



SWALECLIFFE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning: 06.01.26

This Week's Dates for your Diary

06.01 Term 3 starts
07.01 6P & 6H Forest School
09.01 3P Swimming



Term 3 Dates for your Diary

14.01 Year R Bedtime Stories (an invitation has gone out with the children's Christmas book present but also see below)



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 3 6th January - 13th February
Term 4 23rd February - 2nd April
Term 5 20th April - 22nd May
Term 6 1st June - 17th July



MESSAGE FROM MISS GARTON

Dear Swalecliffe Families,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your support this term. I am always so touched and proud of the spirit of the Swalecliffe community. Our/your children have been superb again during this very busy term with so much going on. Do check out our school Facebook page for photographs of what's been happening.

A heartfelt thank you for our Christmas gifts, cards and well-wishes. Your kind words mean so much to us.

The festive time can be so magical but we also know it can be a tough time for many too. We send all of our love to Mrs Grant's family and Mrs Watson is always in our thoughts.

I thank our amazing staff - all of them - for the kindness and care they give to our children, especially all the hard work that they put into the best 'job' in the world! This term, Mrs Carter (admin team) will be leaving us for an exciting new job and even though we will miss her terribly, we send with her our best wishes of good luck. We also say goodbye to Mr and Mrs Penney. Carol Penney has been a mid-day supervisor and cleaner at Swalecliffe for over 20 years!

Where it all lies though, is with the children at this time of year. For me, they make Christmas! This festive time is always so special at school, and has always been one of my favourite parts of teaching. This year has been no exception! We hope you agree that the children have had some marvellous festive experiences.

We wish you, your families and loved ones the very best that Christmas can bring and look forward to welcoming you all back in 2026. Where does the time go?!

The words 'THANK YOU' are written in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The text is surrounded by several small, yellow, five-pointed stars of varying sizes, scattered around the letters.

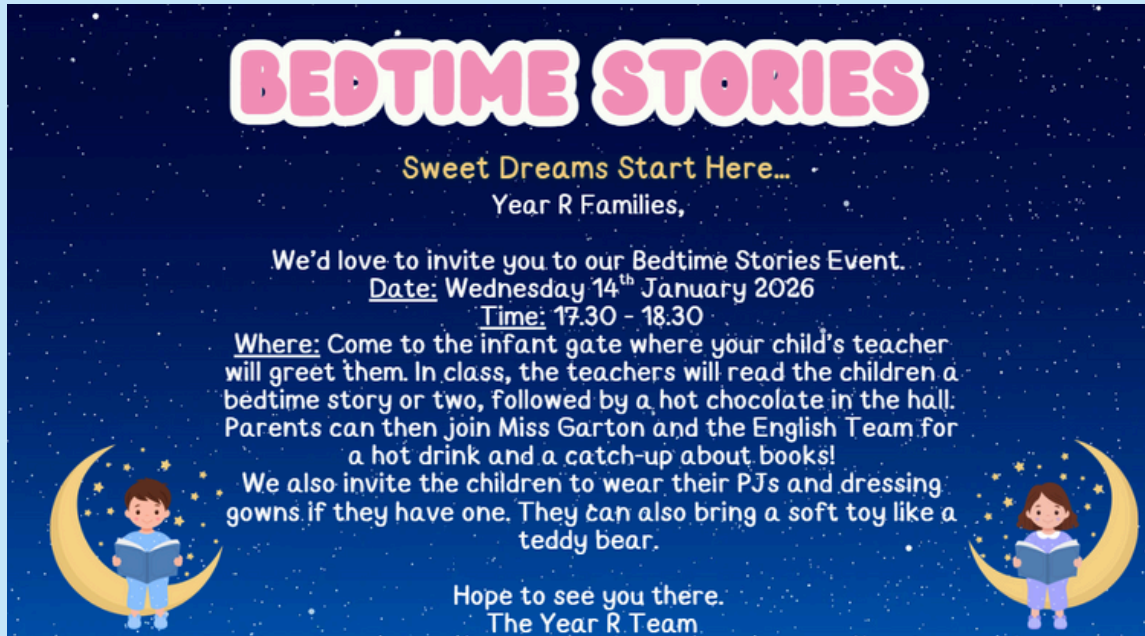
THANK
YOU

Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year,
Miss Garton
(Acting Head of School)

YEAR R BEDTIME STORY EVENING

In the children's present, Year R families will find an invitation to the Year R Bedtime Stories Event.

Thank you to the PFA for funding the books that were given to our Reception children for Christmas.



YEAR 2 SHOEBOX APPEAL

For our Art and Design learning in Term 3, Year 2 will be designing and creating a diorama (small-scale model) using a shoebox as an enclosing space. Each Year 2 child will therefore need one adult-sized shoebox for the start of Term 3, please. We are hopeful that over the

Christmas period, there may be empty shoeboxes in households. If you do have any spare, then your child's Year 2 class will gladly accept these. If possible, please could your child bring their shoebox into school during the first week of Term 3. It would be very helpful if their name was written on the underside of the shoebox. We are attaching a photograph to demonstrate how they will be used.



Many thanks.
Year 2.

ADMISSIONS POLICY CONSULTATION

As a foundation school, we are obliged to consult on our admission policy every 7 years. However, we have always stuck exactly with KCC admissions criteria and are still doing so, but we are therefore consulting for admissions in September 2027. There is an explanatory letter and proposed policy that can be found on the school website in our policies section via the link below:

<https://www.swalecliffeprimary.org/about-us/policies-and-reports/policies>

The consultation closes on 26th January 2026.

PARENT FRIENDS ASSOCIATION EVENTS

The PFA at our school are absolutely brilliant! They go above and beyond working hard to help provide funding for the extras that enrich our children's school life. One aspect of Swalecliffe life where we are very much depending on them is resourcing and improving our OPAL provision.

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

swalecliffepfa@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk



EMAILS SENT OUT THIS WEEK



Teacher Update - Class 1KG
Forest School - Whole School
Term 2 Wellbeing Newsletter
Family Hub Workshops

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

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