



Swalecliffe Community Primary School

Year R Termly Newsletter

Term 4, 2025–2026

Key Dates for your Diary this Term



02.03 Class Photos

05.03 World Book Day

10.03 Parents Evening

12.03 Parents Evening

01.04 Yr R Hearing & Vision Screening

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Term 4 – Monday 23rd February – Thursday
2nd April 2026

Term 5 – Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May
2026

Term 6 – Monday 1st June – Thursday 16th July
2026

PE - In Term 4, Year R children will continue to have their PE on a Thursday. Please can the children come into school dressed in their school PE kit on these days, with shorts underneath their tracksuit bottoms. In the colder weather, we strongly recommend tracksuit bottoms. PE kit should be the school house coloured T-shirt and navy/ black bottoms.

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

What a fabulous Term 3 we had! All classes enjoyed a muddy exploration of our forest noticing signs of winter and creature that inhabit it. The Chinese New Year celebrations were very exciting! Thank you for your contributions enabling the children to take part in a Chinese dance session and food tasting! The dragon dances were dramatic and the peacock fan dances beautiful.





This term, we will continue our forest explorations looking for signs of spring and completing challenges in the woods.

Even though the weather is improving at times, please ensure your child still has a waterproof coat at school as we still play in the light rain.

We are so impressed with the reading progress all children are making; you will have noticed dramatic changes and increasing confidence too! Thank you for listening to your child read daily – it makes a huge impact on their reading development, speed and enjoyment!

Well done to all the children walking in independently to school from the gate. It is lovely to see their proud smiles. So many are trying hard to do this and you can support them by trying small steps like talking them through putting their things away themselves.



Thank you,
Ms Clee, Mrs Denby, Ms Hill, Mrs Sanders and Mrs Watson

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 Yr1-6, 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 all children read at home every school day. Please use the following link to read through our homework expectations: <https://www.swalecliffprimary.org/parents/homework>

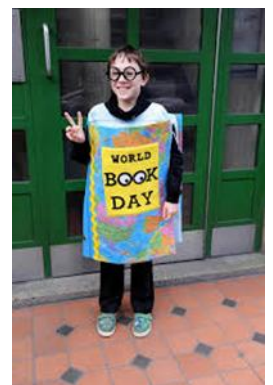
Emails/Letters sent this week

Parents Consultation – Whole School

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March – A Reminder

This year is the National Year of Reading which is also our theme for the day. We would like the children to come dressed as anything that demonstrates how wonderful reading is and what they love about reading! Ideas include: a sound, a word, a book, an author/ poet, a character, wearing a decorated T-Shirt that celebrates reading, a reading fairy or a book worm for example.

We do encourage families to look for what they have at home that might help create a costume or perhaps think about how the children can help make something. We really don't want our families spending lots of money buying costumes.



The children will be given an opportunity to talk about their costume to their classmates and there will be certificates and prizes on the day. On the day, there will also be an opportunity for the whole school to share their costumes.

Family 'Reading Morning'

On the morning of World Book Day, we would like to invite you into your child/ children's classroom(s). Come in through the gate at drop-off time with your child. Then go straight into their classroom. This will be running until 9.10 and we will close the gates promptly at 9.15. It will be an opportunity to share books or do some book-based activities with your child/ children at school.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Garton and Mrs Montgomery (English Team)

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

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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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