

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

- No school on Monday 19th September due to Bank Holiday
- Tributes to Her Majesty the Queen
- Goodbye and best wishes to our Rector Daile
- Thanks to PTA and to parents

[See the latest news on our website here.](#)



A few words from Mrs Sage...



A warm welcome to the first newsletter of the school year. It has been lovely to start to get to know our new reception children who are settling in so brilliantly.

Our school community has joined with many throughout the country and beyond to mark the death of Her Majesty The Queen. This means that we are required to close on Monday because that day is a bank holiday which has been granted to mark the state funeral of Her Majesty and to allow the public to pay their respects.

In school, children can leave their prayers and thoughts about the Queen at a special table that has been set up in our library as a quiet and reflective space. In assembly we shared a presentation celebrating her life and work and reflected on how we will remember her.

We have left a floral tribute to Her Majesty at the memorial garden on Manor Road; thank you to Mrs May for creating this lovely wreath for us.

All parents were sent an email on Friday outlining how you can join in with [Saltford's memorial arrangements](#). The Parish Council website is – as always – an excellent source of support and demonstrates the importance of 'Caring for our Community' at this time. Also this week, we said 'goodbye' to our Rector, Daile, in an assembly on Monday. She will be leaving her position at St Mary's Church at the end of the month. I would like to thank Daile for her contribution to our school community, particularly for leading on activities such as our prayer workshops and championing the school mural in the infant corridor. We wish her well in the future.

My thanks go also to everyone who attended this week's PTA meeting and to everyone who attended our year group welcome meetings. The information from these welcome meetings is now available on [the relevant class page](#) under 'Further information'.

We look forward to welcoming Reception parents to the literacy meeting for Early Years parents on the revised date of Tuesday 20th September.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Sage.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

FS/KS1

Bumblebee: to all new bumblebees for settling so well into school this week.

Butterfly: well done to you all for a fantastic start to school.

Apple: Huxley B for fantastic pictures and great work labelling pictures of your family using capital letters for names.

Pear: Yasmin R & Isla B for beautiful work drawing and labelling pictures using capital letters for names.

Palm: Sophie T for working hard in maths and presenting her work neatly.

Cherry: Henry P & Amila M for super partner work in English.

KS2

Sycamore: Jack B for working hard in English to complete his factfile.

Maple: Frank P for working hard in Maths and making sure his work is presented neatly.

Lime: Charlotte P for super geographical map skills.

Willow: Abigail F for being so helpful with tasks around the classroom during the first week of term. Well done Abigail!

Elm: Mya A-J for excellent work within our place value learning in Maths. Superb!

Horse chestnut: Emily P for beautifully presented maths work and completed place value tasks. What a super start.

Ash: Pip C for interesting and entertaining writing about herself.

Oak: Harriet C for excellent layout of her maths calculations. Harriet has shown that she is well organised in her work.




Saltford sings in the Futura Oratorio

On Tuesday evening, our Year five and six children performed a magnificent Oratorio at Bath Forum. They sang a piece of music called 'Avona' which had been composed by local composer Phil Dixon, working with pupils from Futura secondary schools. It told the story of the myth of the River Avon, and incorporated both primary and secondary pupils as well as a full orchestra made up of staff and pupils. Our children have been practising for last few months and gave a tremendous performance on the night. The music encapsulated many different themes, and the children grew to love the memorable tunes. It was a very ambitious piece of music for primary children and we were so lucky to be involved in this unique opportunity. The children were absolutely brilliant and gave an outstanding performance. Bath Forum is such a beautiful venue in which to perform, and I am sure that the children will remember this special event – we are very proud of them.

Thank you to all the staff who helped to organise this wonderful event – including Mrs Hayden and Mr George who led the rehearsals with the children, and thank you to all the parents who came along to support us. We hope you enjoyed this very special evening. There are some photos below.

We 
celebrate 

Bethany C, apple class, for completing her swim academy crash course.

William K, apple class, for completing the Gadgeteers summer reading challenge. 

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School council elections

This week, our KS1 and KS2 classes have been electing new school councillors. This is an important role for school improvement. We look forward to working with the new team and to sharing more news next week.

In the meantime, we'd like to say a big thank you to our outgoing council members (pictured below). They have done a fantastic job during what has been a challenging time for all of us over the last year and have definitely helped improve aspects of our school with their contributions. Well done and thank you all!

Charity paddle

Mrs Hoyle writes: on Saturday 17th September I'll be taking part in the 'Big Avon Paddle' in support of Dorothy House by paddle boarding from Bath to Saltford and back. Dorothy House supports local families through difficult times. It would be amazing if you wanted to [support them by sponsoring me](#). All money raised will go directly to Dorothy House. Thank you for your generosity.

FREE taster session from Keynsham Life Saving Club on Sun 25th Sept, 2 – 4pm, for 8 – 18 year olds at Keynsham Leisure Centre. [More info here](#).

See all dates on our online calendar for parents here!



Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)

Monday 19th September: bank holiday for Her Majesty the Queen's funeral.

**** REVISED DATE** Tuesday 20th**

September 6pm school hall: Literacy meeting for Early Years parents. Essential information for parents.

Wednesday 21st September: play afternoon for prospective 2023 starters

Thursday 22nd September 6-8pm Wellsway School: [Y6 open evening](#).

Friday 23rd September: cake sales resume after school. Year 1 this week.

Sunday 25th September: [FREE taster session for lifesaving club](#)

Wednesday 5th October morning:

Harvest service session 1. Approx times: FS/KS1 9.15 – 9.45am and KS2 10 – 10.45am.

Thursday 6th October morning:

Harvest service session 2. Approx times: FS/KS1 9.15 – 9.45am and KS2 10 – 10.45am.

Monday 10th October 6pm school hall: Early Years Maths evening for parents. More info to follow.

Friday 21st October: end of term 6. Term dates for this academic year are on our website:

www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates.

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