



# SWALECLIFFE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning: 01.06.26

### This Week's Dates for your Diary

**01.06** Term 6 starts

**04.06** Year 5 CATs parent meeting

Yr 6 PGL parent meeting

**05.06** French Day

2P Swimming



### Term 6 Dates for your Diary

**Week Beginning 08.06** Year 1

Phonics screening

Year 4 MTC check

**18.06** Year 3 Roman Day

**19.06** PFA Summer Disco

**19.06-22.06** Year 6 PGL

**26.06** Sports Day

**05.07** PFA Summer Event



### 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 & Tues (note change for Term 5)

Yr 6 Mon & Wed

### Term Dates

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

Term 1 3<sup>rd</sup> September - 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Term 2 2<sup>nd</sup> November - 18<sup>th</sup> December

Term 3 5<sup>th</sup> January - 12<sup>th</sup> February



## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER



Despite this being a short term, it is always an incredibly busy one in school, with Year 6 SATs, getting the details of our new Reception children and much much more. Hopefully the weather that we have had today will extend into the May Bank Holiday and the whole of the half term (and sports day when it comes on 26<sup>th</sup> June)!

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Clayton today, as she moves on to pastures new at Christchurch University, after many years of service as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. She will of course be missed and we are very grateful for all she has done for the children of Swalecliffe School.

I am also writing to update you on the school's Leadership Team.

This week, we held interviews for the post of permanent Deputy Headteacher and I am delighted to let you know that **Mrs Roy has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher at Swalecliffe on a permanent basis.**

This now resolves the substantive Deputy Headteacher role which became vacant on Miss Garton's appointment to the Head of School position, and with as much continuity as we could have hoped for.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a public thank you to the leaders and governors at Whitstable Juniors for allowing us to borrow Mrs Roy at short notice in July last year, this is what co-operative working is all about. We have made sure that we are both sharing the news with our respective parents today, as I know Mrs Roy will be missed there, of course, and that we are lucky to have her at Swalecliffe.

Anyway, a huge well done to Mrs Roy.

## A WONDERFUL WEEK

We love to be able to celebrate all the wonderful things that have been going on at our Swalecliffe:

**National Numeracy Day** - Thank you for support in helping our children come to school in number-themed attire. Lots of number fluency fun happened around school all day and the children loved the Times Tables Rock Stars competition. Winners will be announced soon.



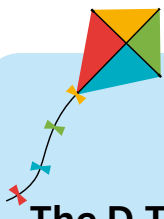
**Year R** - Our Year R children had a fantastic free taster session with 'Boogie Tots'. They had the best time. The session combined action nursery rhymes, popular TV theme songs, and classic pop hits in a relaxed, dance atmosphere. The year group have also been learning about 'People Who Help Us' and were visited by PC Clarke and PC Harrison, as well Dr Balmer (a parent at our school). They talked to our children about their jobs and they even got to go in a police car.



**OPAL** - Thank you for your donations this week. We've also been given some windsurfing boards by a family who used to attend our school. Look at for how we use these on our school Facebook.



Happy half term! Miss Garton



## LET'S GO FLY A KITE COMPETITION

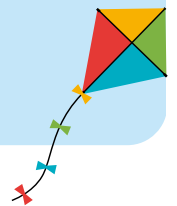


The D.T Subject Champions invite everyone in Year R to Year 6 to enter our 'Let's Go Fly a Kite' competition.

1. We will be looking for bright and colourful home-made kites- a fabulous design is key!
2. Your kite will need to be able to fly behind you, when you run along holding the string. It's all about the engineering - will it work?
3. Your kite needs to be at least A4 in size for visible impact!
4. You can use recycled materials from home to make your kite, so think lightweight: plastic bags, card, paper plates, gift wrap, ribbons. Here are some ideas to get you started...

**Get creative over the half term break!**

**Hand in your fabulous kites to Mrs Sanders RG, with your name and class clearly labelled by Friday 10th June.**



## PHONICS SCREENING

During the week beginning **8th June**, the Year 1 children (and some Year 2) will be taking part in a Phonics Screening Check. During this check, children will be asked to read 40 real and nonsense words. Please note that this is done in a very 'low-key way' and will not feel like any kind of test for the children. Children will be bringing home a phonics pack to practise at home in the lead up to this. Please see the Year 1 Phonics Screening Guide sent home today. If you have Year 2 child and have received the guide, then they will be sitting the Phonics Screening this year.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,  
Miss Back (Phonics and Early Reading Lead)



## FRENCH DAY



Exciting news! Boys, girls and teachers from L'Ecole Daudet in Dainville, France will be visiting our school on **Friday 5th June**. Although they are coming to practise English, we have decided to have a French themed day and do some fun activities in French. Everyone in KS1 and KS2 is welcome to come to school in something red, white or blue or all 3 colours!

Merci,  
Madame Duley

## KENT FAMILY HUB



**Kent Family Hub**

### Parenting Support and Advice Drop In

Our Parenting Support and Advice Drop-In for 0-19 years (up to 25 SEND) offers a relaxed, welcoming space where parents and carers can talk things through, ask questions, and get practical advice.

Whether you're looking for reassurance, guidance on everyday challenges, or just a listening ear, our friendly team is here to support.

<b>Kingsmead</b>	<b>Whitstable</b>	<b>Herne Bay</b>
<b>Day:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month	<b>Day:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month	<b>Day:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month
<b>Time:</b> 9:30am - 11:30am	<b>Time:</b> 9:30am - 11:30am	<b>Time:</b> 9:30am - 11:30am
<b>Address:</b> Kingsmead Family Hub, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH	<b>Address:</b> Whitstable Family Hub, Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT5 2BJ	<b>Address:</b> Herne Bay Family Hub, Memorial Park, Kings Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG

Contact Information: [canterburyfh@kent.gov.uk](mailto:canterburyfh@kent.gov.uk)

**No need to book – just drop in.**

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## ATTENDANCE

For the week beginning 18th May...



House Winners were:

Gulls with 94.06%

The class winners were:

1M with 98.91%

## EMAILS SENT OUT THIS WEEK



Junior Park Run Flyer - Whole School  
Active Life Half term - Whole School

## 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)

Other contacts

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