



Swallowdale  
Primary School

# The Swallowdale Smile

To all our Swallowdale families,

Well, what a term we have had! Despite the challenges we have faced this term, we have made it.

We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.



## How Winston Delivered Christmas



Follow Winston the mouse as he sets out to deliver Oliver's letter to Father Christmas on Christmas Eve. He has a lot of very exciting adventures on this very important mission and makes some wonderful friends along the way.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/how-winston-delivered-christmas/alex-t-smith//9781529010862>



## Big Garden Birdwatch

Join us 29 - 31 January

Join the RSPB for their Big Garden Birdwatch and discover the drama on your doorstep.

The great thing is that you never know what birds you might see. Will you enjoy a flock of fluffed-up long-tailed tits, will you be charmed by a group of goldfinches or will a cheeky robin steal the show?

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

## Do Good December



Although we can't change the current situation, we can choose to respond to others (and ourselves) with kindness. When we're kind, everything goes better. We help others, we help ourselves and we encourage others to be kinder too.

<https://www.actionforhappiness.org/december>

# Swallowdale Fun This December!

## Christmas Treats!



The Muldoon's have started their Christmas cookie baking. These gingerbread biscuits look delicious.

## Run Isabel, Run!



Isabel is taking part in 'Run up to Christmas.' She is running every day up to Christmas day and has set herself a target of 50km. Isabel and her mum hope to run a total of 200km before Christmas.

## Oh, Christmas Tree!



Here are Isla and Zac with their Christmas tree which they decorated themselves. Wow! What a great job you two made of your tree!

## A Little Help from my Friend



Delilah enjoyed putting up the Christmas tree with the help from her dog, Talulah.

## Let it Snow!



Ayrton was super keen to finish his remote learning when the snow came. He couldn't wait to get outside.

## Frosty the Snowman



Daniel and his sister built a snow man on Friday when it all looked very Christmassy. Afterwards they were very cold and both had very, very wet feet.

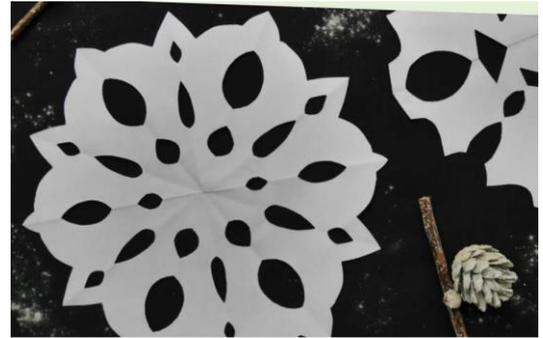
## Snowman Doughnut Sticks



The kids will love these fun snowman doughnut sticks. Assemble the ingredients and leave them to thread the doughnuts onto skewers and decorate with lollies and choc-chips. They make great edible gifts as well.

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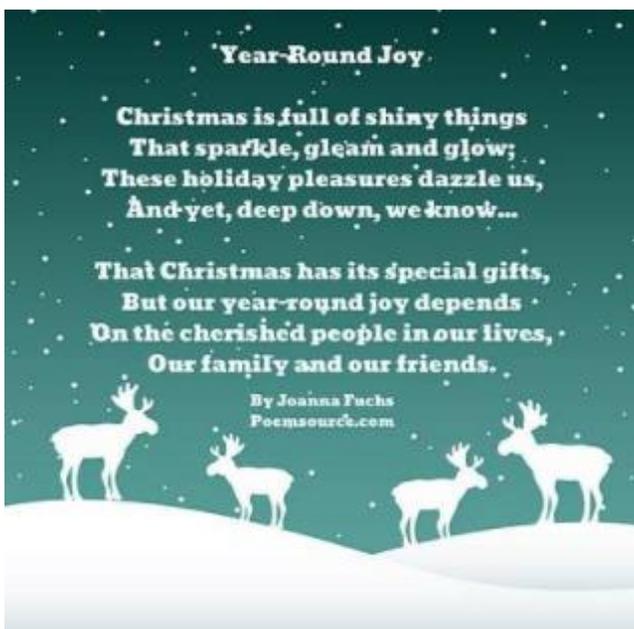
## How to make a Paper Snowflake



With Jack Frost nipping at our toes and leaving lacy patterns on window panes, thoughts have well and truly turned to Christmas. Why not try one of these paper snowflakes this festive season?

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/allan-bank-and-grasmere/features/how-to-make-paper-snowflakes->

## A Christmas Poem



## Free Online Activity Advent Calendar



Visit this website each day from December 1st through the 25th and click on the day's date. Each day will provide a new craft, activity, recipe or other ideas for your family to do together to celebrate Christmas and make memories.

<https://growingupgabel.com/online-digital-christmas-advent-calendar-for-kids/>

Please send your photographs to [smile@swallowdaleschool.co.uk](mailto:smile@swallowdaleschool.co.uk)

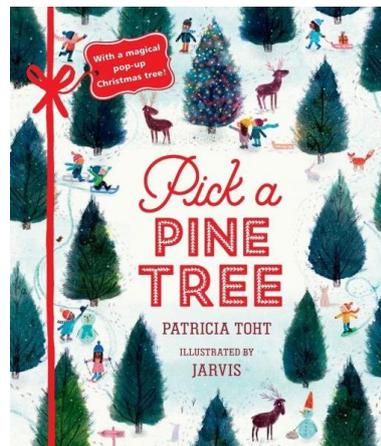
## Easy Christmas Jellies



These Christmas themed jellies make a yummy festive end to Christmas dinner for the kids.

<https://www.kidspot.com.au/kitchen/recipes/easy-christmas-jellies-recipe/mmnjupdl?r=collection/christmasrecipesforkids&c=nf61ss9l/Christmas%20recipes%20for%20kids>

## Pick a Pine Tree by Patricia Toht

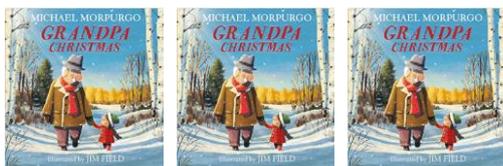


'Pick a Pine Tree' is a magical winter tale about finding the perfect Christmas tree and all the joys of doing it with your loved ones.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Pick-Pine-Tree-PatriciaToht/>

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## Grandpa's Christmas by Michael Morpurgo



Every Christmas Mia and her family read a letter which her Grandpa wrote to her. His letter is a warm, impassioned and heartfelt wish for a better world for Mia to live in. But Grandpa worries that all the things they love so much are in danger. His letter is a hopeful plea to Mia (and to all of us) to continue to care for and protect our precious world.

<https://www.scholastic.co.uk/>

## Pine Cone Christmas Decorations



Create a sustainable Christmas this year and decorate your home with nature.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/how-to-make-pine-cone-christmas-decorations>

**Continue to stay safe, stay well and look after each other!**

☺ Thank you to all families and staff who have contributed. ☺