can write in.

This is a chance for you and the children, if they wish, to write a message of condolence to Mrs Grant's family or perhaps share a memory of her. If you write something at home or the children draw a picture for the book, there will also be a basket to leave these in and we will add them to the book.

Thank you,
Miss Garton

SCHOOL PHOTOS REMINDER

The new company that we moved to last year will be taking school photos on **Friday 26th September**. They take sibling photos before school. They will NOT be taking sibling photos during the school day.

If you wish to have a sibling photo of your Swalecliffe children please go to the **Infant Hall at 8.00 am** .

If your child has PE on this day, please do not send them in PE Kit. Full uniform please but wearing their trainers.



HOMEWORK REMINDER

When joining our school and when signing the Home School Agreement, homework is one of the responsibilities agreed on by children and parents. As a primary school, we absolutely do not have onerous expectations for this. Above all else, reading will always be the most important home activity that supports us at school. However, IN Years 1-6, we do set online spellings each week through Spelling Shed and this year we are starting Times Tables Rockstars (not Year 1). This went live on Monday (15.09.25).

There is a full parent guide to homework at Swalecliffe on our website:
[Swalecliffe Community Primary School - Homework](#)

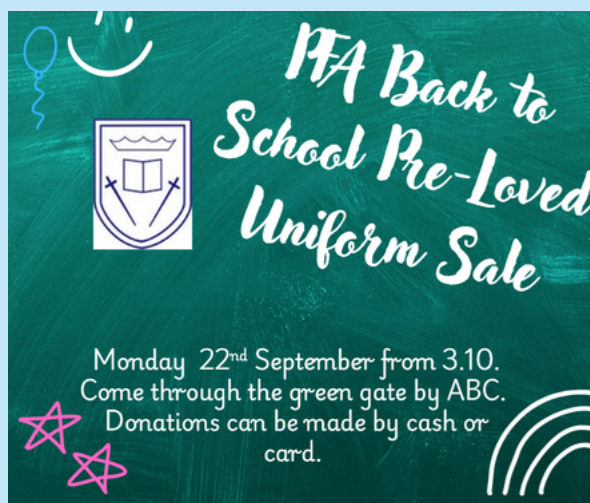


PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PFA) NOTICES

The PFA are holding a Pre-Loved Uniform Sale on Monday 22nd September after school.

It is a great opportunity to stock up on uniform and proceeds go towards the PFA who are being such a huge to us, especially with OPAL developments at the moment.

You can pre-order this pre-loved uniform if you wish by using the following form:
[Pre-Owned School Uniform Form](#)



We always need volunteers to help at our events. If you can lend a hand please contact the PFA to put your name down to help.

swalecliffepfa@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk

The PFA will also be holding their first AGM (meeting) at The Royal in Tankerton on Tuesday 30th September at 7.30. Parents, carers, friends of the school and teachers are all welcome!

At the meeting, the PFA will review the previous year's fundraising, confirm fundraising priorities for the year ahead and share ideas for this year's calendar. We'd love to see some new faces; Miss Garton, Mrs Roy and Mr Cooper will be there too.

*Together
We Can!*



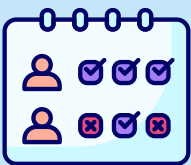
CHANGES TO CHILDREN'S COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Please can you let the school office know if there are going to be any changes in the children's collection arrangements at least 24hrs in advance either by email or call to the school office unless you have an emergency situation which requires an unexpected change. Routine appointments for Dentist/GP etc should be made outside of school hours.



ABSENCE REPORTING

Please can we remind parents that absences from school should be reported to the school office either by phone or email on absence@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk by 8.45am.



NUT-FREE REMINDER

Please remember that we are a nut-free school. We have several children with severe nut allergies, and even trace amounts of nuts can cause a life-threatening reaction. We kindly ask that no nuts or nut products (including peanut butter, Nutella, cereal bars containing nuts, etc.) are brought into school in lunchboxes or snacks. Thank you for helping us keep all of our children safe.





EMAILS SENT OUT THIS WEEK

Parent Pay Freud Alert - Whole School
Travel Survey - Whole School
Absence Reporting - 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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Office Email Address: office@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk
Website: <https://www.swalecliffeprimary.org/>

USEFUL LINKS ON OUR WEBSITE



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<https://www.swalecliffeprimary.org/topic/parents>