



# Swalecliffe Community Primary School

## Year 1 Termly Newsletter

Term 1, 2025-2026

### Key Dates for your Diary this Term



- 8.9** Year R Mornings + lunch – All week
- 11.9** Year 6 Kent Test
- 15.9** Year R – Full time
- 17.9** Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 22.9** Preloved Uniform Sale
- 26.9** Individual School Photos
- 15.10** Flu Vaccinations

- Term 1** 3 September – 17 October
- Term 2** 27 October – 19 December
- Term 3** 6 January – 13 February
- Term 4** 23 February – 2 April
- Term 5** 20 April – 22 May
- Term 6** 1 June – 17 June

**PE** - In Term 1, Year 1 children will continue to have their PE on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Please can the children come into school dressed in their school PE kit on these days. As the colder weather is approaching, we strongly recommend tracksuit bottoms. PE kit should be the school house coloured T-shirt and navy/ black bottoms. The short 'Nike Pro' style of shorts are not suitable for PE at school and should not be worn.

### Message from the Year Group Teachers

Welcome to Year 1! We are so impressed with how well the children have settled into the new routines and expectations! We are also very proud of how many children have been walking into school independently every morning – well done!

We are looking forward to a fun-filled first term in Year 1 with lots of exciting new learning opportunities. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you to make sure that all items of clothing, water bottles and snack pots etc. are named so that if they are mislaid, they can be returned to you. Please also ensure that children's earrings (they are only allowed studs) are taken out or taped up on our PE days (Tuesday and Wednesday). Thank you.

Reading books will start to come home on Monday. Please remember, you do not have to read the whole book each night – the key is little and often 😊 Children will be receiving their homework log in stickers soon, these will be stuck in the inside cover of their reading records.

Lastly, please ensure children bring their reading books and records to school each day so that we can write in and stamp their books whenever we read with them. Please note that children will be taking home a library book in addition to their colour banded reading books. These will go home on a Monday and can be changed the following Monday.

A reminder from Miss Garton that from next week, Year 1 and 2 parents should please say goodbye to their children at the infant gate and let them try walking to their classrooms on their own. We will always support and adapt for any children who are really struggling.

Many thanks,

Mrs Gill and Miss Marshall



## Homework Guidance

As part of our home-school agreement, families agree to be responsible for children completing homework tasks. Homework is set every week for Spelling and Maths, in addition to children reading at home. A link will be provided in the weekly newsletter (next week) with our updated (2025-2026) homework expectations guidance. We will endeavour to support families with online homework but this is a school expectation and helps your child to practise skills for around 15 minutes at home.

This won't go live until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September and homework won't be set until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Our coffee morning in the Infant Hall this term is in support of Macmillan cancer support. Please come and join us for coffee or tea and cake to raise funds for Macmillan from drop off until 9.30am. There will be a cash donation box on the cake table - no minimum donation, as every little helps.

Why come in for coffee on Wednesday 17th September?

- raise funds for Macmillan
- meet other parents
- chat to friends with a cup of coffee or tea and some cake
- celebrate that it's the middle of the week
- ask questions and share experiences
- have a relaxing moment just for you!

Our school coffee mornings are very informal and mums, dads, grandparents, carers, aunties, uncles and friends of the family are ALL very welcome.

Cake donations, homemade or shop-bought, will all be gratefully received, but please ensure they do not contain any nuts to follow our school policy of being a nut-free zone. Cake donations may be dropped off on Tuesday afternoon (16th September) from 3.00pm to the school office or after 8.15am on Wednesday morning to the Infant Hall.

Thank you Miss Hill  
(Wellbeing and Mental Health Lead)



## PFA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

The PFA will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 3.10. This will be held in the courtyard next to ABC – through the green gate. If it does look like the weather isn't going to be great then we will let you know where this will be moved to inside.

Donations can be made by cash or card.



## Emails/Letters Sent This Week

Letter from Executive Headteacher – Whole School  
Letter from Head of School re: Welcome Back  
Flu Vaccine Reminder – Whole School  
Yr R NCMP Screening Letter

## Contact Information

If you need to contact the school, you can do so by emailing the [office@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk) or using the link on our website; <https://www.swalecliffeprimary.org/contact-details/>

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

**Wellbeing Team Contact Form** -This will be sent directly to the Wellbeing Team and will be treated in complete confidence – <https://www.swalecliffeprimary.org/wellbeing/>

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

Executive Head: Mr Ben Cooper  
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## Useful Links on our Website

**Swalecliffe School Website for general information -**

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

Useful links, i.e. the Medication form, Data Collection form, Walking Permissions form, Pupil Premium Form, Pre-Owned School Uniform, Birthday Books and many others can be found on our school website in the Parents section -

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