



Saltford
CofE Primary School

Launch Letter Term 1 • 7th September 2023



WELCOME BACK to this new school year! I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families who are joining our school community this September. I would also like to welcome the Revd Nigel Williams who will be taking up the position of Rector for Saltford, Corston and Newton St Loe. We look forward to working closely with him over the coming school year.

This introduction to term one previews all the main events and themes of the coming term. The [class pages on our website](#) are up to date with your new class letter and the relevant curriculum web that your child will be following this term. There is lots to look forward to over the next couple of months including our traditional Harvest celebrations, the circus and the first PTA school disco of the year. We are looking forward to meeting parents at [our series of welcome meetings](#) for the new school year.

Over the holidays we have renewed the flooring in Bumblebees, Butterflies and Pear classes, along with the adjacent corridor, toilets and bug room. Mrs Gordon has been busy painting a floor to ceiling summer meadow mural which has really brightened up the KS2 corridor and Mr Beckett's work is evident in all the other areas that have been refreshed over the summer.

I am delighted to say that, following a tendering process, work on our precious swimming pool will start very soon and we are confident that we will be swimming again in 2024.



School uniform: thank you for sending children to school looking smart in their school uniforms. There are regular sales of very reasonably priced 'pre-loved' uniform at school on the same days as the cake sales. [See the dates here](#). Please note that trainers and PE hoodies are not part of the main uniform. If you are in doubt, please see the useful presentation on uniform requirements [on our website here](#).

Footwear: please send your child to school in footwear that is appropriate for the weather. We request that all children have a separate pair of outdoor shoes in school that can be used at playtime and lunchtime when they go onto the field areas. We have proper storage for the extra footwear and finds that it makes it easier and cheaper to keep the indoor classroom areas clean and well maintained.

Positive behaviour in school: following last year's review of our positive behaviour systems, which took account of the views of the wider school community and the findings of new educational research, we have updated our approach for the new year. We will be celebrating achievements through a system called Class Dojo. All parents have been [sent this letter explaining the changes](#) and, at your welcome meeting, staff will explain in more detail how this system works. The website gives updated information about our full policy at saltfordschool.org.uk/key-information/behaviour and you can read [the full policy here](#).

Please remember that children are encouraged to share their achievements from outside school too, by bringing in their certificates, badges and trophies. Remember to bring in Summer Reading Challenge certificates so that we can celebrate these achievements.

Individual photos Monday 11th September & photos with siblings Tuesday 12th September: please send your children to school looking their best for their school photos. Individual photos will be done by class on Monday, and photos with siblings will be done on Tuesday. We have appointed new photographers this year; [Nigel and Clare Coles photography](#).

Forest School update: we are delighted to be able to re-start forest school sessions this year for every class. These sessions will take place on the school site. We are only able to provide this thanks to generous funding from our PTA. The provider will also be running a Forest School club after school – look out for further details.

School dinners ordering process: all parents have been emailed earlier this week with full information about how to order school dinners from now on. Using the MCAS system, please pre-order your child's meal choice after choosing with them. This is to avoid waste and ensure that specific dietary needs are met. The menu is up to date [on the school website here](#). Please [see our website here](#) for details of who is entitled to free school meals and how to order and pay for your child's dinners.

Year 1 cake sale: Year 1 will be starting the season of [after-school cake sales](#) on Friday 22nd September. Please come along after school and support them to make as much as possible to spend on activities for their classes. There will also be the PTA used uniform sale and book swap running alongside as usual.

PTA meeting on Monday 11th: the next PTA meeting is at 7.30pmin the staffroom on Monday 11th September. Every parent is always invited to come along to these meetings. It is a great way to get to know the school and other parents, and I am always grateful to the PTA for the work they do in supporting the school experience.

Snacks and allergies reminder: your class letters for this term contain detailed information about our policy for healthy snacks and our requirements that, to protect those children with nut and seed allergies, nobody should send anything to school that contains nuts, lentils or sesame seeds. This includes things like houmous and Nutella. The information is also on the school website in full, [in the school notices section](#), under 'Healthy snacks' and 'Nut and seed life-threatening allergy awareness'. I would like to thank you for taking responsibility for your part in keeping all of our children healthy and safe at school.

Vacancies: if you are interested in joining our team as a playworker, please contact the school on 01225 872185 to talk to us about the role. We offer flexible working arrangements and this is a term-time only position.

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 8:40am is recommended. If you drive, please consider trying [active travel](#) by parking at The Crown in the morning and finishing the journey on foot from there.

[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 summary guide to communications here](#) for a reminder of the many ways we can communicate with each other. We have an open door policy and would always encourage parents and carers to contact the school directly with any concerns or suggestions.

Have a good weekend,
Mrs Sage.

This term's focus

- Continuing to develop the zoning of our school site for developing play and outdoor education with a new creative and performance zone.
- Further developing writing – including progression in spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Depth/extension tasks in Foundation subjects.
- Implementing our new [Positive Behaviour Policy](#) and rewards across the school.

We will share updates and links to information on [the news page](#) of our website, in [our newsletters](#) and through our Twitter/X account [@SaltfordPrimary](#).

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 11th September** in the staffroom. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Parent Voice Group: the next PVG meeting will be on Thursday 12th Oct. [Read all about the PVG here](#).

Volunteering: we love having volunteers in school. There are many roles a volunteer can take and help is welcomed on a regular or a one-off basis.

- Volunteer to help on a regular basis in class.
- Offer to become a [Reading Ranger \(details here\)](#) between 2.30 & 3.15pm to hear children reading and discuss their book.
- Talk to our KS2 children about your career in an assembly.
- Share your gardening skills and help look after the Secret Garden. Please call (01225 872185) or [e-mail the school office](#) if you can spare time to help the children 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.

Shopping choices: when you are buying online, please remember to check out [The Giving Machine](#) for links to the sites you would be using anyway. You can earn commission for the school funds at no extra cost to yourself. Please see our [Fundraising information here](#) for more details.

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 Paul Cummings. 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.

For your information, the Futura Learning Partnership is making the following change from September '23 to ensure consistency across the 28 schools in the Partnership: every school-based governing body will now be called a 'Local Governance Committee'. This affects our school because the governing body was previously called an Academy Governance Committee.

This term's clubs

We are proud to offer a large range of extra-curricular clubs; these play a large part in the life of our pupils.

Guitar club is new for this year. It will run for Y2 - 6 after school on Tuesdays starting on 12th September. NB: there are still a few one-to-one spaces for guitar tuition for KS2 available on Mondays with Mr Goodrich. Please email Mr Goodrich direct if you would like to book or for more information: jimmygoodrich@hotmail.com.

KS2 advanced chess club will be starting on Tuesdays after school for those who already know how to play chess but would like to practise and improve by playing regularly. Look out for a flyer with full details next week. We are enormously grateful to Mrs Jones who has very kindly offered to provide this opportunity.

Choir takes place on Wednesday lunchtimes for KS2. Years 5 & 6 are taken by Miss Benton and Years 3 & 4 by Mr George. Look out for more information soon.

The whole variety of sporting clubs includes 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 Salford Primary School are not available all year round so please check the website for details. www.salfordschool.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 Salford 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:

Salford Community Association:

www.salfordhall.co.uk/

Salford Parish Council:

www.salfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/

Salford Environment Group:

salfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk

Salford Sports Club:

<https://www.facebook.com/salt.fordsportsclub/>

St Mary's Church: www.stmaryssalford.org.uk/

B&NES Council: beta.bathnes.gov.uk/

Keynsham Town Council: <http://www.keynsham-tc.gov.uk/>

Coming up this term...

Vocal Sunday Sessions 24th September from B&NES Music Service – free for children in receipt of free school meals

Two exciting vocal sessions for students who love to sing!

- A morning session for primary aged students 9.30am - 12.30pm
- an afternoon session for secondary aged students 1.30pm - 4.30pm

These are delivered by Kate Courage, covering a wide range of different styles and genres.

When: Sunday 24th September

Where: St John's RC Primary, Bath

Cost: £15 per student, free for students in receipt of free school meals.

To book a space, go to <https://bit.ly/sessionvocal> or for more information please email: music@wema.org.uk

Key dates

Thursday 7th September 5pm in school hall: welcome meeting for Y5 parents.

Monday 11th September: individual school photos.

Monday 11th September 5pm in school hall: welcome meeting for Y1 parents.

Monday 11th September 7.30pm in staffroom: PTA meeting, all welcome.

Tuesday 12th September: school photos with siblings.

Tuesday 12th September 5pm in school hall: welcome meeting for Y2 parents.

Wednesday 13th September 5pm in school hall: welcome meeting for Y4 parents.

Friday 14th September: Circus event from the PTA.

Thursday 21st September: [Mr Egypt in school with Y4.](#)

Friday 22nd September after school: Y1 [cake sale with uniform sale and book swap.](#)

Monday 25th September: [Pear class visit to Warleigh Lodge Farm.](#)

Tuesday 26th September: [Apple class visit to Warleigh Lodge Farm.](#)

Wednesday 27th September: [Palm class visit to Warleigh Lodge Farm.](#)

Thursday 28th September: [Cherry class visit to Warleigh Lodge Farm.](#)

Wednesday 4th October & Thursday 5th October: Harvest celebrations. Details to follow.

Friday 13th October: PTA disco for children. Details to follow.

Friday 20th October: last day of term 1.

Tuesday 31st October: term 2 begins.

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



SALTFORD COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

When Covid struck back in early 2020 we launched a fund to support residents during the pandemic and beyond. Within the space of a few weeks you generously donated around £14,000 and you have continued to donate subsequently.

As you know, initially we provided over 900 hot meals, 600 afternoon teas to over 75s, plus basic food supplies and small emergency cash sums where needed within the village, during the pandemic.

Subsequently we have continued to provide financial support to those in need within the village, through a combination of our relationships with Citizens Advice for B&NES and Salford Primary School and specifically to support all the Ukrainian families who have been hosted in the area. Only in the last couple of months we have provided to Salford School support for pupils during summer holidays and throughout the forthcoming academic year.

We are keen to continue to support local residents in financial need and we would encourage any individual or family in the village to contact Citizens Advice in Bath who will be able to help. When required, we will make further funds available to Citizens Advice to support Salford residents.

Where recommended by the Citizens Advice advisor, and finance is unavailable from other sources, the fund can be used to provide help in the following areas :

- TV Licence
- Transport costs for essential needs like doctor/hospital appointment
- Regular fees for broadband/telephone
- Clothing/shoe needs e.g. for school
- Anxiety counselling
- Pet related costs including vet bills and pet transport to vet
- regular household bills, white goods etc.

Please see Citizens Advice contact details on the rear of this leaflet.



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- Employment
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Contact us now:

Call Adviceline - 0344 848 7919 (9.30am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday)

Call Community Wellbeing Hub - 0300 247 0050 (9am - 5pm Monday to Friday)

Visit our website www.citizensadvicebanes.org.uk to learn more or to fill in an advice request webform.



Working in partnership with Salford Community Association, we may be able to make small direct support payments to those in need from the Salford Hardship Fund (T&Cs apply). Please register with CAB for this service.





UK Health
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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.