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# Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter

## This week

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- Christmas lunch and parties
- Cold weather & school closure procedure
- Public Health information for parents
- Vacancy for high needs TA
- Christmas concert at Wellway



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



## A few words from Mrs Sage...

I must begin with a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Christmas fair last Friday. You raised just over £4,000 which is an important sum of money for our school and our children. Particular thanks go to Clare Harding and Ruth Moody who led the PTA teams to such a successful outcome. Please see [the final Christmas fair newsletter from the PTA here](#) for a round-up of PTA news.



I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at tonight's Lighting of the Christmas tree event at Saltford Hall and hope you enjoy seeing our choir.

**Christmas performances:** we are looking forward to the KS2 show next week and hope you all thoroughly enjoyed 'Hey, Ewe!' See the report and pictures below. Thank you to all the children, staff and parents for your work and support in putting on this fantastic nativity.

**Christmas post boxes:** are available to the children until Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please mark cards clearly with the recipient's name and class.

**Christmas lunch and parties tomorrow:** see [our Christmas page](#) for details. Children can wear their party clothes or Christmas jumpers. Also, each class will have their special SECRET visit from Father Christmas in the afternoon. Please support the PTA to host this treat [using this link](#).

**Cold weather and school closure:** we have been advised by B&NES Public Health of a high probability of severe cold weather and icy conditions at the end of this week and into Monday. Please make sure your children have plenty of warm clothing for the school day as we still like to get outside; please also [see the school website here](#) for a reminder of our procedures for closing the school in the event of severe weather.

Remember, it is essential that your contact details are up to date in [MCAS](#).

**Health information:** all parents have been emailed the latest information and advice from B&NES Public Health regarding concerns about Strep A infections and scarlet fever. Please [see the website here](#) for a recap of these letters or click on the links in the Quick links column below.

**Join our team:** we require a high needs teaching assistant, to work 11.25 hours/week until 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2023. Please see [the advert and job description here](#) and do contact the school office if you are interested in the post.

**Wellway Christmas concert:** tickets are available for this festive concert from Wellway students on Monday and Tuesday. [Info & booking here](#).

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Sage.



## Christmas fair round-up

Please read the final Christmas fair news in the [PTA Christmas fair round-up newsletter here](#).

### Congratulations to the winners of the decorated sweetie jar competition

We were impressed with the creativity and effort that was evident in all the entries. Our thanks to everyone who entered – we hope you enjoyed doing it.

The winners are are: EYFS: 1st: Emilia A 2nd: Ida C 3rd: Bear J  
KS1: 1st: Sophie T 2nd: Orson B 3rd: Sophie BL  
KS2: 1st: David S 2nd: Aria B 3rd: Christopher L



### Shhh, Santa Claus is coming to school... in a surprise visit to every class tomorrow

The PTA has had a special word and Santa & the elves will be dropping in to school on Friday!

They will visit each class, surprising every child with a lovely present.

We would appreciate your support for the PTA to host this event; you can purchase Santa ticket/s on [the PTA events page here](#). There is a suggested donation of £2.50 per child, however larger donations are gratefully received, which will help the PTA continue to provide the much-needed funds that support the school.

### Christmas dinner and parties

Our staff always make a special effort to make this day memorable for the children. A huge thank you must go to Lynne and her team in the kitchen who will be preparing very many Christmas dinners tomorrow, and to our playworkers, led by Mrs Jennings, for all their support in helping all children to join in the fun. After lunch, staff will be laying on Christmas games and activities for the children's parties which will take place in their classrooms this year. Thanks to all staff for continuing to do their very best to give the children a particularly lovely time at Christmas. Children can wear their party clothes and jumpers to school tomorrow.



## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

### KS1

**Bumblebee:** Ethan M for working so hard to cut and order the Bears according to their size.

**Butterfly:** Freddie W for singing so beautifully during our Nativity performances. You are always watching Mrs Browne-amazing!

**Apple:** Frank S for beautiful singing during our Nativity performance.

**Pear:** Renae J for her wonderful work using the suffix -er.

**Palm:** Bradley W for working hard on his subtraction work.

**Cherry:** Thomas R for working really hard in his maths work.

### KS2

**Sycamore:** Sofia F for fantastic writing about the Stone Age Boy.

**Maple:** Fred A for a fantastic story map of The Hungry Caterpillar in French.

**Lime:** Jack B for lovely joined handwriting when writing the story of last tree.

**Willow:** Margot S for always being so keen to learn and trying her absolute best in every subject. Well done Margot!

**Elm:** Oscar F for excellent work in short multiplication within maths.

**Horse chestnut:** Lois A & Sam B for their excellent modelling of makaton to teach the Y5 group the international signing language that we are using to present our Christmas song.

**Ash:** Giorgio D for an excellent innovated version of Les Trois Cabris in French.

**Oak:** Ava L for good understanding of the Christmas story looking at it what it means to a range of Christians.



## We celebrate

**Gethin L**, maple class, for his white belt in Kung Fu  
**Aimee P**, horse chestnut, for doing the Big Wild Walk for nature's recovery

**David S**, ash, for achieving the Royal Life Saving Society's Rookie Lifeguard Bronze 1 award with Keynsham Life Saving Club

**Amelia McN**, palm, for passing routine week at Kingswood Gymnastics

### Baskerville's awards:

**Harriet H**, sycamore, for passing levels 12 & 13

**Ellie B**, palm, for her medals for levels 5 & 6

**Abigail J**, palm, for her level 7 medal

**Bella O**, apple, for her level 1 medal

**Everyone who participated in the Saltford mini Santa Dash: Freddie R-L & Lewis K-B**, both in bumblebees & pictured below, for their medals for completing the course



## Oli the prizewinning cauli

Congratulations to Oliver in Y1 who was one of the three winners of the Zest Design a Mascot competition. He has won two tickets to a Gloucester cricket match and a £25 Smyths voucher. Here he is with his super design.



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## Hey, Ewe! Un-baa-lievable performances all round

This week the children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 did an amazing performance of their Christmas show 'Hey Ewe!' The children sang beautifully and had to remember lots of actions for all the songs. The children in EYFS sang a beautiful song in angel costumes. Year 1 sang 'Hustle Bustle' dressed as villagers and the children in Year 2 sang 'Something's going on' with a solo performance from the Curious Sheep.

We are so proud of all the children for their brilliant performances and enthusiastic singing. A special mention to the year 2 children who acted out the Christmas story, led by Miss Jupp and Miss Mulready, and a big thank you to all of the class teachers for teaching the children their class songs, Mrs Browne for leading the singing and to all the staff for their hard work on the nativity.

We hope you enjoy the selection of photos below.

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

## Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)

### **OUR CHRISTMAS PAGE IS LIVE HERE**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** [Y5 & Y6 performance at the Lighting of the Christmas Tree](#) event, Saltford Hall.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** school [Christmas dinner special menu](#).

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** [class Christmas parties](#). Children can wear party clothes or Christmas jumpers.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am:** KS2 Christmas performances. [More info here](#).

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** last day for school Christmas post boxes.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Christingle service for children at school.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January:** term 3 starts.

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

# SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

