



SWALECLIFFE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning: 16.03.26

This Week's Dates for your Diary

16.03 Year 6 Down House Trip 1

18.03 RH & RP Forest School

20.03 Red Nose Day
2H Swimming



Term 4 Dates for your Diary

24.03 Year 6 Down House Trip 2

01.04 PFA Easter Event

01.04 - 02.04 Year R Vision & Hearing
Screenings

30.03 Year 2 Knights & Castles Day



P.E Days - Reminder

Yr R Thurs

Yr 1 Tues & Wed

Yr 2 Mon & Fri

Yr 3 Tues & Fri - **note change for Term 4**

Yr 4 Thurs & Fri

Yr 5 Mon & Thurs

Yr 6 Mon & Wed

Term Dates

Term 4 23rd February - 2nd April

Term 5 20th April - 22nd May

Term 6 1st June - 17th July



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2026

This week our children have been celebrating British Science Week. **British Science Week**, run by the **British Science Association**, is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, featuring entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages.

At Swalecliffe, the children put their science skills into action by investigating the following questions:

Reception and Year 1 - What happens when crayons get warm?

Year 2 - What makes the best hankie when you have a cold?

Year 3 - Does toast always land butter side down?

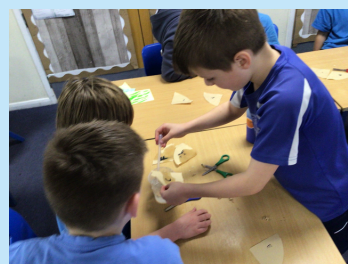
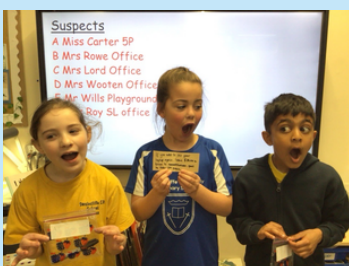
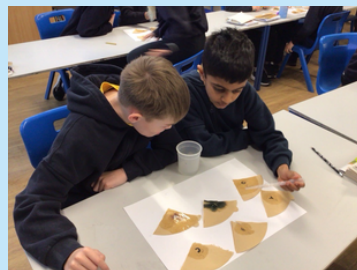
Year 4 - How can I tell different black inks apart?

Year 5 - What's the best design for a paper aeroplane? How do boats float?

Year 6 - How do birds build their nests?

There was also an online assembly with Dr Sai Pathmanatha who is a science education consultant who develops hands-on science activities, educational resources and writes non-fiction children's books.

She spoke to the children about Science Outdoors and what we can learn from nature (in the spirit of using our Science Garden more frequently and revamping this space). Thank you to Ms McIntosh, our Science Lead, for organising these wonderful opportunities



CAR PARK SAFETY

Please ensure that all children use the pathways in and out of site, at both the Junior and Infant entrances as we have observed (especially at the end of the day) children walking into the car park and across parking spaces rather than remaining on the pathway.

We would also advise the use of the middle gate into the alleyway rather than using the Infant car park exit. Even if the barriers are down, the children should not walk across the car parks please.

This is due to the car park being in use during these times.

CATERLINK SURVEY

As you are aware, Caterlink are carrying out an annual pupil survey to assist them in improving their catering service and they would value the opportunity to gather your opinions.

Please find below the link for the survey. The survey closes on 27th March 2026

Primary Pupil Survey Link - [click here.](#)



OPAL DONATIONS



Our brilliant OPAL Co-Ordinator, Mrs Forster, is constantly on the hunt for OPAL resources and equipment on Facebook Marketplace. She is still on the lookout for a caravan and some of the more unusual things I wrote about in our last OPAL newsletter but there is a constant need to refresh OPAL resources in a school of our size. Facebook Marketplace is cash-friendly so we have put a cash donations box in the foyer so if you ever have any spare coins, please pop them in - we would be so grateful.

Thank you.



RED NOSE DAY 2026



On Friday 20th March, we will be taking part in Red Nose Day. We are asking the children to wear as much red as they can!! There will be no donation buckets on the gates so please can we ask for you to donate using the QR code below.



HOW YOUR MONEY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Whatever you do this Red Nose Day, the money you raise will help support incredible projects that get people the basics they need, from shelter and safety to food and essential supplies, right across the UK and around the world.

<p>HELP FEED CHILDREN</p> <p>£5</p> <p>could help feed a child for a day at a community hub during school holidays in the UK, stopping them from going hungry.</p>	<p>SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE</p> <p>£10</p> <p>could help provide after school lessons for a child seeking safety in the UK, helping them progress in their education.</p>	<p>A PLACE TO CALL HOME</p> <p>£25</p> <p>could provide a young person in the UK who has experienced homelessness with a starter pack, helping them to take the first step towards finding independence in a new home.</p>
<p>THE BEST START IN LIFE</p> <p>£36</p> <p>could equip 20 students in South Africa with the stationary and basic learning resources they need for a month, helping them complete homework, and supporting their ongoing education.</p>	<p>HELP FAMILIES GET BY</p> <p>£100</p> <p>could provide a week's worth of baby supplies for the families in the UK struggling to meet their basic needs.</p>	<p>HELP PROVIDE LIFE'S ESSENTIALS</p> <p>£250</p> <p>could provide a community shower harvesting system, ensuring clean water access for a school or water aid group in a community facing water insecurity in South Africa.</p>

COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY

FRIDAY 20 MARCH

Red Nose Day is an initiative of Comic Relief, operating across all charity regions and charity in England (0800 200000) and Scotland (0800 700 000) and is managed by a committee representing England's (0800 200000), Scotland (0800 700 000), Wales (0800 200000) and Northern Ireland (0800 200000) regions and the Red Nose Day Trust, which is a registered charity in England and Wales (1130549) and Northern Ireland (1130549). Comic Relief is a registered charity in England and Wales (1130549) and Northern Ireland (1130549).

CANTERBURY FOOD BANK EASTER HOLIDAY SUPPORT



We have received an email from Canterbury Food Bank, who are preparing their end of term school holiday food parcels.

Canterbury Food Bank provides school holiday food parcels to families in need across the Canterbury district to help bridge the gap when children are not in school.

If you feel that this would be helpful for you and your family over the Easter break and would like to receive this support, please email Ms Hill directly in confidence (chill@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk) by Friday 20th March.

CHESTFIELD CRICKET CLUB

COME AND TRY

CRICKET

KWIKS SCHOOL YEARS 1 - 4

COME AND TRY KWIK (SOFTBALL) CRICKET THIS SUMMER!

@CHESTFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Tuesdays 5pm - 6pm

Come and try - your first session is free!
£80 for Season Membership & Training

Please email: chestfieldccmembership@gmail.com
to secure your space (limited to coaching numbers)

Starting 21st April 2026

Chestfield Cricket Club
Grasmere Road, Chestfield.

Social clubhouse open all evening.

ATTENDANCE

For the week beginning 9th March House Winners were:



Puffins with 95.52%

The class winners were ...

5H with 100%



EMAILS SENT OUT THIS WEEK



6P Class Split - Down House trip
Respect for Staff - Whole school

CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you need to contact the school, you can do so by emailing office@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk or using the link on our website:

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....

To report an absence please email 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

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 Headteacher: Mr Ben Cooper

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Deputy Head (Acting): Mrs Kate Roy

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