



**Swallowdale
Primary School**

The Swallowdale Smile



To all our Swallowdale families,

This spring term has probably been one of our toughest yet but by all pulling together we have made it to the Easter break! This issue is crammed full of exciting Easter activities for you to try over the holidays. Please don't forget to send in your photographs so we can include them in our April issue. We all love to see them!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAaLzP1U4nc>



Naturally Dyed Easter Eggs



If you're after some all-natural decorations for Easter, you can't go wrong with these hand-dyed eggs. The colours come from natural sources like turmeric and red cabbage, but are still incredibly vibrant.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/easter-crafts-how-to-guides>



The National Trust



Why not have a go at creating your own monumental masterpiece? You could create Stonehenge out of books, Hadrian's Wall out of cushions or Giant's Causeway out of chocolate buttons.

<https://nt.global.ssl.fastly.net/documents/the-monumental-building-challenge.pdf>

Mindful March



Let's take the time to pause, breathe and really take in what's all around us. This month we're encouraging you to take some time to look within. Learning to be more mindful and aware can do wonders for our well-being in all areas of life.

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

Marvellous March!

Dancing Queen!



Grace had a nice surprise through the letterbox from her dance school and what lovely comments too! Wow Grace, what a lucky girl you are!

A Smile for The Smile



Just look at this beaming smile from Taiyler. It's enough to light up anyone's day.

Nature Collector



Ronan has been spending all of his play times finding things for his nature collection, to gift to every member of his family when he came home. He said he wanted to do something nice for us all because he loved us. What a great act of kindness Ronan.

Wonderful Woodwork



Rhiannon has had some very creative home work! She has made a table for her dolls house using her woodwork skills.

The Great Outdoors



Here is Ruby climbing a tree at Wymondham Mill. Are those shorts you are wearing in March?

Mindfulness March



Here is some lovely spring music to help you unwind in time for the Easter break.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbUz3XxAy>

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Make Easter Nests



With Easter just around the corner, why not start the preparations early and make these delicious Easter nests?

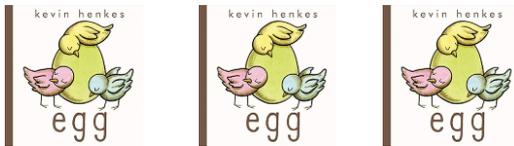
<https://www.cookingwithmykids.co.uk/easter-chocolate-nests/>

Make Your Own Easter Egg & Spoon Race



Why not have a go at making your own Easter themed egg and spoon race? You could paint your spoons and eggs to make it extra special. Using a ladle is a great way to include younger members of the family.

An 'Eggcellent' Book for Easter



Egg is a graphic novel for 4-8 year olds about four eggs, one big surprise, and an unlikely friendship written by Kevin Henkes. *Egg* is not only a perfect Easter gift, but also a classic read-alone and read-aloud that will appeal all year long.

www.amazon.co.uk

Something to Make You Smile...



From chickens playing the piano to chickens cuddling with dogs, these are just a few of the chickens you'll see and giggle at in this funny chicken compilation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCsBGLfUbZ>

Welly Planters



Have you got an old pair of wellies lying around at home? Why not transform them into beautiful planters?

Just remember to make a few holes in the bottom for drainage, fill them with soil, add your favourite bedding plant and give them a good drink.

Take Part in Blossom Watch



As blossom starts to reappear to brighten up our year, we are reminded that in an ever-changing world, nature will always be a source of comfort for many of us. Discover more about these beautiful blooms that you've noticed during #BlossomWatch and the benefits they bring.

In the coming weeks we'll be sharing where you can see dazzling blossom displays near you, and how we're involving the community in the joys of the season.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/blossom-watch>

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Please send your photographs to smile@swallowdaleschool.co.uk

Make Your Own Easter Basket



If you're looking for fun things to do this Easter, why not try making these colourful Easter baskets from recycled paper and fabric? They make great table decorations and are perfect for kids on an Easter egg hunt.

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Bean-Bag Easter Chick



Made out of scraps of old cloth, these cute Easter chicks are cheap and cheerful decorations which also make great presents for family and friends.

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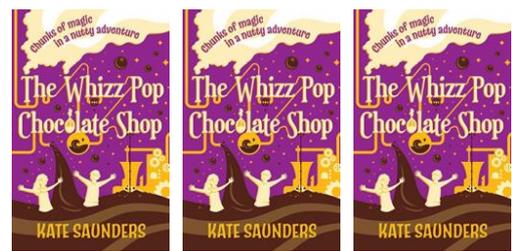
Egg Heads



For something really seasonal, carefully knock the tops off some eggs and empty them, keeping as much of the shell intact as possible. Give them a wash and get the kids to draw or paint faces on them. Put kitchen towel or cotton wool in the bottom of the shells and water until wet but not sopping. Sprinkle with cress seeds and leave on a bright windowsill to germinate. The 'hair' should start to grow in a few days!

<https://www.daviddomoney.com/quick-guide-to-great-easter-gardening-projects-for-children/>

The Whizz Pop Chocolate Shop



Lily and Oz Spoffard have inherited a house... and there's a mysterious boarded-up chocolate shop on the ground floor! Magical chocolate, supernatural shenanigans and some wild adventures are on the menu... A lovely read for 7-11 year olds.

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

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