



Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter

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A few words from Mrs Sage...

The final Christmas cards have been delivered through the school post and we have enjoyed some exciting and touching events and performances this week. The children have truly had a lovely time celebrating this special time of year with their friends and staff and I thank the staff for all the hard work they put in to make this happen. Now it is time to look forward to family celebrations and the holiday.

Thank you: I am extremely grateful to the staff, governors and PTA for their support in making sure the children have had an amazing term.

Christmas lunch and parties: last Friday was celebration time with the Christmas lunch, class parties and Santa stopping by with a gift for every child. We hope you enjoy the reports and pictures below.

Santa visit for the Grand Appeal: on Monday, Santa also dropped in to visit us on his Christmas rounds. Saltford Community Association and Santa were collecting this year for The Grand Appeal for Bristol Children's Hospital. If you would like to contribute to this cause, please go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/saltford-santa-2022>

KS2 performance: this week KS2 took us to Christmas celebrations round the world. Thanks to all the children for your commitment and performances, to the class teachers for your year group presentations and to Mr Baker for his piano accompaniment. See a report and pictures below.

New year, new job? We have vacancies for [a high needs teaching assistant](#) and for [lunchtime play workers](#). Please follow the links for more information and do get in touch if you would like to discuss before applying.

Christingle: we are looking forward to our school Christingle service tomorrow. I would like to thank Mr Jenkins for leading and co-ordinating the service and Sally Baker for accompanying on piano.

Goodbye: we will be saying goodbye to Mr Bowkett tomorrow and sending him off with our very best wishes for his next adventure. He will be missed.

Spring term: we will be welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 3rd January. We are already looking forward to the panto in school on the first Thursday back, 5th Jan. Plenty of time to plan your costumes! All parents have been emailed the information and there is a reminder below.

Dinner menu change: please check MCAS for details of lunch menus for 3rd & 5th January in the first week back.

Best wishes for a lovely Christmas and a happy new year,
Mrs Sage.

Fun Friday last week – Christmas parties, Christmas lunch and Santa visit!

All the children in EYFS and KS1 had a fantastic time at their Christmas party. They played party games such as dancing reindeer, dancing elves and sleeping santas. They also made a party hat for the occasion. We all finished the party with our Salford tradition of watching The Snowman. The children had a lot of fun!



Well done to all of the KS2 children who took part in their Christmas parties. After many had enjoyed their Christmas dinner the children took part in games, puzzles and quizzes. There was also a visit from Father Christmas, who put aside his busiest time of year to come and visit the children at Salford Primary School. Many thanks to the children for their enthusiasm and sense of fun during the afternoon and to all the staff for laying on so many lovely activities. Thanks also go to the PTA for hosting Santa's visit and enabling a gift for every child.



We hope this will have created some special memories for the children.

Christingle service

Tomorrow, on Friday 16th December, the whole school will take part in our Christingle service. Christingle is a joyful celebration to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope. During the service, the children light Christingle candles which are oranges wrapped in red ribbon, decorated with dried fruit or sweets and with a candle on the top.

They also sing carols, listen to readings and prayers (read out by children in Years 4 & 6) giving thanks to God for the birth of Jesus and for the gift of life. They are also able to reflect and think about all those people less fortunate than themselves at this time. We know we can rely on the children to sing beautifully and read so well.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

KS1

Bumblebee: Huxley N S for amazing Christmas maths work

Butterfly: Junior T for trying so hard with your phonics. Amazing Fred talking, Junior!

Apple: Alfie H for taking such great care with his calendar design

Pear: Ellie C for a beautiful Rangoli design.

Palm: Frank D for an excellent clay sculpture inspired by Antony Gormley.

Cherry: Esme PG for a lovely calendar drawing of the four seasons.

KS2

Sycamore: Elsie B for fantastic work in rehearsing and singing for the Christmas concert.

Maple: Halle O for a brilliant recital of The Hungry Caterpillar in French.

Lime: Toby S for his super performances over the term both in class and in the Christmas show.

Willow: Sasha K for making such great progress with his English and for becoming a valued member of the class. Well done Sasha!

Elm: Mikey M for in-depth understanding and excellent reading of tricky vocabulary in a Christmas Carol.

Horse chestnut: Robyn H for earning her pen licence and completing a beautifully presented piece of work, in pen, about Christmas in WWII.

Ash: Anabela N for super work identifying features shared by birds and dinosaurs on a cladogram.

Oak: Rosie T For a mature piece of PSHE work, where she looked at the reasons why people sometimes showing bullying behaviour.



Online safety – Christmas update

Many children receive their first phone or internet-enabled game at this time of year. It is essential for their safety that parents take time to think about parental controls. Please follow [this link for the latest online safety newsletter for December](#) which gives useful advice and links for parents of children who have access to the internet on their games and personal devices. See also <https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2021/12/10/day-5/> for further advice on the benefits of involving your children in this process.

KS2 Christmas performances

The KS2 performance focused on 'Christmas around the world'. Each year group performed poems and songs from a different country, some even in their original language. They went from Sweden to Mexico, to Japan and to the USA, to the delight of the family members that were able to come in and watch. Thanks go to the many staff who were involved in putting on such a lovely production.

The Lighting of the Christmas Tree

The community came together for the annual 'Lighting of the Christmas Tree' at Saltford Hall last week. Most of our Y5 & 6 children volunteered to perform, forming a brilliant choir. After a busy week of rehearsing with Mrs Sage, they were in fine voice. They sang beautifully, bringing festive cheer to a mixture of traditional carols and well-known Christmas songs. The event also featured performances by the Village Choir, Christmas readings by local leaders and even a visit from Santa to get the children dreaming of Christmas morning. This is a lovely way for the community to get together and mark the beginning of this special time of year. Thank you to all the children for their dedication and to the staff for supporting this event.

We celebrate

Lola H, palm, for her routine of the week certificate and her gym & trampoline medal all from Kingswood gym & trampoline club

Ruby S, palm, for her Baskervilles level 7 medal

Poppy G, sycamore, for her gym and trampoline medal from Kingswood gym & trampoline club

Rory K, bumblebees, for his medal for completing the Santa Dash.

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Panto treat in the new year

We are very excited to let you know that we have a theatre company coming to school on Thursday 5th January to perform a pantomime for the children! This has been funded by our very generous PTA and we are very much looking forward to it - oh yes we are!

Children are invited to come to school wearing fancy dress and we will be handing out prizes for the best dressed pantomime dame and the best of the rest. If your child would rather not dress up, they are welcome to come to school in mufti for the day.

See all dates on our [online calendar for parents here!](#)

Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)

Friday 16th December: Christingle service for children at school.

1st – 24th December: Doodle winter calendar is live. Log in to Doodle Maths or Doodle English to get started.

Sunday 18th December 6pm: carols at Christmas at St Mary's Church. See below.

Christmas Eve 5pm: crib service at St Mary's Church. See below.

Tuesday 3rd January: term 3 starts.

Thursday 5th January: panto comes to school (detail above).

For term dates please see: www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates. All other dates are on [the calendar for parents here](#).



SCHOOL SNAPSHOT



THIS TERM'S DOODLE CHAMPIONS

doodletables

Top 3 Stars

Eric W – Horse chestnut

Seb S – Lime

Aimee P – Horse chestnut

Top Class

Lime

Top 3 Stars

Ella F – Butterflies
George F – Butterflies
Belle B – Palm

Top Class

Butterflies

doodlespell

Top 3 Stars

Leo A – Pear

Emily P – Horse chestnut

Jack B – Lime

Top Class

Maple

doodleenglish

Top Class

Willow

CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS

at St Mary's Church
Saltford
Sunday 18th December at
6pm

*Everyone welcome to join us for
refreshments and mince pies in
the church hall afterwards*



THE BENEFICE OF SALT FORD, CORSTON & NSL INVITE YOU TO THEIR

Crib Service on Christmas Eve at St Mary's Church Saltford 5pm

Wear your Christmas
Jumper!

A dark blue background with white stars and yellow stars. On the left, there is a red Christmas jumper with white stars and a green cuff. On the right, there is a green Christmas jumper with white stars and a green cuff. A penguin is visible on the green jumper, and a snowman is visible on the red jumper.

Staff vacancies at Tiddlers Day Nursery

Currently there are vacancies for a **full/part time** Early Years Practitioner at the nursery & pre-school and a part-time playworker for the after school club.

If you are interested in either position, please contact Sally or Katie at tiddlersdaynursery@gmail.com

Shining a light on children's uniqueness

Create a Song Competition

Submit a melody for the Voices for Life Song Competition!

Voices for Life is running a competition, open to all primary school children aged 5 -11, to find one of you to help write our new song, which follows the theme of **shining a light on children's uniqueness**.



Inspired by the words of young people, lyricist Sue Curtis has written lyrics to which you will compose a short melody. The winner will get to work with a professional composer Jools Scott to turn their melody into a full song to be performed in Bath Abbey in June 2023!

To take part, visit <https://voicesforlife.org.uk/create-a-song-competition/> to download the lyrics. You can submit your melody in any format you like - write it out, record you singing it, play it on the piano or even use digital software to create it!







Submit your finished melody through the website by **23rd January 2023** to be in with a chance of working with Jools to create the next Voices for Life original song!



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