



Swalecliffe Community Primary School

Year 5 Termly Newsletter

Term 3, 2025–2026

Key Dates for your Diary this Term



14.01 5P Forest School
21.01 5H & 5G Forest School
27.01 Opal Donation Morning

Term 3: Tuesday 6th January - Friday 13th 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 5 children will continue to have their PE on Mondays and Thursdays. 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.

Message from the Year Group Teachers

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 5 families a happy and healthy 2026. Thank you so much for your kind gifts, cards, and messages; they are greatly appreciated by the whole team.

The children were absolutely amazing last term and we had much to celebrate. They were incredibly proud of the fantastic Batik artwork and wooden bridges they produced, which were new experiences for many of them. We have some wonderful learning opportunities planned for this term as well.

As the term begins, we would like to share a few reminders:

- Homework - Please continue to encourage your children to complete their homework each week. This includes daily reading (with comments in reading records), Spelling Shed, and TTRockstars.
- Winter Clothing - Please ensure that your child brings a named winter coat to school every day. Shorts are not permitted at this time of the year.

As always, thank you for your continued support,

Miss Carter, Miss Donnelly, and Mr Nogueira

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 15th January. We would like to encourage anyone that would like to try a school dinner to do so on this day.

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. 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

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

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