



Swalecliffe Community Primary School

Year 1 Termly Newsletter

Term 3, 2025–2026

Key Dates for your Diary this Term

27.01 Opal Donation Morning

Term 3: Tuesday 6th January - Friday 13 February

Term 4: Monday 23rd February – Thursday 2nd April

Term 5: Monday 20th April – 22nd May

Term 6: Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July



PE - In Term 3, 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 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

Dear Parents / Guardians,

This term we have lots to look forward to. Our Geography learning will culminate in a walk around our local area (date to be confirmed). In DT, we will design and create delicious fruit salads. We will be asking parents and guardians to provide the fruit but will send home more information nearer the time. The children enjoyed improving their singing skills in Music last term and this term we will introduce their first musical instrument - the ocarina! The children are continuing to enjoy the opportunity to direct their own learning for part of the day during our Child Initiated sessions. We would appreciate any 'junk modelling' resources so if you have any boxes or packaging lying around after Christmas, please send them in.

Thank you very much to everyone who takes the time to read with their child and to help them complete their Spelling Shed phonics activities. It really makes a huge difference! We will be introducing Maths homework from next week and this will be given out on a Monday as a slip of paper. The focus will be on counting skills and number sequences, and the children will not be expected to keep a record of what they do or to bring it in to share with us. It is purely for you to do at home together so the children can practise their skills with you. The expectation is that you help your child complete their activity, such as practising counting to 20 and back, a couple of times each week. Occasionally, it will include a link to a free online activity or website. If this is an issue, please let us know and we will provide an alternative idea.

Inclusive Sport started an after-school club at Swalecliffe last week for Years 1 and 2. Numbers are still low at the moment so we wanted to remind families in case you were looking for a club. This is run by Louie who we are very proud to say actually came to Swalecliffe!

Many thanks,

Mrs Marshall and Miss Fry

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. (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>

Census Day Lunch

There will be a change to the advertised menu on Thursday 15th January. We would like to encourage anyone that would like to try a school dinner to do so on this day.

The menu will be: sausage, omelette and hash browns.

Please book in the usual way via Parent Pay.



OPAL Bingo

Our first OPAL Bingo Collection Morning will be on Tuesday 27th January. I wrote to you about this in the Term 2 OPAL Newsletter. Myself and Mrs Roy will be based on the junior playground (weather permitting or in the junior hall if it is raining) to collect your donations. Each class has a Bingo card to earn extra Golden Time that week. Here is a reminder of what we need please ...

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO

<p>crates</p>	<p>canes</p>	<p>containers with lids</p>	<p>cable spools</p>	<p>tarpaulin</p>
<p>large clips</p>	<p>suitcases</p>	<p>wooden cooking spoons</p>	<p>scarves hats and shirts for dress up</p>	<p>bags of soil</p>
<p>toy diggers and tractors</p>	<p>children's buggies or strollers</p>	<p>plastic sledges</p>	<p>old electronics</p>	<p>metal sink</p>

rigid paddling pool	cable ties	gaffer tape	board games	rope
				

We are also pleased to announce that we have appointed a new OPAL Play Co-Ordinator, Mrs Forster, who will working hard to move things forward.

Thank you,

Miss Garton



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

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