

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

- Settling in
- Welcome meetings
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- Starting next year
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[See the latest news on our website here](#)

A few words from Mrs Sage...



It has been lovely to see our new Reception children settling in so nicely and to begin to get to know them. We have also enjoyed talking with many parents at our welcome meetings this term for parents of Years 6, 5, 1, 2 & 4. All the presentations are available on [the relevant class pages](#).

Communication: we are proud to have a culture of open communication at this school and would encourage you to use pick-up times to relay messages to your class teacher in the first instance. If you do not come up to school, you can [email the school office](#) and the class teacher will be in touch as soon as possible.

Please see [our communications summary here](#) for a reminder of the many ways families and school can keep in touch.

PTA: thank you to everyone who attended this important first meeting of the year. It is a busy and special term with the Circus, School Discos, Firework and Christmas events coming up. [Please read the minutes here](#) to keep up to date.

Snack pots at playtime: please make sure your child's re-usable snack pot is named. If they don't bring the pots home, please check the lost property box – we are building up quite a collection! We are keen to encourage the use of these pots as an alternative to single-use plastic containers.

School tours for next year's starters: I am looking forward to showing off our school next week during the [tours for those starting in 2024](#). We are also hosting our usual play afternoon for pre-school children on 20th September.

Circus: I am very much looking forward to seeing many of you in the Big Top tonight. There was great excitement as the vans rolled into school today (photo below). We are open from 5pm for hot dogs, sweets, face painting and the bar. Access is via the Claverton Road entrance only.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Sage.

STAR PUPIL AWARDS

FS/KS1

Apple: Georgia MB for beautifully presented work on carnivores, herbivores and omnivores in Science.

Pear: Hazel J for settling into Saltford School amazingly.

Palm: Orla M for working hard on her writing about her summer holiday. A huge improvement in your handwriting already! Well done Orla!

Cherry: Layla B for a fantastic description of Grandad's house, you included so many adjectives! Well done Layla!

KS2

Sycamore: Mariia K for settling in brilliantly at our school in her first week here. It's lovely to have you with us Mariia!

Maple: Zak B for settling into our School and Maple Class really well and making an excellent start to his work! Well done Zak!

Lime: Hamish R for settling into Saltford School so well and making a super start to his work in Y4. Welcome Hamish!

Willow: Alba J & Remi A for both settling into Saltford School and Willow Class so well and for making a great contribution to the class already. Well done to you both.

Elm: Alana K-B for being our highest Dojo scorer so far! You have such wonderful contributions in class and you are so helpful and kind. Keep it up!

Horse chestnut: Jennifer C for a positive start to Year 5, neat presentation and embracing the Saltford way.

Ash: Clara F for her helpfulness in class and her superb writing about our new class book.

Oak: Verity S-B for great work looking at the 5 key Sikh beliefs.



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We celebrate ★ ★

Kate P, Apple, for her certificate and medal for taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

Emily P, Ash, for winning 1st place girls in a 9 hole golf competition. ★

Walk to school next week

Next week is Travel Wise Week which takes place between **16th** and **22nd** **September** each year. Travel Wise Week promotes active travel, public transport, and other cleaner and healthier transport choices, and culminates in **World Car Free Day** on Friday when everyone is encouraged to find an alternative mode of travel for just one day.

We would like to encourage everyone at Saltford to use active travel as much as possible next week. Could you park further away and walk the remainder? For more information, please see the travel wise week website: [/modeshift.org.uk/travelwise-week/](https://modeshift.org.uk/travelwise-week/)

There are lots of exciting travel events coming up so keep your eye out for more details later in the year!



Online safety newsletter September

A new school year brings us to school photos which have taken place this week. In [this month's online safety newsletter](#), there are important reminders about posting back-to-school photos on social media and the associated risks to children. It contains practical advice on risks and etiquette.

There is also an informative article on the new social media app 'Threads' (created by the creators of Facebook and Instagram) that launched in July, with particular emphasis on what to be aware of if you have children.

The Parent Voice Group (PVG) needs you

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to represent their class this year. We have no representatives as yet for our new Reception classes. It is always good to have two reps per class, to ensure a balance of opinions. We also hold the meetings over Zoom with the aim that this will make it easier for parents to participate. If you are able to volunteer for any of the following classes, please [email the school office](#) for the attention of Mrs Sage: Butterflies; Bumblebees, Palm, Cherry, Sycamore, Maple, Lime, Elm, Horse Chestnut and Oak classes still need more representation.

If you want to contact your class reps, please [find your reps on the website here](#). The next PVG meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12th October at 7pm.

Holidays in term time

When it comes to booking family holidays, please support your child's learning and make sure that your holidays are planned during the 13 weeks of school holidays.

All parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school.

If you feel you need to book a holiday or absence during term time, you should make an appointment to see Mrs Sage before you do so. You can find the absence request form on the [Attendance page of the website here](#). This form must be sent to school at least two weeks before the planned absence.

If you choose for your child to have 5 days (10 sessions) or more of unauthorised absence, you will receive a fine from the Attendance & Welfare Support Service ([AWSS](#)). The amount is £120 per child for each parent with parental responsibility (even if they are not living with the child), which reduces to £60 per child if paid within 28 days. For example, this would cost £480 for a family with 2 children and 2 parents, or £240 if paid within 28 days.

Please read [our school attendance procedures](#) for an understanding of our approach. We aim to work in partnership with parents to achieve high attendance and the best outcomes for all our children.

Our School Attendance Lead is Mrs Pippa Saunders.

Could you be a Reading Ranger?

Reading is such an important skill for all learning that we have introduced a new scheme designed to focus on children practising their reading skills.

We are asking for volunteers for 'Reading Rangers' for each class. Rangers come in between 2:30pm and 3:15pm – just before the end of the school day – to listen to children reading and to discuss their reading book. We hope that half an hour's commitment would be manageable. Please let us know you are interested by completing this short form:

forms.office.com/e/0av0yFM0xN.

We really appreciate your help and continued support.



See all dates
on our online
calendar for
parents here!

Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)



Friday 14th September: Circus event from the PTA.

Monday 18th September 5pm: [EYFS literacy information meeting](#) in school hall.

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

Thursday 21st September: Wellsway School open evening for prospective Year 7s.

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.

Thursday 12th October: [Parent Voice Group](#) meeting

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

Friday 20th October: [Y6 cake sale with uniform sale and book swap](#).

Friday 20th October: last day of term 1.

Tuesday 31st October: term 2 begins.

Friday 3rd November: PTA fireworks event.

Monday 6th November 7.30pm: PTA meeting and AGM.

Thursday 16th & Monday 20th November: consultation evenings. Details to follow.

Friday 1st December: PTA Christmas fair.

For term dates please see:

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

Starting school in September 2024?

SALTFORD SCHOOL PLAY AFTERNOON

For pre-school children at 2-3pm
on Wednesday 20th September 2023

Your child and you are invited for a fun afternoon of play, games
and exploring our wonderful Early Years facilities.
Meet the Headteacher and our Early Years team.



"Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the education and care
their children receive at the school.

The pupils at this school receive outstanding provision." OFSTED, MARCH 2023.

Book your play afternoon place now.

Call during school hours on 01225 872185 or email enquiries@saltfordschool.org.uk.

School tours are available in September or at any time by video on our website:

www.saltfordschool.org.uk



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Claverton Road, Saltford BS31 3DW

Vocal Sunday Sessions

Two exciting vocal sessions for students who love to sing!

A morning session for primary aged students and afternoon for secondary aged students delivered by Kate Courage, covering a wide range of different styles and genres.

When: Sunday 24th September

Who: 9.30am - 12.30pm Primary
1.30pm - 4.30pm Secondary

Where: St John's RC Primary, Bath

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



To book a space: <https://bit.ly/sessionvocal>

For more information: | music@wema.org.uk

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SHOES TO FILL!

WE NEED YOU!

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IS Looking for
Volunteers
For the PTA



LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight*

1-1 face to face support for 5-10 year olds and a combination of face to face & virtual support for 11-17 year olds*

Receive a **FREE 3-MONTH leisure centre pass** upon completion for the child and nominated adult**

Topics covered:

- Healthy food and drink swaps
- Physical activity/active play
 - Impact of screen time
 - Food choices

To book a place or find out more contact the Community Wellbeing Hub:

t: 0300 247 0050

e: BATHNES.thehub@hcrgrcaregroup.com

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*Referral criteria applies
**Terms and conditions apply



Cook it

FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children

Join a group session to discover how to make
easy, healthy budget friendly recipes in person
or online

- Free recipe book and NEW video recipe links
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Encouraging children to eat balanced meals
- Ingredients provided or funded with £30 voucher

Upcoming start dates (one session per week);

- Mon 25th Sept- Mon 23rd Oct, Saltford Hall, 4:30-6pm.
- Wed 20th Sept- Wed 18th Oct, Mulberry Park Primary School, 3.30-5pm.
- Thurs 21st Sept - Thurs 19th Oct, Westfield Primary School, 4-5:30pm.
- Tues 3rd Oct- Tues 7th Nov (no session 24th Oct), online via Teams, 5-6pm.

Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to book on
Tel: 0300 247 0050 Email: BATHNES.thehub@hcrhcaregroup.com

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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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We advise on:

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- Debt
- Discrimination
- Employment
- Family and relationships
- Immigration
- Housing and more...



Completely free, confidential, impartial, independent and open to all.

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.

