



SWALECLIFFE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning: 15.06.26

This Week's Dates for your Diary

19.06 PFA Summer Disco
19.06-22.06 Year 6 PGL



Term 6 Dates for your Diary

22.06 Year 5 Bikeability starts
23.06 Year 3 Roman Day
26.06 Sports Day
05.07 PFA Colour Run



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 - 17th July
Term 1 3rd September - 23rd October
Term 2 2nd November - 18th December
Term 3 5th January - 12th February



RETIRING STAFF

As you are all already aware, Mrs Watson has retired from her role at Swalecliffe School. Today, we were delighted that she could join us for a special assembly and we are holding a retirement party for her, with current and former colleagues joining her. This is so well deserved as I am sure you will agree.

We are also letting you know today that Ms Carrie Hill will be retiring at the end of the academic year. I know that many parents will have valued her time spent with them and their children. She will be greatly missed by staff and children too I know. She has really enjoyed this year teaching in Reception, which is exactly as her teaching career started.

Ms Hill joined our school in 2005 which takes her time at Swalecliffe to 21 years. During that time, she has shown unwavering commitment to our children, our parents and staff! We know that the support she has given children will have had a lasting impact on them.

Mr Cooper
Executive Head

PARKING

We appreciate that the weather has been particularly challenging recently, however we must remind you all of the importance of parking responsibly when dropping off and collecting children from school. Parking on double or single yellow lines, across residents' driveways, or in locations that obstruct visibility creates safety risks for pupils, families, and other road users.

Please allow extra time for your journey, use roads further away from school, and always use designated parking areas. Your consideration helps keep our school community safe and maintains positive relationships with our neighbours.



Thank you for your cooperation and support,
Mrs Kate Roy
Deputy Headteacher



FRENCH DAY



Last Friday, we welcomed Year 5 children from Dainville Primary School. They spent a wonderful day with us: playing games; designing posters and eating fish and chips. We had a French challenge where we crossed off activities we had tried in French like yoga, sharing a story and a French disco. We also found out about what France is famous for and played pétanque - all dressed in red, white and blue!

Our children were so welcoming and utterly fantastic!



E-SAFETY

STRANGERS IN ONLINE GAMES

Online games like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite are part of daily life for many primary-aged children. Risks usually appear through chat – friend requests from accounts your child doesn't really know, or messages drifting toward personal information.

Three rules to talk through with your child:

- Only accept friend requests from people you know in real life.
- Never share school name, full name, address, or photos of home or uniform.
- Tell a trusted adult if anything feels uncomfortable – you won't be in trouble.

Check chat and privacy settings on each game and console – most let you restrict chat to friends or turn it off.

Online gaming guide: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-gaming/>



AI CHATBOTS

ChatGPT, Character.AI, My AI on Snapchat and Google Gemini are part of daily life for many children. They can help with homework – but they aren't friends, and research has flagged children forming emotional attachments to chatbots that mimic empathy.

- Check age ratings - Character.AI is 17+. ChatGPT and Gemini both require users to be 13.
- Explain what AI is. It predicts likely words from patterns. It can be wrong, biased, or simply make things up.
- Watch for it replacing real friendships. If your child shares feelings or worries with AI rather than a trusted adult, have a gentle conversation.

AI advice for parents:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/using-artificial-intelligence/>



Mr Nogueira
Computing Lead



PFA SUMMER EVENTS

Summer Disco

Our final disco of the year will take place on next Friday 19th June – don't miss it!

 Tickets are now on sale:


<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/swalecliffe/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=118691#products>

For this special end-of-year disco:

- Reception classes are invited to attend the first session
- Year 3 will move up to the second session
- Year 6 will be on their PGL trip, but don't worry—school will be arranging a separate leavers' disco for them

Colour Run & Summer Festival – TICKETS NOW LIVE!

We're thrilled to round off the year with our Colour Run & Summer Festival on Sunday 5th July!

 Tickets for the Colour Run are now live here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/swalecliffe/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=118692>

Here's what you need to know:

- Open to children, families, and friends (including those outside the school)
- Multiple route lengths to suit all ages and abilities – walking is absolutely welcome! Short run – around 2Km and longer run – around 4.5km
- Registration includes a white t-shirt, sunglasses, finishers' medal, and of course... plenty of colour powder splats along the route!
- Participants will be encouraged to raise sponsorship (details to follow)



ATTENDANCE

For the week beginning 8th June...

House Winners were:



Puffins with 94.83%

The class winners were:

4G with 98.07%

EMAILS SENT OUT THIS WEEK



Year 4 Carnival T-Shirts
PFA Discos - 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/](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....

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

Other contacts

Executive Headteacher: Mr Ben Cooper

Head of School: Miss Leah Garton

Deputy Head: Mrs Kate Roy

Inclusion Lead & Lead DSL: Mrs Julie Deeks

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