



# SWALECLIFFE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning: 26.01.26

### This Week's Dates for your Diary

**27.01** Opal Donation Morning

**28.01** 4P & 4H Forest School

**30.01** 2G Swimming



### Term 3 Dates for your Diary

**03.02** Drumming Concert (drum students only)

**04.02** Year 1 Local Walk

**05.02** Year R Chinese Dance Workshop

**06.02** Year 2 Open Library (8.15am)

**13.02** PFA Valentine's Disco



### P.E Days - Reminder

Yr R Thurs

Yr 1 Tues & Wed

Yr 2 Mon & Fri

Yr 3 Wed & Fri

Yr 4 Thurs & Fri

Yr 5 Mon & Thurs

Yr 6 Mon & Wed

### Term Dates

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

Term 4 23<sup>rd</sup> February - 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Term 5 20<sup>th</sup> April - 22<sup>nd</sup> May

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



# OPAL BINGO COLLECTION

Our first OPAL Bingo Collection Morning will be on Tuesday 27th January. We 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 ...

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

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|---|--|---|--|--|
| <b>rigid paddling pool</b><br> | <b>cable ties</b><br> | <b>gaffer tape</b><br> | <b>board games</b><br> | <b>rope</b><br> |
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Also look out for our Amazon OPAL Wish List coming soon!

Thank you,  
The OPAL Play Team





## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT SCHOOL

We would like to remind families that children are not permitted to bring sweets, chocolates or homemade cakes into school on their birthdays.

This helps us to:

- Keep all children safe, particularly those with food allergies and intolerances;
- Promote healthy eating habits;
- Ensure fairness and consistency across all classes.

We still love to celebrate children's birthdays in school and teachers will continue to acknowledge these special days in ways that do not involve food.

One birthday 'scheme' that we do run at school is birthday books. If you scan the QR code below, it will take to an online bookshop called 'A New Chapter' which is an indie bookshop where we have a wishlist:



If you do order a book online, please make sure that you select the books for Swalecliffe CP School as there is another school with the name Swalecliffe. The book will be sent directly to us so ensure your child's full name is on the order. I will then put a plaque in the book dedicated to your child and it will be shared with the class on their special day so order in plenty of time.

The Little Green Book Shop in Herne Bay also have our school wish list that you can use if you prefer to support a local business. Jacqui and her team are wonderful to us: they come along to our staff book group, bring us books and are just a huge support to our school in terms of reading.

Thank you for your understanding and support,  
Miss Garton - Acting Head of School

# ENGLISH

This has been shared with our Years 1-6 children in assemblies but of course Year R can join in too! We've had some wonderful entries already!  
Thank you.



**Swalecliffe Community Primary School**  
**Writing Competition 2026**

Our wonderful English Subject Champions are keen to develop a love of writing in our school community so they have been thinking of ideas to get you writing more at home. This term, they will be running a writing competition.

**Theme:** Our Champs would like you to write about a person who you think is inspirational and has overcome obstacles. This person might be a person you actually know or a person who motivates you from the past or present. They might be a bit more well-known. Think No Outsiders!



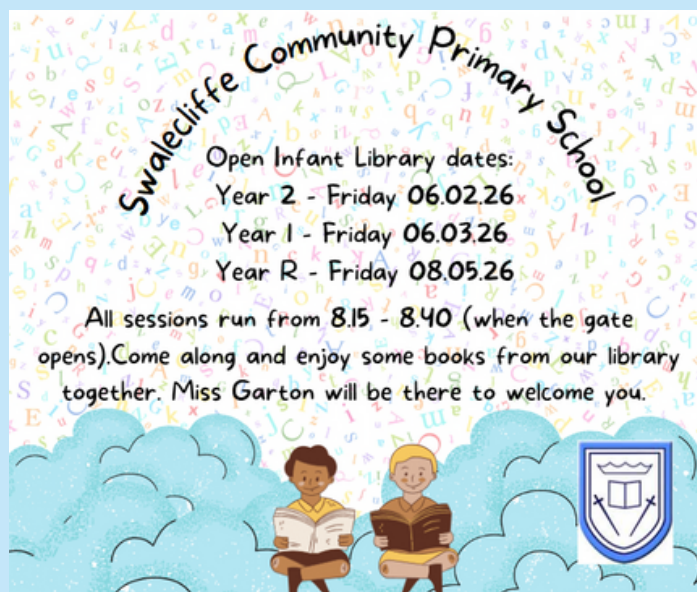
**Purpose:** To entertain, to persuade or to inform. You can choose how you want to write about your chosen person. Perhaps a fact file, a biography, a newspaper article, a poem, a story, a letter ...

**Entries:** The competition is open to all year groups. Year R - you might like to draw a picture of your person with a caption. Make sure your name and class are on the back of the writing and do add decorations/illustrations. Think about your presentation. Take your entries to the office.

**Deadline:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February and winners will be announced the following week. Certificates/ prizes will be awarded.

**We can't wait to read your entries!**  
**Miss Garton, Mrs Montgomery & the English Subject Champions**


We are also pleased to be able to share our Open Infant Library dates ...



**Swalecliffe Community Primary School**

Open Infant Library dates:  
Year 2 - Friday 06.02.26  
Year 1 - Friday 06.03.26  
Year R - Friday 08.05.26

All sessions run from 8.15 - 8.40 (when the gate opens). Come along and enjoy some books from our library together. Miss Garton will be there to welcome you.



## CANTERBURY FOOD BANK - HALF TERM FOOD PARCELS

We have been approached by Canterbury Food Bank, offering half term holiday food parcels for children who attend at Swalecliffe.

Please email Ms Hill directly in confidence: [chill@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk](mailto:chill@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk) by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January if you would like to receive this support.



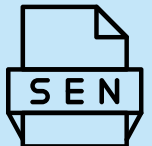
Thank you,  
Miss Hill  
Wellbeing and Mental Health Lead

## SEND MATTERS

Please note that we have a new and separate email address for SEND matters from our office email.

This will enable us to be able to ensure that these are not lost in the main office account and to ensure that we are able to respond in timely fashion. We hope that this will help going forward... This will be the new address which will appear in the contact section of the weekly newsletter.

[sen@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk](mailto:sen@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk)



## LOST PROPERTY

Our Lost Property bins are full up again! Lots of the items are unnamed including jumpers/cardigans, coats, hats, gloves, water bottles, lunch boxes and snack pots. Please come to the school office to look for any lost items. Any items not claimed by next Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January will be donated to the PFA.

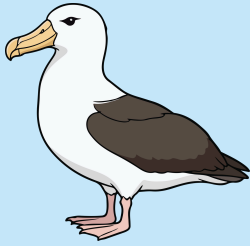
Please help us to return lost items to your child by labelling them clearly.

Thank you for your support.



## ATTENDANCE

For the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> January House winners were:



Gulls with 93.99%

The class winners were ...

RG with 99.07%

## PARENT FRIENDS ASSOCIATION EVENTS

The PFA at our school are absolutely brilliant! They go above and beyond working hard to help provide funding for the extras that enrich our children's school life. One aspect of Swalecliffe life where we are very much depending on them is resourcing and improving our OPAL provision.

The PFA do rely on volunteers to help at our events so if you can then contact any of the PFA Team on the following email:  
[swalecliffepfa@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk](mailto:swalecliffepfa@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk)

Also, the date has now been confirmed for the Valentine's Disco: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

More information to follow.



## EMAILS SENT OUT THIS WEEK



TikTok Parents Guide - Year 6  
Contact Details - All Years

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

To report an absence please email [absence@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk), giving your child's name and class and reason for absence.

**For SEN matters please email [sen@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk](mailto:sen@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk)**

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 Headteacher: Mr Ben Cooper

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