



Swalecliffe Community Primary School

Year 1 Termly Newsletter

Term 2, 2025–2026

Key Dates for your Diary this Term



03.11 Class photo in local newspaper

05.11 Open Morning for 2026 Year R families

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11.11 Parents Evening 17.00 to 19.00

13.11 Parents Evening 15.30 – 17.30

Booking via Arbor

12.11 Positive Noticing Day

24.11 Year 5 Spooky Story Day

26.11 Year 6 World War Two Day

27.11 & 28.11 PFA Christmas Shopping

02.12 Year R Nativity

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04.12 Year 1 Magic and Mystery Day

07.12 PFA Festive Fun

10.12 Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch

18.12 Class Christmas Parties

More details will follow about Christmas

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

PE - In Term 2, Year 1 children will continue to have their PE on Tuesday and Wednesday. 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 schoolhouse-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. It is advisable that children do not wear earrings on these days; however, if they do, please ensure they are studs, and these will need to be covered by tape for the lesson. Hoops are not allowed in school due to health and safety precautions.

Forest School – The children should come into school wearing the 'top half' of their uniform with 'forest-appropriate bottom half': leggings, tracksuit bottoms or jeans. Please provide (in a carrier bag) shoes/wellies to change into for Forest School that can get mucky. In the colder weather, please make sure they have a coat and perhaps a hat and gloves. Thank you.

Message from the Year Group Teachers

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break!

Firstly, we would like to say a very big thank you to all the families that visited the Horsebridge for our art exhibition last term. The children's artwork looked fantastic, and we hope you enjoyed seeing it on display. Another thank you to everybody that donated money as part of the children's entrepreneurial life skills challenge – we are pleased to say that we raised an impressive £110 in total! The money will be used to hire a magician for our upcoming 'Magic and Mystery' Day.

We are looking forward to another exciting term with the children. To support the learning that we will be doing we will be holding a 'Magic and Mystery' Day for the children. For this, the children are welcome to dress up in a magical/mysterious outfit of their choice – more information regarding this day to follow.

As the weather is getting colder, please can we remind all children to bring a named winter coat to school each day. We will continue to make the most of our outdoor learning environment and wouldn't want anyone getting cold!

Well done to all of the children who are reading daily at home, keep it up! Please ensure that reading records come into school with the children every day so that we can record any reading that they do in school. A reminder that children also take home a school library book alongside their colour banded reading book. These books are changed weekly during our library slot (Monday) so do remember to bring them in on this day.

One last reminder, Spelling Shed homework goes live on a Monday at 3pm and runs until the Sunday at 7pm. Well done to the children who are already regularly engaging with this. The children's logins for Spelling Shed can be found on a sticker on the inside cover of their reading records.

Mrs Gill and Miss Marshall

Homework Guidance

As part of our home-school agreement, families agree to be responsible for children completing homework. Homework is set online every week for Spelling and Times table practice, through Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars. (Log-in details can be found in their reading record book). In addition to this, we value reading as the most important home activity and would expect that children read at home every school day. Please use the following link to read through our homework expectations: <https://www.swalecliffeprimary.org/parents/homework>

Emails/Letters sent this week

Positive Noticing Day – Whole School

Contact Information

If you need to contact the school, you can do so by emailing the 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 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

Executive Head: Mr Ben Cooper

Head of School (Acting): Miss Leah Garton

Deputy Head (Acting): Mrs Kate Roy

Phase Leader: Mrs Back

Inclusion Lead: Julie Deeks

Mental Health & Wellbeing Lead: Ms Carrie Hill

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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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