



SWALECLIFFE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning: 17.11.25

This Week's Dates for your Diary

19.11 1KG Forest School

21.11 3H Swimming



Term 2 Dates for your Diary

24.11 Year 5 Spooky Story Day

26.11 Year 6 World War Two Day

27.11 Christmas Shopping

28.11 Christmas Shopping

02.12 Year R Nativity Performance

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04.12 Year 1 Magic & Mystery Day

07.12 Festive Fair

10.12 Christmas Jumper Day &
Christmas Dinner

12.12 Rock Steady Concert

18.12 Class Christmas Parties



P.E Days - Reminder

Yr R Thurs

Yr 1 Tues & Wed

Yr 2 Mon & Fri

Yr 3 Wed & Fri

Yr 4 Thurs & Fri

Yr 5 Mon & Thurs

Yr 6 Mon & Wed

Term Dates

Term 2 27th October - 19th December

Term 3 6th January - 13th February

Term 4 23rd February - 2nd April

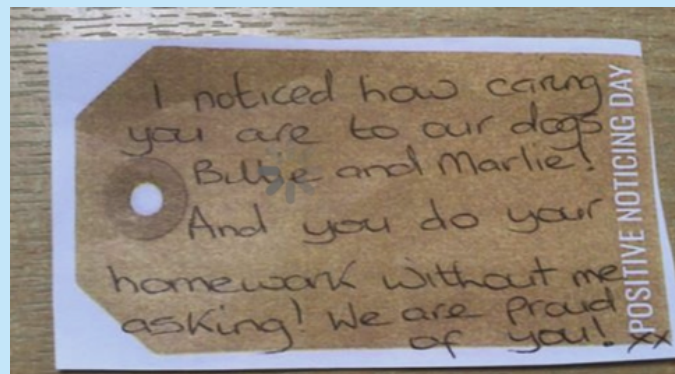
Term 5 20th April - 22nd May

Term 6 1st June - 17th July



CELEBRATING POSITIVE NOTICING DAY

Positive Noticing Day was again a huge success this year! There was such a lovely atmosphere at school. The children loved writing on each other's labels to celebrate each other. It was also wonderful to see some of the labels that made it into school from home. Thank you for your support and we hope the children shared their school labels with you.



NEWSFLASH



Please visit our school Facebook to watch a video of our amazing choir singing so beautifully in one of our Remembrance assemblies. We will let you know how much the school raised through your contributions to the poppy sales to support the British Royal Legion



VISIT FROM THE MAYOR OF DAINVILLE

On Monday this week, we welcomed the French Mayor of Dainville, Madame Françoise Rossignol and Madame Briard from the town twinning association. They spent a lovely morning touring round the school with our Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Subject Champions. It was a great opportunity for our lovely children (and staff) to speak French. A favourite question was 'What is it like to be French'? Hopefully, they will get to find out when pupils from l'École Daudet, a French primary school in Dainville, visit later in the year.

At Swalecliffe, we love learning languages! Our three subject champions are great role models for us and they speak French, Portuguese, Ukrainian and Russian. If your son or daughter is curious about trying out a new language or just wants to practice French, please remind them about [languagenut.com](https://www.languagenut.com) our digital language learning platform. Everyone in Years 3-6 has their own login in the front of their reading record.

Thank you,
Madame Duley - MFL Lead



MESSAGE RE: TTROCKSTARS

Thank you to all those families and children who are engaging consistently with Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) at home. As we enter our second term of using TTRS at Swalecliffe, the Maths Team wanted to highlight a couple of things. At home, children should only be using the Garage mode. This will then allow them to complete their individual and class heatmap (which can be found on the Garage part of the TTRS website/app). The heatmaps work towards all children turning their times tables green. The target is to answer each question in 6 seconds, which is the time allowed per question in the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check.

Times Tables Rockstars recommend 21 minutes every week to improving fluency of times table facts.

Times Tables Rockstars also have an app, which may work better for some families.

If you have any questions or queries, please do get in touch with Class Teachers or the Maths Team.

Thank you,
Mrs McLean, Miss Smith and Mrs Roy
The Maths Team



YEAR R NATIVITY

The Year R children will be performing their Nativity on Tuesday 2nd December at 9.15am and Wednesday 3rd December at 2.15pm. Families will be able to take their children straight home if you attend the performance on the Wednesday.

Although we welcome the wider family, we ask that you only attend **one** of the performances so that everyone (including the children) can enjoy these. No booking is required just turn up on your preferred date and enter through the Infant hall.



RIVERSIDE - ALL WRAPPED UP

The All Wrapped Up project aims to support those families in Herne Bay and Whitstable who are currently finding it hard to make ends meet, particularly during the Christmas season.

In December 2024 over 200 families were supported with food vouchers and treat bags to feed over 800 people and over 550 referred children had presents chosen for them at the free Winter Wonderland.

In the current economic climate, many people are finding things very hard, but the purpose of All Wrapped Up is to support those families who are genuinely in need and struggling the most.

All family referrals will include both gifts and food. With the cost of living continually rising, some of us find ourselves in situations that we have not been in before and may be very worried about the upcoming cost of Christmas. This year, it may be your turn for community support due to your current circumstances - next year will be different and you can take your turn in giving back.

If any of the above information will make a difference to you and your family this Christmas time and you would like a referral to All Wrapped Up, please email Ms Hill in confidence at chill@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk and she will be in touch. All family requests need to be passed on to Riverside church by Wednesday 26th November 2025.

Riverside's community vision is that no family should go hungry at Christmas time and no child should go without a few presents. If you would like to make a donation to this community project that makes a big difference to local families, please visit the All Wrapped Up webpage at: <https://www.riversideuk.org/all-wrapped-up>.



PFA CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DAYS

This year, we wanted to let you know in advance what days your children will be visiting Christmas Shopping with their class. This is optional of course and your child does not have to take part but they do love it. They can buy one present should you wish. If you do wish for your child to take part, see the information from our PFA on page 7 of this newsletter. If your child is in 3P, please bear with us if they are running 5 minutes late at the end of the day on the Thursday. If you would like to discuss the shopping from your child's point of view then email class teacher, Miss Garton or Miss Hill.

P.F.A CHRISTMAS Shopping 2025

Thursday 27th November and Friday 28th November

THURSDAY - TIMES	CLASSES	FRIDAY - TIMES	CLASSES
8.50	6P	9.00	3G
9.10	6G	9.20	5G
9.30	6H	9.40	5P
9.50	RP	10.00	5H
10.10	RG	10.20	4P
10.30	RH	10.45	4G
10.50	1KG	11.05	4H
11.10	1MA		
1.20	2G		
1.40	2H		
2.00	2P		
2.20	3H		
2.40	3P		



PARENT FRIENDS ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Christmas Shopping - Thursday 27th & Friday 28th November 2025

We're excited that our much-loved Christmas Shopping event for the children will be happening again this year! It will take place during school hours on **Thursday 27th** and **Friday 28th November**, and it's always a festive highlight.

Here's how it works:

Children visit our special Christmas Shop and choose small gifts for family, friends (and even pets!). We wrap them up and send them home ready for the big day.

Gifts cost £2.75 each, and children can pick 1 to 10 gifts.

Categories include: adult male, adult female, child, baby, dog, and cat.

To take part, please visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/swalecliffe/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=107359> by **Wednesday 26th November** to choose and pay for gifts.

A few extra notes:

For siblings, our preference is gifts are divided between them at the online ordering phase to accommodate for the class shopping schedule. If this is not possible or you have any other queries please email us: swalecliffepfa@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk

Gift labels will be sent home at the start of shopping week to populate with recipients names to help the children with their shopping. Please fill them in and send them back with a bag for the gifts on the shopping days. It is helpful if our younger children have a list which include ages of the person being bought for.

Can you help us wrap?

We need 18 volunteers per session (Thursday morning & afternoon, Friday morning).

It's a lovely way to get involved - email us if you or someone you know can lend a hand at swalecliffepfa@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk

Thank you for helping make this magical event happen!





PARENT FRIENDS ASSOCIATION EVENTS CONTINUED

Festive Fun - Sunday 7th September 2025

We're getting into the holiday spirit and hope you will join us for an afternoon of Festive Fun at school on Sunday 7th December from 12 to 3pm! Bring your family and friends - there's something for everyone!

Here's a sneak peek at what's in store:

 Visit Father Christmas

Book a slot to meet Santa and receive a special gift! Pre-book [here](#).

 Get active in our 'Games Hall'!

Enjoy festive sports with Mini Athletics, fun stalls and competitions, and our ever-popular inflatable snow globe!

 Relax in our 'Refreshments Hall'

Grab a hot drink or tasty treat, listen to carols from our school choir, and get creative with festive arts and crafts.

 Plus lots more seasonal surprises!

Can you help us make the magic happen?

We're looking for 1-2 adult volunteers per class to help run activities. Slots are:

10:30-12:00 (set up)

12:00-1:30


1:30-3:00

3:00-4:00 (tidy-up crew!)

Email us at: swalecliffepfa@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk

Prize Donations Needed!

We will be collecting items the week before the event - more info to follow about these donations but here is what we are asking each year group to bring:

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 - Chocolate treats for the tombola 

Year 3, 4 & 5 - A bottle of booze 

Year 6 - Mince pies, shortbread or chocolate logs 

We are happy to take any other new prize donations or ideas you have for this event too!

Thank you for your support - we can't wait to celebrate with you !

Canterbury SEND Roadshow

Special Educational Needs and/or
Disabilities Information, Advice and
Guidance Event

Calling all Canterbury families whose child or young person has or may have special educational needs and/or disabilities. Do you want to meet with services that are available in your area? Our SEND roadshow is a place to do just that. We will have a wide range of services in attendance suitable for ages 0 - 25 and their families. No need to book just come along anytime between 9:30am and 11:30am, refreshments will be available.

What families have said about the SEND Roadshows-

"I have more information to support my child's learning"

"all the information I needed in one place"

"what I've been looking for"

Whitstable Family Hub,
Tower Parade,
Whitstable,
CT5 2BJ

9th December 2025

9:30am

11:30am



EMAILS SENT OUT THIS WEEK

Yr R Nativity - Yr R only
Festive Fun Helpers - Year 6 only

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....

To report an absence please email absence@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk, giving your
child's name and class and reason for absence.

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

Telephone Number: 01227 272101

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Website: <https://www.swalecliffeprimary.org/>

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

Homework Guide: [Swalecliffe Community Primary School - Homework](#)