



Saltford
CofE Primary School

Launch Letter Term 2 • 3rd November 2022



WELCOME BACK to the new term! Here is our Launch Letter for term two which will flag up all the main events and themes of the coming term, right up to the Christmas holiday. We hope you have had a lovely half term break and have settled back nicely into the new term.

This is a term full of variety, reflection and celebration. We will be marking Remembrance Day, Children in Need and focusing on our anti-bullying message through the national anti-bullying week.

We are looking forward to tomorrow night's firework display from the PTA. All families should have received all the information you need by email, and you can find [a reminder of the details on our website here](#). Please avoid driving to this event if at all possible. The weather forecast is looking dry and we look forward to seeing you then. For those of you planning your own bonfire night celebrations at home, please see [these bonfire night safety tips from Avon Fire & Rescue service](#) to enjoy them safely.

PTA committee places: the next PTA meeting is on Monday 7th and includes the AGM where this year's committee members will be elected. Carers and parents have been sent more information about this role and I encourage anyone who is interested to apply by tomorrow, using the details in the email. The PTA is made up of more people than the committee and I also encourage any of you who could offer some support to the PTA to try coming along to one of the meetings and see what it's all about.

Vacancies: there are several positions available at school for playworkers. These are part-time positions and we can be flexible when agreeing which days of the week would be worked. For more information, please feel free to contact the school on 01225 872185 to talk to us about the role, or go to [the vacancies section of our website](#).

Flu vaccines for children: these will take place on Wednesday 9th November for the children for whom we have received parental consent. [Please see the letter to parents here](#).

Year 6 cake sale: well done to everyone involved in the Y6 cake sale at the end of last term. They raised £218 which is for the two classes to spend as they wish.

Punctuality: please support us by making sure your child arrives at school at the correct time – all children should be in the classroom at 8:50am – arrival at 8:45am is recommended and please do space out at your pick up and drop off points. [This brief document](#) outlines pick up and drop off arrangements by year group and detail about our daily routines. If you drive, please consider trying [active travel](#) by parking at The Crown in the morning and finishing the journey on foot from there.

Uniform: please send your child in full school uniform including footwear and suitable cold weather clothing. A useful presentation showing our uniform requirements can be found [on our website here](#).

School tours: I am looking forward to showing off our school to some prospective new parents tomorrow morning. We have added another date to give more parents the opportunity to see our school for themselves. This is on Monday 7th November at 1.30pm so please do spread the word if you know anyone whose child is due to start in 2023. They can book by emailing contactus@saltfordschool.org.uk or calling the school office.

[Our website](#) is up to date and you can find our [term dates calendar](#) for this and next school year in [the Office section](#). Please [see our communications poster here](#) for a reminder of the many ways we communicate with you.

Have a good weekend,
Mrs Sage.

Special mentions for...

Florence M from pear class for her brilliant Christmas tree design and headteacher's award.

Toby W from palm class: 'coach's player of the day' medal and certificate from Saltford football club.

Ruby S from palm class: certificate learn to swim 10 metres and level 3.

Sophie T from palm class: 2nd in vault, 3rd in trampette and 3rd overall at Baskervilles.

Jade D from palm class: 2nd in trampette and 2nd overall at Baskervilles.

Morwenna & Elowen B, horse chestnut class: for great photos of graffiti for their school project while on holiday.

Martha A from pear class: ballet bronze medal demi character – Honours.

Lois A from horse chestnut class: ballet silver medal national – Honours Star award.

Ryan G from palm class: learn to swim award stage 1.

Coming up this term

Remembrance and poppy appeal

We will be marking Remembrance Day in our usual way on Friday 11th November by going outside and listening to the Last Post played by Mrs May, before observing a minute's silence. There will also be an assembly for reflection and thanks.

We are already selling poppies and a choice of other poppy appeal items in school.

They are:

Zip pull, for a suggested donation of 50p

Wrist band, for a suggested donation of £1

Ruler, for a suggested donation of £1.50

Poppy reflector, for a suggested donation of 50p.

Consultation evenings 17th & 21st Nov

All parents and carers have been emailed this letter to advise that booking is now open for the consultation evenings on Thursday 17th and Monday 21st November. The deadline for booking your session is 9am on Friday morning, 4th November. You can book your appointments here.

Following our recent survey, we are reverting to face-to-face appointments as this was the format preferred by the majority of respondents. Thanks to all who replied to the survey.

A crèche service will be available to look after your school-age children because parent/teacher meetings work best if your child is occupied during the meeting. Click here for details and to book a place.

In addition to the consultation evenings, we will again be inviting parents/carers to come onto site to look through their child's work with them in one of our access sessions. You will receive information on this later in the school year.

Anti-bullying week



Anti-bullying week will be taking place between Monday 14th and Friday 18th November. This year's theme is 'reach out'. The theme of Reach Out came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. They wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. All classes will be participating in activities and discussions about bullying and thinking about ways to stop bullying from happening. All the children at Salford School regularly discuss bullying in their classes throughout the year but the purpose of this week is to raise its profile even more. In class we look at different types of bullying, how to help if

you think someone is being bullied or what to do if you think you are being bullied.

Please see our full anti-bullying policy here and information about our approach to positive behaviour here.

There are lots of useful resources online for parents with regard to Anti-Bullying. The Anti-Bullying Alliance has a particularly useful parent and carer pack which you can find here: anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers.

Individual school photos

The photographer will be coming in to school to take individual school photos on Friday 25th November. Siblings who attend school will also be photographed together. Please make sure your child comes to school in their best school uniform and wearing their widest smiles on that day. We will be in touch with a reminder nearer the time.

Christmas is coming...

Planning is well under way for our Christmas festivities. Please keep an eye on forthcoming newsletters to see how you can help and how you and your children can participate to the full.

The first date to note is the mufti day on Monday 28th November where children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation towards the tombola stalls for the Christmas Fair, which will be on Friday 2nd December after school.

There will be much more detail after Monday's PTA meeting. We will also summarise everything you need to know on our Christmas page on the school website and please do note the important dates for Christmas events and performances in our Key dates feature below.

This term's focus

- Delivering a new scheme of work across all Foundation Subjects – see below.
- Further developing writing – working with South Gloucestershire school improvement team.
- Progressing areas for development linked to our Pupil and Parent Questionnaires.
- Continuing the work of this year's pupil leadership groups: School Council, Equalities Team, Green Group etc.

We will share updates and links to information on [the news page](#) of our website, in [our newsletters](#) and through our Twitter account [@SaltfordPrimary](#). Continuing work on our School Improvement Priorities: We have developed new schemes of work across all Foundation Subjects. We will continue working on these across this term – with new resources and schemes in Design Technology and Music.

How you can get involved

PTA: to keep in touch and get involved [join the PTA Facebook group here](#). The next PTA meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 7th November** in the staffroom. This includes the AGM where this year's committee will be elected. Please get in touch with school if you are interested. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Volunteering: we love having volunteers in school and there are so many roles a volunteer can take:

- Volunteer to help on a regular basis in class or with swimming.
- Share your gardening skills and help look after the Secret Garden. Please call (01225 872185) or e-mail the school office (<mailto:contactus@saltfordschool.org.uk>) if you can spare time to help all the children get the maximum benefit from this great resource.
- Become a Library volunteer and support our team.

See more about [what it's like to be a volunteer here](#), including [this lovely account](#) from the point of view of one parent volunteer who wrote to us about her experience.

Our governing body

The school's [governing body](#) is responsible for the strategic direction of the school and for holding the Headteacher to account for the academic progress of the pupils, to name just two areas.

Our committed group of volunteers is led by Chair Richard Rowland. To find out more about the individual governors and their roles, minutes of past meetings and what it takes to be a governor, please [see our website here](#). Please also [see our meeting planner here](#) for this academic year to give you an idea of what is covered in our meetings.

This term's clubs

Here at Saltford Primary School we run a large range of extra-curricular clubs. Extra-curricular activities play a large part in the life of our pupils.

There is a variety of sporting clubs including football, tag rugby, basketball, cricket, netball and gymnastics. We also have a STEM club, art club, sewing club and recorder club. If your child is interested in learning a new language, Spanish club runs at lunchtime on Monday and Tuesday. For pupils who would like to learn to dance, Danni runs the dance club on Monday after school.

Some of the clubs we offer at Saltford Primary School are not available all year round so please check the website for details. www.saltfordschool.org.uk/clubs

If anyone is interested in running a club at the school please [contact the school office](#). For further information about all the clubs that run here please [see our school website](#).

Chuckles Before and After School Club: all children who attend Saltford School are offered wrap around care provision. This means they have access to supervised before and after school care. This is run by [Tiddlers Day Nursery](#).

Futura Learning Partnership



We are a Futura Learning Partnership school. You can catch up on the Futura news by reading their monthly newsletters for parents [on our website here](#) or learn more by visiting [the Futura website here](#).

Community news

Here are some useful links where you can keep informed about what is happening in our community:

Saltford Community Association: www.saltfordhall.co.uk/
Saltford Parish Council: www.saltfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/
Saltford Environment Group: saltfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk
St Mary's Church: www.stmaryssaltford.org.uk/
B&NES Council: beta.bathnes.gov.uk/
Keynsham Town Council: <http://www.keynsham-tc.gov.uk/>

In other news



Netball report

On Thursday 20th October, 16 Year 6 girls took part in the Keynsham Bee Netball Tournament at Wellsway School. 10 teams took part, 2 of which were from Salford. Both teams played 5 matches and the A team won every match convincingly to progress to the

final against Pensford. They won this to become Keynsham Bee Netball champions. Well done to all those who played – what amazing teamwork! Thank you to all those parents that supported, to Mrs Hathaway for organising our netball and to both Tilly and Macey Hathaway for managing the teams.

Half term fun with Up & Under

The children attending the Up & Under Sports multi sports camp in the October half term had a fantastic day of fun activities to keep them active during the school break.

The children loved playing Lazer Tag, battling in teams to win territory of the castle! Archery offered the children an opportunity to test their concentration and focus in an individual activity and it was great to see lots of fantastic scores. Tagging games and Dodgeball came next followed by pumpkin carving. Lots and lots of fun had by everyone – it really was a day with something for everyone.



Key dates

Friday 4th November: school tour for new starters in 2023. [More information here.](#)

Friday 4th November 5.30pm: [PTA firework display at school.](#)

Monday 7th November 1.30pm: school tour for new starters in 2023. [More information here.](#)

Monday 7th November 7.30pm in staffroom: PTA AGM, followed by committee meeting. All welcome.

Wednesday 9th November: flu immunisations for children

Friday 11th November: school [Remembrance service and poppy appeal](#)

Monday 14th – Friday 18th November: anti-bullying week, “Reach Out”

Thursday 17th November: [consultation evening](#)

Friday 18th November: Children in Need. Please bring a £1 donation to school and wear your spots or Children in Need merchandise.

Monday 21st November: [consultation evening](#)

Friday 25th November: individual school photos for children and siblings who are also at Salford School.

Monday 28th November: mufti day for Christmas fair. Children can wear own clothes and bring a donation for Christmas tombolas.

Friday 2nd December: PTA Christmas fair at school.

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th December 9.15am: FS/KS1 nativity at school. More information to follow.

Thursday 8th December: Y5 & Y6 performance at the Lighting of the Christmas Tree event at Salford Hall.

Friday 9th December: school Christmas dinner special menu

Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th December 9.15am: KS2 Christmas performances. More information to follow.

For term dates for this and next academic year, please see our website: www.salfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates. All other dates are up to date on [the calendar for parents here](#).