

# SWINDON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

It's the end of another week!

I'm sure, like me, you are now starting to adjust to a way of life which works for each one of you. This week's message is about the forthcoming Easter Holidays...well, this is what should be happening!

For many Key Workers it will be business as usual. If you are the key workers who have been sending your child(ren) to us you will know that we are there for you over the Easter Break...same times and day, except Good Friday and Easter Monday. As no children are booked in so therefore closed for those days.

For those who are not key workers, and have been able to adjust your working lives, then the message is the same... 'stay home, save lives'.

## Expectations over the Easter Break

- Where possible you should all try and treat this as break from Home Learning – school would normally be closed!
- As we are all still in 'lock down' the teachers and I did think it was a good idea to suggest some things for children and/or families to do together or on their own. On the next couple of pages, you will find some suggestions to keep children busy and creative. If you decide to do any of the creative and fun ideas or you have thought of ones yourself, please do email your class teachers with your pictures...
- Teachers will NOT be setting any 'work' over the Easter period...but please keep up your reading.

## Expectations After Easter – Home Learning should start again on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>

- Although not confirmed by the Government, I do believe the 'Home-Learning' will continue for a while yet. With this in mind, the Teachers and I are currently looking at a way in which we can provide a slightly more personal learning experience rather than just learning through online links....etc.
- Whilst there is a lot of merit in online resources, this can get a bit 'samey' so we will want to try and pose the question in your child's mind... 'I wonder what my teacher will put on tomorrow...?' More information will be sent you via email towards the end of the fortnight.

Best wishes and stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Mills', written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Mills, Headteacher

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*How many challenges will you do?  
We would love to see what you are getting up to! Please email pictures to your teachers or upload on Tapestry (Reception)*

# Easter Family Fun!



*Can you do one challenge from each column?*

**Cooking:**

Can you make some Easter Chocolate nests?



**Outdoors:**

Can you make a bird feeder?



**Craft:**

Can you make, write and send Easter cards?



<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/24769866670566675/>

**Spring Hunt:**

Look for the signs of spring in your garden or on your daily exercise?

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-5045-spring-hunt-checklist>

**Cooking:**

Can you make some Easter biscuits?



[https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/mary\\_berrys\\_easter\\_46791](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/mary_berrys_easter_46791)

**Outdoors:**

Can you set up an Easter egg hunt for your parent/s or sibling/s?

<https://www.hobbycraft.co.uk/ideas/kids/easter-egg-hunt-clues-free-download>

**Craft:**

Can you decorate a hard-boiled egg?



**Spring Collage:**

Can you collect things to make a spring collage?



**Cooking:**

Can you decorate a biscuit?



**Outdoors:**

Have an Egg and Spoon Race!



**Craft:**

Can you make some Easter bunting to decorate your home or garden?



**Spring Growing:**

Can you plant some cress in an egg shell?



**Cooking:**

Can you make hot cross buns?



<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/hot-cross-buns>

**Outdoors:**

Can you make a Bunny target from a box?  
Or set up an Easter tin can game?



**Craft:**

Can you make an Easter Bunny 'Stop Here' sign?



**Spring Investigation:**

What happens when you put flowers into water with food colouring?



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# Family friendly fun activities for Easter – Possibly Key Stage 2 –

*Wondering how to fill the time over Easter? See how many of these family friendly activities you could complete over the two-week break*

<p><u>Family banquet for less</u></p> <p>Can you make a family banquet for less than £1 per head?</p>	<p><u>Everybody reads</u></p> <p>Have a quiet time where there is no TV, just everybody reading a book, magazine or comic for a period of time</p>	<p><u>Board games</u></p> <p>Have a board games night- different family members choose the game.</p>	<p><u>Talent show</u></p> <p>Talent night – an opportunity to showcase family members hidden talents eg playing the spoons, saying words backwards, juggling, impersonations etc.</p>
<p><u>In the garden</u></p> <p>Take photographs or produce a poster of plants, trees or birds in the garden. Sketch wildlife.</p>	<p><u>Easter decorations</u></p> <p>Design and/or make an Easter bonnet / hat / table decoration.</p>	<p><u>Walking activity</u></p> <p>Make a list at home for 10 things to look out for when on the daily exercise walk with the family.</p>	<p><u>Making an Easter egg</u></p> <p>Make a papier mache Easter Egg in the style of a Fabergé egg.</p>
<p><u>Family history / events</u></p> <p>Create a family tree or a timeline of important family events.</p>	<p><u>How much does it weigh...?</u></p> <p>Practise your estimating and weighing skills by playing a 'Guess the weight of...' household items. Who can get the closest?</p>	<p><u>No stop talking...</u></p> <p>Collect objects from around the house, put into a bag then a family member picks it out and has to talk about it (without repeating, pausing etc) for 30 seconds to 1 minute depending on age.</p>	<p><u>Come dine with me.</u></p> <p>Have an evening where different family members cook different courses or meals like a family version of 'Come Dine With Me.'</p> <p>Give scores and the winners have a 'chore free' day.</p>
<p><u>Top trumps – top family!</u></p> <p>Make a set of TOP Trumps cards on a topic the family enjoy.</p> <p>Play the game with family.</p>	<p><u>Book in a box</u></p> <p>With members of your family, design and construct your own 'BOOK IN A BOX'</p>	<p><u>Kim's Game</u></p> <p>Collect 10 items from around the house, place on a table or tray, allow the 'contestant' to see them for 30 seconds and then cover over with a towel/cloth. How many items can the 'contestant' remember? Or, remove an item(s) and see if the 'contestant' can spot which item(s) have been removed.</p> <p><a href="http://www.helpmykidlearn.ie/activities/5-7/detail/kims-game">http://www.helpmykidlearn.ie/activities/5-7/detail/kims-game</a></p>	<p><u>Make a collage.</u></p> <p>Make a collage or structure from recycled materials. This could be linked to a learning topic, a favourite book, interest etc etc.</p>
<p><u>Portraits</u></p> <p>Draw a portrait of a family member / famous person. Display then the family have to guess who it is.</p>	<p><u>A(MAZING)</u></p> <p>Design a lego (or other construction materials) maze.</p>	<p><u>Making music together</u></p> <p>Can you make a simple musical instrument that can produce different 'notes'? Bottles filled with different amounts of water etc.</p>	<p><u>Poetry</u></p> <p>Create a poem. Choose either a limerick, haiku, kenning or any other form. Present it with illustrations or a border.</p>
<p><u>Searching for words?</u></p> <p>Make a word search that contains some words from the class Knowledge Organisers</p>	<p><u>Mindfulness and well-being</u></p> <p>Relaxing together: take part in an online yoga, pilates or relaxation activities</p>	<p><u>Let's get physical</u></p> <p>Create a circuit of physical activities to be completed by the family in the garden or in the home.</p>	<p><u>Have a night out, in. NO PHONES ALLOWED!</u></p> <p>Quiz night / Bingo evening / movie</p> <p>Time to turn those electronic devices off!</p>

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## Teachers email address and Class Blog Links

Your child's teacher wants to see and hear all the 'fun' things you have been up to.

- Please email them pictures and video...
- Please comment on the daily blog

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1	<a href="mailto:acleary@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk">acleary@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:SHeath@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk">SHeath@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk</a>	<a href="https://svpsclass1.edublogs.org">https://svpsclass1.edublogs.org</a>
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