



Swalecliffe Community Primary School

Year R Termly Newsletter

Term 3, 2025–2026

Key Dates for your Diary this Term

27.01 Opal Donation Morning
05.02 Chinese New Year Workshop

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 R** children will continue to have their PE on Thursday. 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. Trainers rather than plimsolls.

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.

Please see dates and times for the Forest School sessions for Term 3 and 4:

Term	Class	Date & Time	Term	Class	Date & Time
3	RG	16.01.26 (morning)	4	RG	13.03.26 (afternoon)
3	RP	13.01.26 (morning)	4	RP	20.03.26 (afternoon)
3	RH	27.01.26 (morning)	4	RH	20.03.26 (afternoon)

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 cards, gifts and best wishes that we received - they were very much appreciated.

We are looking forward to the Chinese Dance workshop in February (a separate email will follow). The Year R classes will each have an hour-long workshop to learn how to perform the traditional dragon dance; a fan dance and sample traditional foods to celebrate Chinese New Year. This is always a lovely event for the Year R children as they learn about the Chinese customs and culture.

With the cold and wet weather please ensure your child can now do up their own coat and all gloves and hats are named. It is lovely to see so many children leaving their grown-ups at the gate and coming into school independently; we look forward to all children achieving this by the half-term holiday. Important messages can be given to the adult on the gate, the office in person or email, staff are available at the end of day too.

We are so proud of the children's reading progress please sign the record book every time your child reads at home. We are looking forward to our Bedtime Stories event next week! We hope the children enjoy being at school in their pyjamas but please note the change in time to 5-6pm due to the cold weather we are experiencing!

BEDTIME STORIES

Sweet Dreams Start Here...

Year R Families,

We'd love to invite you to our Bedtime Stories Event.

Date: Wednesday 14th January 2026

Time: 17.00 - 18.00

Where: Come to the infant gate where your child's teacher will greet them. In class, the teachers will read the children a bedtime story or two, followed by a hot chocolate in the hall. Parents can then join Miss Garton and the English Team for a hot drink and a catch-up about books!

We also invite the children to wear their PJs and dressing gowns if they have one. They can also bring a soft toy like a teddy bear.

Hope to see you there.
The Year R Team



Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Clee, Mrs Denby, Miss Hill and Mrs Sanders

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. 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
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 be working hard to move things forward.

Thank you,

Miss Garton

Acting Head of School



Emails/Letters sent this week

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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