



# Swalecliffe Community Primary School

## Year 3 Termly Newsletter

Term 3 2025–2026

### Key Dates for your Diary this Term:



27.01 Opal Donation Morning

04.02 3P Forest School

11.02 3H & 3G Forest school

Term 3: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Term 4: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Term 5: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Term 6: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**PE** - In Term 3, Year 3 children will continue to have their PE on Wednesdays & Fridays. 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.

**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

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back and a very happy New Year to you all! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for the lovely Christmas gifts, cards and best wishes that we received.

We are excited to start our new term of learning. In English, we will be using the Anthony Browne story, 'Voices in the Park' to inspire our story writing from different characters' perspectives. Anthony Browne is a local and well-recognised author. We will be developing our mapping skills in Geography and will be applying our skills and knowledge to mapping the school playground. In DT, we will be making photo frames and will be sending out requests for photographs and cardboard boxes soon so do keep an eye out for this. We are also starting to use handwriting pens this term too! Pens will be provided by school.

Many children have been successful in turning part of their times tables heatmap green on 'Times Table Rockstars' (knowing their times tables in 6 seconds or less) and we would love to see even more green! Please could you remind your children to practise their times tables regularly.

Please also encourage your children to complete their Spelling Shed assignments and read daily. We are trying to make sure that children remember to take reading books and records daily; please could you encourage your children to bring them into school every day.

With the weather turning cold, please ensure your child has a coat in school every day as we still spend lots of time outside during the winter months.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Bailey, Miss Clarke and Miss McArthur

## 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.swalecliffprimary.org/parents/homework>

## Census Day Lunch

There will be a change to the advertised menu on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> January. I wrote to you about this in the Term 2 OPAL Newsletter. Mrs Roy and I 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

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

<b>rigid paddling pool</b> 	<b>cable ties</b> 	<b>gaffer tape</b> 	<b>board games</b> 	<b>rope</b> 
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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

Acting Head of School



## 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)

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