

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

Community
remembrance

Road Safety
Week

Christmas
preparations

Children in
Need

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A few words from Mrs Sage...

It was a pleasure to meet so many parents and carers at our coffee afternoon last Thursday for those with an interest in SEND support. This time we focused on autism, with an excellent speaker from the autism support service. Thank you to Mrs Saunders, Mrs Godwin and Mrs May for arranging and supporting this really useful session.



Community Remembrance: well done to every one of our many children who participated in the Remembrance Day parade and service in Saltford on Sunday.

Road safety week: [this begins next week](#) on Monday with a range of activities for the children. It's also important to remember that our children's road safety also depends upon considerate driving and parking by their adults.

Christmas preparations: we are getting into full swing for all our special Christmas activities. Check [the Christmas page on our website here](#) for all the dates and information you need about school and PTA festivities. The [parents' calendar](#) is also up to date and PTA news is on [their Facebook page here](#).

Thanks to local company LDB Carpentry & Construction for sponsoring this year's Christmas Fair. This will enhance the fun aspect of the fair for the children.

Be spotacular tomorrow: we are supporting [Children in Need](#) by inviting children to wear something spotty to school tomorrow, along with their school uniform. This can be anything they have made or already own. If they would like to donate to the cause, they can bring £1 into school or parents can make a donation of £2 or more at our [school Children in Need JustGiving page here](#).

I am looking forward to seeing many of you come into school this evening for the first of our consultation evenings. I hope you enjoy the opportunity to look through some of your child's work at the same time.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Sage.

STAR PUPIL AWARDS

KS1

Bumblebee: Bella M for amazing effort and progress with her phonics and using them in writing.

Butterfly: Logan H who cut out and made a skeleton of a dinosaur perfectly. Well done Logan.

Apple: Freddie RL for working really hard on his writing when writing the sequel to the Night Gardener story. You should be super proud of yourself Freddie.

Pear: Barnaby H for working really hard on his letters and writing super sentences about the dragon.

Palm: Max D for working really hard on his handwriting and using adverbs in his sentences. Well done Max!

Cherry: Blake S for working so hard on his spellings and maths! Well done Blake!

KS2

Sycamore: Bella H for a fantastic attitude towards work and school. Great job Bella!

Maple: Ezra P for coming up with creative and interesting ideas in his writing! Excellent work Ezra!

Lime: Millie H for her super colour wheel, carefully mixing primary and secondary colours.

Willow: Ivy W for always being kind, helpful, considerate to others and a team player. Well done Ivy!

Elm: Austin MB for excelling in his assessments, all whilst remaining so humble, kind and calm! Well done Austin.

Horse chestnut: Liv R for an amazing research presentation on WW2 homework.

Ash: Elowen B for thoughtful responses in her PSHE work.

Oak: Savannah C-B for great work when looking at the different versions in the New Testament of the story Jesus' birth.



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We celebrate



Orla M-P, Palm, for achieving Stage 4 swimming.

Anna P, Lime, for winning 1 silver medal and 2 bronze medals for a swimming gala.

Isla H, Lime, for achieving bronze overall in a gymnastics competition.

Harper R, Lime, for winning 6 medals (1x 4th 4 x 3rd and 1 x 2nd) at Keynsham swimming gala.

Francesca M, Lime, for winning 2 medals (1x 4th and 1 x 3rd) at Keynsham swimming gala.

Emilie B, Palm, for achieving Stage 1 swimming and Level 2 gymnastics.

Lucas H, Horse Chestnut, for playing for the Avon County Tennis Team U10's.

Rex R, Palm, for getting Man of the Match at his tag rugby competition with Keynsham U7's.

Stanley R, Apple, for achieving Learn to Swim Level 1.

Anti-Bullying Week this week

This year's theme is Make a Noise About Bullying. All classes have been participating in discussions about anti-bullying and thinking of ways that we can spread kindness throughout the school. All children will have taken part in an anti-bullying lesson where they will discuss what bullying is and what we should do if we think we are being bullied.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as:

The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological.

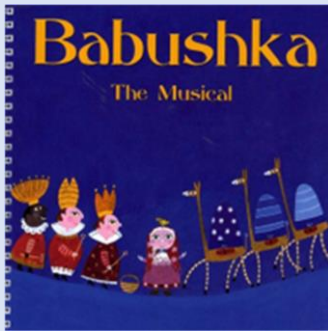
It can happen face-to-face or online.

E-team have been working hard on some anti-bullying posters which will be displayed around the school. They will also be leading our whole school assembly tomorrow. If you have any concerns about your child being bullied, please make sure you speak to the class teacher straight away. Thanks to Miss Jupp for all her work on promoting anti-bullying.

Lost property – please name everything!

After every playtime we are finding unnamed snack pots, uniform and even coats left on the playground. Please have a drive to name everything your child brings in. It's inevitable that they will sometimes lose track of their things and we would like to be able to get them back to the right children easily and without fuss. Also to reduce the need for parents to buy replacement bottles, snack pots and even clothes. If you have lost something, please check the overflowing lost property box in the infant corridor near the Rainbow Room.

EYFSKS1 Nativity 'Babushka' tickets



EYFS & KS1 are proud to present our Nativity production of 'Babushka'. Performances are on Wednesday 6th December & Thursday 7th December at 9.15am.

You may have 2 tickets per family. These tickets will be available on Tuesday 21st November, after school, from your youngest child's class teacher. Please ask a friend to pick your family's tickets up if you are not able to do so yourself, or send in a named envelope with instructions via the school office. Please do not include letters with requests with your child as this may not get to us on the day.

We will not be charging for the show, but if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of running the Nativity it would be most gratefully accepted. You can donate on the show days and all funds received will go back into supporting creative arts in the Infant department.

Christmas is coming! All the fun of the fair on Friday December 1st

Raffle – be in it to win it!

There are many superb prizes up for grabs in this year's raffle. Star prizes are a 43" Samsung Smart TV and a cordless Dyson V15 vacuum. See below for the full list. Your tickets will be coming home in book bags by the end of the week and you can request more from the school office.

Can you donate any of the following? Clear the clutter...

From Monday, the PTA will be collecting donations of fancy dress items, Christmas clothes, toys and games that your family has outgrown. These will be available to buy at the fair. Please drop off your donations in the collection boxes at the front of school.

Keep an eye on [the PTA Facebook page](#) for updates

Decorate your sweetie jars by 29th Nov

To enter this fun competition, children are asked to create a festive sweetie jar. There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Jars should contain sweets that are in a wrapper of some kind and decorated with in a festive style. They can be glass or plastic. Please bring your jars to the school library between 27th & 29th November.

Mufti day on Friday 24th Nov

Children can come to school dressed in their own clothes on Friday 24th, in exchange for bringing a donation of chocolates or a bottle for the highly popular tombolas.

Our Christmas page is now live



All the information you need about the Christmas season at school is on our website here:

www.saltfordschool.org.uk/christmas-2023

KS2 concert: 100 years of Disney

KS2 are proud to present their Christmas concert this year, 100 Years of Disney.

Performances are on Wednesday 13th December & Thursday 14th December at 9.15am.

You may have 2 tickets per family. These tickets will be available on Tuesday 28th November, after school, from your youngest child's class teacher.

Please ask a friend to pick your family's tickets up if you are not able to do so yourself, or send in a named envelope with instructions via the school office. Please do not include letters with requests with your child as this may not get to us on the day. We will not be charging for the show, but if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of running the concert it would be most gratefully accepted. You can donate on the show days and all funds received will go back into supporting creative arts in KS2.

Year 6 super soakers football

On Tuesday, our Y6 Mixed Football Team attended the annual 7-a-side football tournament at Odd Down Sports Centre. This day will be remembered for the driving rain and the absolute positivity and passion of our team. By the end of the group stages, finishing 3rd in our group, we qualified for the Plate Competition play-offs. Our journey in this year's tournament was ended by a very narrow St Keyna win. Congratulations to the whole team who played their best in every match, and thanks to the parents who helped with lifts and supporting in extremely wet and windy conditions. Thanks also to Mr Boyle & Mr Roberts who made this possible. See [the full match report and team photo on our website here](#).

Saltford Girls shine through the rain

We could not have been more proud of our girls team last Thursday when they competed against 15 other schools in the area at the annual B&NES football tournament. We were drawn in a really tough group containing Chandag, Newbridge and Castle schools but we finished the group in second place, going through to the quarter finals of the Cup Competition. Despite a tough battle and a majestic performance from our girls, WASPS scored the winner in the final seconds of the game. Thank you to all the players, and parents who helped with transport, and to Mr Burston and Mrs Brook for giving up their time to organise and support this wonderful event. See [the full match report and photos on our website here](#).

Swap your pre-loved Christmas jumper for a new-to-you one

Why not recycle those jumpers you've outgrown or no longer love? There is a scheduled swap day on the night of the Keynsham Winter Festival on Friday 24th November (see poster below). You can drop your jumper off earlier at Keynsham Leisure Centre to collect a swap voucher in advance or, for a straight swap, just bring your jumper to the Festival to swap at the Keynsham Town Council information booth.

See all dates
on our online
calendar for
parents here!

Dates for your diary



[Click here for term dates](#)

Thursday 16th & Monday 20th November: parent consultation evenings.

Monday 13th November – Wednesday 6th December: reverse advent calendar donations are welcome in class

Friday 17th November: Children in Need

Monday 20th – Friday 24th November: Road Safety Week.

Wednesday 22nd November: Forest School for Y6

Friday 24th November: mufti day for a donation of chocs or a bottle for Christmas fair.

Friday 24th November: Y3 cake sale with uniform sale and book swap.

Monday 27th – Wednesday 29th Nov: bring your decorated sweetie jars to school.

Wednesday 29th November: Forest School for Y3

Monday 4th December: Christmas post boxes

Friday 1st December: PTA Christmas fair.

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th December mornings: Reception/KS1 Nativity performances.

Wednesday 6th December: Forest School Y4

Thursday 7th December: the lighting of the Christmas tree for Years 5 & 6 at Saltford Hall.

Friday 8th December: school Christmas dinner.

Friday 8th December: school Christmas parties

Wednesday 13th December: Forest School for Y1

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th December mornings: KS2 Christmas performances.

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.

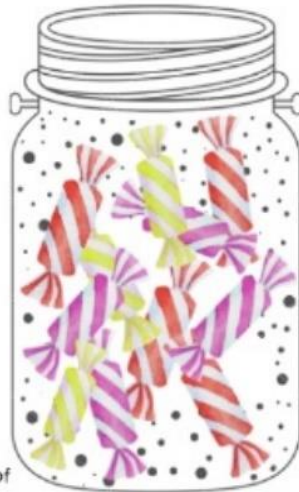
Thursday 18th January 5pm: meeting for Y6 parents on supporting your child and the transition to secondary school.

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



Decorate a Christmas Sweetie Jar Competition

Decorate your own festive sweetie jar,
1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes
for EYFS, KS1 & KS2



Jars to be brought to the school library between
the 27th–29th of November
Judging will take place on the 30th of November



Sweets must be in a packet of
some kind (e.g. Haribo)
Jars can be plastic or glass with
some kind of covering
and must be festively decorated



Jars will be used
at the Christmas Fair
to raise funds
for school

The 2023 Christmas Raffle

3 x Pilates/Meditation vouchers

Premium Soft Drink Hamper

£50 voucher for The Wave

£50 voucher for The Globe

2 x Trunki bundles

Men's Addidas Terrex Jacket (L)

2 x Children's tickets for Slimbridge

Class photo for 2024

Disc golf for family of 5

Fancy bottle of booze

2 dried wreath workshops from the flowerbox

70minute Paddleboarding session

£20 CeCe Clothing voucher

£100 Reflections Hair Group voucher

Large Book Bundle from Keynsham Book Corner

2 x Bath Unity Panto tickets with ice cream!

Family ticket for Bristol Pitbulls

Silver letter dot charm

Family mini photoshoot

£30 casting voucher

Dyson V15 "Absolute Detect" cordless vacuum

Two raceday tickets for Bath Racecourse

Stallholders Hamper

1hr Sports Massage at Redfern

Gel Manicure

The Egg Theatre voucher

£20 Hair voucher - Lorenza's Salon

KEYNSHAM Winter Festival 2023

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
6PM TO 9PM

❄️ Christmas market & late night shopping ❄️

❄️ Procession & Christmas light switch on ❄️ Santa's Grotto ❄️

Face painting ❄️ Snowball Fun Zone ❄️ Character meet & greets

...AND MUCH MORE

Visit High Street,
Temple Street and
Market Walk shops to
collect a programme

...or scan the QR code for
all the Festival details



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Santa Dash fun event 3rd December



Registration is now open for the annual Santa Dash and the Mini Dash for all under 12s. All proceeds from this annual community event will go to two local charities, [Time is Precious and Butterflies Haven](#).

The Mini Field Dash:

- For all **under 12s**
- **Two laps** around Salford Sports Club ground
- A Santa suit, running number and a medal will be supplied.

Adults can choose from 5 miles around Salford & Keynsham or 5 km around Salford. 12 – 16 year-olds must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information and to register, go to salfordsantadash.com.

Amazing opportunity: free concert tickets for families

Enjoy a thrilling live performance from the region's leading professional orchestra for free!

Bath Philharmonia offers local people a free ticket for a season of concerts at Bath Forum, starting on 3rd October with the first performance of the new season. For full details and to book go to <https://bit.ly/bp43schools>.



PTA wreath making evening

Spaces are available for the first ever PTA wreath-making evening on Wednesday 22nd November.

Florist and owner of The Flower Box Salford, Ali Pera, is leading the workshop. It is open to parents and to family members so you can enjoy making your wreath in familiar company!

Taking place at school, there will be a bar on the evening; food options and pre order in Prosecco are available online here: [Saltford School PTA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://pta-events.co.uk). There are booking options from £40 per person which includes wreath making, a mince pie, and a drink of choice (prosecco, mulled wine or a soft drink).