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Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter

This week

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- Christmas lunch
- Christmas parties
- Santa's visits
- KS2 shows
- Christingle
- New year & spring term

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



A few words from Mrs Sage...



The final Christmas cards have been delivered through the school post and we have enjoyed some super 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 fun time with the Christmas lunch, class parties and Santa stopping by with a gift for every child. The hall and the lunch tables looked really festive and I would like to thank Lynne and her team in the kitchen for going the extra mile to make the lunch really special; also Corenna and the playworker team for their support on the day to make it a fun and memorable lunch for the children.

Santa in Saltford: if you have missed Father Christmas doing his rounds this week, you can catch him this evening on the route of Beech Road, High Street, The Shallows and The Glen or on Saturday 16th outside Saltford Community PO/Library from 9am and then at Flourish from noon.

[See the SCA Facebook post here for info and maps.](#)

Santa visit: on Monday, Santa also dropped in to visit us on his Christmas rounds. He was collecting on behalf of Saltford Community Association this year for [the Woodland Warrior Programme](#). Thank you for sending in your donations with the children.

KS2 performances: this week's KS2 performance celebrated 100 years of Disney. We hope you enjoyed the shows. Report and pictures below.

Christingle: we are looking forward to our traditional 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.

Spring term: we will be welcoming everyone back to school on Weds 3rd January. The panto will be coming to school on the second Friday back, 12th Jan. Plenty of time to plan your costumes! See more below.

Please [refer to our website news page for everything you need to know for the return to school](#), including school dinner information.

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



Free course on parenting for any parents/carers with children aged 3 – 12.

Mrs Godwin would like to draw your attention to a free parenting course (with online and in person options) from the [Bath and Bristol Parenting Hub](#) that starts on January 16th online and January 19th in person.

They say "we know that parents want to create the happiest home life they can, and some may have a few concerns about their child's behaviour – perhaps there's disobedience or you simply want to find out how to set up better routines for mealtimes or bedtimes. Whatever it is, if you'd like to learn more about positive parenting and how you can apply it with your own family, you can do so with us, in a safe, non-judgmental, fun and relaxed way. We show you parenting strategies that really work."

If you think this could be useful for you and your family, [please go to the Parenting Hub website here for lots more information and to register.](#)

School dinners in January

Please remember that school dinners must be ordered in advance, even for the first week back at school. The MCAS system does not accept orders after noon on the day preceding the dinner.

[See the menu here.](#)

Christingle service

Tomorrow, on the last day of term, 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 who are less fortunate than themselves at this time.

We know we can rely on the children to sing beautifully and read so well.

Y4 visit to Wellsway concert

On Tuesday, Year 4 had the wonderful opportunity to visit Wellsway and watch their Christmas concert. The children were invited to join in the musical festive fun and learn about the different instruments that make up an orchestra including the brass, woodwind, strings and percussion. We would like to thank Ms McLean and her team for a fantastic morning.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

KS1

Bumblebee: Rupert M for amazing persistence and concentration with cutting skills – well done Rupert!

Butterfly: Henry B for working so hard on his writing about Mr Gumpy's Car. Well done Henry!

Apple: Darcie H for super star singing in our nativity. Darcie loved performing and shone like a star! Well done Darcie!

Pear: George F for a fabulous description of his imaginary home that runs on water bottles. Well done George!

Palm: Emilie B for a fantastic Spot the Santa guide in English. Well done Emilie!

Cherry: the whole class for working so hard this term.

KS2

Sycamore: Frank D for showing caring and kind behaviour to his classmates. Fantastic job Frank!

Maple: Martha A for her incredible enthusiasm and confidence when performing Mulan! Well done, Martha!

Lime: Harper-May K for always being so polite in class and around the school. Her lovely manners have been noticed by lots of staff members!

Willow: Libby S for her well-presented and persuasive Winter Wonderland text. Well done Libby!

Elm: Archer E, well done for your brilliant engagement and illustrations in History as we learnt about being an Evacuee in WW2. Super work!

Horse chestnut: Bailey M for his resilience and cheerfulness at school and his fantastic imagination in his story about The Giant and the Sea. Brilliant work Bailey.

Ash: Luke B for a great balanced argument about war.

Oak: Zach U for excellent working when showing how to solve mixed worded questions involving fractions.

Christmas parties and visit from Santa

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 a Christmas film. 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 and the elves, who put aside an afternoon during their 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 the children will remember these times fondly for years to come.



Local activities this Christmas...

Doodle Winter Calendar to 24th

December: encourage your child to complete at least one exercise a day in DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish to unlock a calendar door for seasonal rewards. [Full info online here.](#)

Board Game Saturdays at Keynsham

Library: Saturday 16 December from 12.30 – 4.00pm

Community cinema Last Christmas (cert

12A): 17th December 2.30 at Salford Hall.

[Info and to book here.](#)

Art in the Library – Care Leavers Lens at

Keynsham Library: photography by young people who have been in the care of B&NES council Mon-Sat until Christmas, during opening hours.

Sensory Space at Keynsham Library:

for families with children and young adults with sensory needs Mon – Sat, [book a session via Eventbrite.](#)

Advent trail from St Mary's Church:

a fun village trail with new windows opening every day through Advent. [See the St Mary's website here for details and a map.](#)

Carols at Christmas at St Mary's Church:

Sunday 17th December 6 – 7pm.

Crib service St Mary's Church:

Sunday 24th December at 5pm

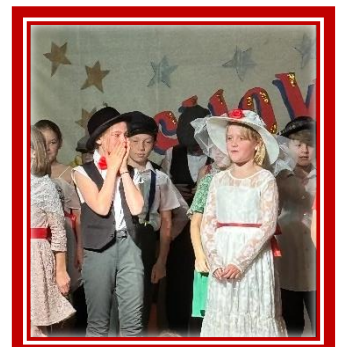
Wellway Sports Centre: scrap craft challenge Mon 18th & Fri 22nd December

Wellway Sports Centre: Christmas roller disco Tues 19th, Thurs 21st & Thurs 28th Dec

See posters below for more information.

KS2 Christmas performances

KS2 performed their Christmas concert '100 Years of Disney' this week on Wednesday and Thursday. Each class performed a well-known song from popular Disney films, complete with costumes, props and choreography, as well as two songs as a whole Key Stage. The children gave a fantastic performance and have made the end to a very busy term a memorable experience for the whole school. Thanks to all of the class teachers for all of their hard work on their class's songs, to Mrs Sage on her work with the children on singing, to Mr Jenkins for lighting the concert and special thanks to Mr George and Mr Styles for coordinating the performances.



We celebrate

Orson B, palm, certificate and medal for his 3-year award from Stagecoach Performing Arts.

Freddie R-L, apple, for completing the Santa Dash.

Isla H, lime, for her 'Gymnast of the Day' award.

Aimee P, ash, for raising funds for the RNLI with a bucket collection.

Your child's life online; help to keep them safe this Christmas

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, phones and tablets. See also [lots of advice and links on our online safety page here](#).

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The Lighting of the Christmas Tree

The community came together for the '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, singing beautifully 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 Father Christmas to get the children dreaming of Christmas morning. Thank you to all the children for their dedication and good cheer and to the staff for supporting.

Panto treat in the new year

We are very excited to let you know that we have a theatre company coming to school on Friday 12th 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 as their favourite characters. We will be awarding 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 15th December: Christingle service.

Friday 15th December: last day of term 2.

Tuesday 2nd January 2024: INSET day

Wednesday 3rd January 2024: term 3 begins for children.

Monday 8th January: PTA meeting at 7.30pm.

Friday 12th January: pantomime at school

Tuesday 16th January: the I can & I am bus in school for Year 5.

Thursday 18th January: census day with special fun school dinner menu. See MCAS.

Thursday 18th January 5pm: [meeting for Y6 parents](#) on supporting your child and the transition to secondary school.

Friday 19th January: after school, [Year 2 cake sale](#), PTA uniform sale and book swap.

Friday 26th January: children's disco.

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



BUMBLEBEE

Top 5
Harlow R
Bella M
Aerin W
Xander L
Herbert D

BUTTERFLY

Top 5
Logan H
Lochlan H
Emily B
Clara G
Yasmine T

APPLE

Top 5
Florence G
Hattie PG
Barnaby F
Stanley R
Freddie R L

PEAR

Top 5
Emilia A
Stanley K
George J
Arthur B
Drake P

PALM

Top 5
Orson B
William K
Emily B
Ada F,
Zane F &
Daniel B-B

CHERRY

Top 5
Willow D
Alex B
Evelyn J
Yasmin R
Florence M

SYCAMORE

Top 5
Isabella H
Eva L
Evelyn H
Oliver G
Mariia K

MAPLE

Top 5
Tatenda M
Henry P
Ellana W-H
Joss S
Amilia M

LIME

Top 5
Christina C
Sofia F
Millie H
Molly L
Harper R

WILLOW

Top 5
Alice P
Willow H
Fred A
Evie R
Frank P

ELM

Top 5
Lauren P
Barnaby P
Seren E
Charlotte P
Seb S

HORSE CHESTNUT

Top 5
Mia S
Jenny C
Abi F
Tristan J
Ruby A &
Zara H

ASH

Top 5
Lois A
Eliza B
Clara F
Sophie H
Emily H

OAK

Top 5
Esther W
Sophie V
Edmund S-C
Freddie F
Thea S



Awards to be presented in Friday morning assembly

THIS TERM'S DOODLE CHAMPIONS



doodletables

Top 3 Stars

Siana D – Willow

Arjan D – Oak

Emily Joy S – Horse Chestnut

Top Class

Elm



Top 3 Stars

Tatenda M – Maple

Max P – Willow

Hamish R – Lime

Top Class

Elm



doodle spell

Top 3 Stars

Leo S – Cherry

Jack B – Elm

Tayif S – Pear

Top Class

Willow



Top 3 Stars

Zach H – Elm

Edmund S-C – Oak

Emily P – Ash

Top Class

Horse Chestnut

SCRAP CRAFT CHALLENGE

Let your child challenge their creativity with our stay and create 1 hour open sessions at both Wellsway & SBL Sports Centre's arts+crafts room

Dates / Times / Location

OPEN 10AM TO 2PM AT SBL SPORTS CENTRE , OLDLAND COMMON
THURSDAY 21ST & FRIDAY 22ND DEC 2023

OPEN 10AM TO 3PM AT WELLSWAY SPORTS CENTRE, KEYNSHAM
MONDAY 18TH DEC - FRIDAY 22ND DEC 2023

Free parking at both sites

CHRISTMAS ROLLER DISCO

TUESDAY 19TH , THURSDAY 21ST &
THURSDAY 28TH DEC

- 4pm-4.45pm + 5pm-5.45pm
- £4.50 per child
- Age 5 - 12 years old
- Bring your own skates
- Prizes for best fancy dressed (optional)
- Adult to stay at all times *
- Book online or turn up, pay and skate. (Card Payment Only)



www.sportwellsway.com
Chandag Road, Keynsham, BS31 1PH

CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS

at St Mary's Church
Saltford

Sunday 17th December at
6pm

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

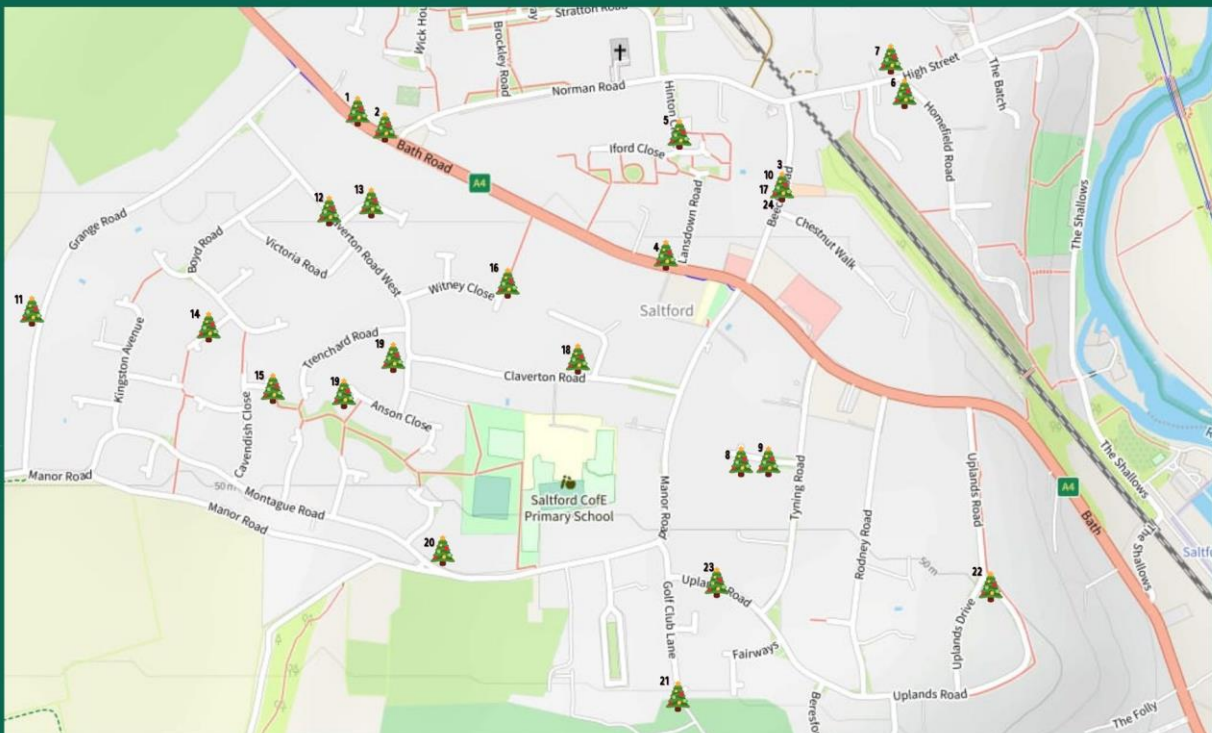


COUNT DOWN TO CHRISTMAS AND FOLLOW THE SALTFORD ADVENT WINDOW TRAIL. EVERY DAY IN DECEMBER THERE WILL BE A NEW WINDOW TO ENJOY.

FRI 1ST - 433 BATH RD
SAT 2ND - 406 BATH RD
SUN 3RD - 12 BEECH RD
MON 4TH - 479 BATH RD
TUES 5TH - 8B HINTON CL
WED 6TH - 24 HIGH ST
THUR 7TH - 25 HIGH ST
FRI 8TH - 4 COLLINGWOOD CL
SAT 9TH - 2 COLLINGWOOD CL
SUN 10TH - 12 BEECH RD
MON 11TH - 44 GRANGE RD
TUES 12TH - 18 CLAVERTON RD WEST

WED 13TH - 4 ROUNDMOOR CL
THUR 14TH - 5 VERNON CL
FRI 15TH - 1 KEPPEL CL
SAT 16TH - 17 WITNEY CL
SUN 17TH - 12 BEECH RD
MON 18TH - 11 CLAVERTON RD
TUES 19TH - 27 ANSON CL
" " - 24 ANSON CL
WED 20TH - 4 PEPYS CL
THUR 21ST - 14 GOLF CLUB LN
FRI 22ND - 26 UPLANDS RD
SAT 23RD - 52 UPLANDS RD
SUN 24TH - 12 BEECH RD

SALTFORD ADVENT TRAIL



LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c
18 Dec

Bath Central Library

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

Christmas Crafting

Mon - Sat During opening hours 18 - 30 Dec

Festive Storytime & Craft

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.30am 19, 21 & 23 Dec

Knit Two, Share One - knitting & Crochet group for any age/ability

Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 21 & 28 Dec

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 23 & 30 Dec

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.
Visit bathneslibraries.wordpress.com

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Midsomer Norton Library

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Dorothy House are collecting Christmas trees for charity once again in January. Register by 7th January 2024 to get your tree collected: <https://just-helping.org.uk/register-tree>

