

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

- Parking plea
- Admissions for 2024
- Y1 cake sale
- Circus
- Harvest news
- Early years literacy

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

A few words from Mrs Sage...

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to walk to school this week, or at least to walk from a little further out than usual. I hope it might be the beginning of a longer habit of active travel and a healthy routine.



Dangerous parking: already this term we have had multiple complaints about antisocial parking; we liaise with Keynsham police over these incidents. Please remember, especially at a time when we encourage families to walk to school, that bad parking is also dangerous for the children.

2024 starters: it was a pleasure to host our stay and play afternoon yesterday for pre-school children who will be starting school in September. [School tours for those starting in 2024](#) are running during September and October. If you know anyone with children of that age, please spread the word about our tours.

Y1 cake sale tomorrow: it's [Year 1's turn to bring the bakes](#) for the first sale of the season. It will be in the hall after school, where you will also find the used uniform sale and book swap. Please bring plenty of change.

Circus: we are delighted to say that the circus on Friday arranged by the PTA raised a fantastic £3,140 towards a new outdoor performance space for the children. Please read more below.

Harvest news: autumn and the harvest is soon upon us in the new school year. Our traditional harvest performances will take place in the School Hall on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th October. Please read "Harvest Celebrations" on the next page or [see our website here](#) for info about tickets and donations.

Early Years literacy: it was a pleasure to see so many parents attend our Early Years literacy evening on Monday and to hear your valuable feedback. Thanks to Miss Hansford and Miss Davis for running it. If you missed it, or need a reminder, you can find the presentation on the [Reception class pages here](#).

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Sage.

STAR PUPIL AWARDS

KS1

Apple: Isla H for writing three beautiful sentences about how Grandad helped the little girl. Fabulous full stops.

Pear: Ida C for a beautiful sentence with finger spaces telling me what her wish was!

Palm: Thomas M for fantastic running stitch skills in DT. Thomas impressed me with his sewing.

Cherry: Harry F for fantastic Geography work – you created a brilliant grid of the school!

KS2

Sycamore: Larissa T for brilliant writing in our short burst diary entries using conjunctions. Well done Larissa!

Maple: Esme P for writing an amazing and beautifully presented diary entry. Well done Esme!

Lime: Harper R for adapting quickly to the routine in Lime class.

Willow: James P for always being helpful and kind to others and for showing independence when arriving at school in the mornings. Well done James!

Elm: Charlotte P for her beautiful character description in writing; excellent use of oxymorons Charlotte. Well done!

Horse chestnut: Tommy W for his detailed character description of the Ancient Child using contrasting adjectives and oxymorons. Wonderful imagery Tommy.

Ash: Ollie C For brilliant contributions in every lesson.

Oak: Hugo H For excellent work on using a variety of language features in his writing.



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We celebrate

Alfie H, Palm, for his 'Gymnast of the Day' award. ★
Otto S, Palm, for completing the summer reading challenge.
Emily P, Ash, for winning 2nd place in both a junior 9-hole golf competition and in the Order of Merit season competition.
Barnaby P, Elm, and **Jacob E, & Tommy W**, Horse chestnut, for excellent football work for their team, supporting Saltford U10s to a 3-1 win in their first match of the season.
Niall T, Willow, **Cora S**, Oak, & **Isla H**, Horse chestnut, for performing in Oliver! at Bath Theatre Royal recently. ★

Harvest celebrations Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th Oct

Reception/Key Stage 1: there are two Harvest performances for FS/KS1 in the School Hall on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th October, each starting at 9:15am. The services will last approximately 30 minutes.

Key Stage 2: there are also two Harvest performances for KS2 in the School Hall on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th October, each starting at 10am. These services will last approximately 45 minutes.

Donations: as part of the celebrations, we collect harvest gifts of food. This is "caring for our community" in practice. If your family would like to make a donation, one item per family is fine. Please don't include any fresh goods. Please send your tin or packet to school with your child on the morning of **Tuesday 3rd October**.

Tickets: each family has been allocated two tickets. Please collect them *after* school from Monday 25th. Parents in FS/KS1 should collect their ticket from the teacher of the youngest sibling in FS/KS1. In the same way, KS2 parents should collect from the teacher of youngest sibling in the KS2 phase. **The final deadline for ticket collection is Friday 29th September.** If you don't collect your child from school, please send a named envelope in with your child with the required day and number of tickets (maximum two). Staff will put the tickets in the envelope to be sent home with your child.

Amazing night at the PTA circus event

Apart from the impressive £3,140 raised by the PTA, this was a wonderful evening of community and enjoyment. See some pictures below.

The school and the PTA would like to thank all who supported and volunteered. This includes Mr Beckett who supported accommodating the big top and the performers on the school site; Amy Andrews who led the team to success; and special thanks to those children of PTA members who also helped with serving and running tables.

These events take a lot of preparation and we're very grateful to such a dedicated PTA team who made it happen. Thanks also to all the parents and children who came along to support. We are looking forward to enjoying the new outdoor performance area that this will make possible.

The PTA is always looking for people to help, in many different ways, so please [get in touch through the school office](#) or [the PTA Facebook page](#) if you'd like to find out more.

Bath Spa teachers

We welcome three Bath Spa teachers who join us for part of their PGCE teaching training. We feel strongly that our children benefit from working closely with additional adults to support their learning, and from our long association with Bath Spa University. The teachers are:
Sophie Reed with Pear Class,
Megan Viljoen with Apple Class
and
Edward Roberts with Horse Chestnut Class.
We look forward to working with them until February.

Attendance

Our Attendance Lead, Mrs Pippa Saunders, is responsible for making sure that all children have arrived safely into school. Every morning she checks for those children not present and follows up if we are not expecting an absence. Mrs Saunders writes: "as we head into the colder months, I would like to remind you that if your child is ill and not well enough to attend school, we need you to call in every day that they are not in, to let us know the reason. The attendance line number is 01225 872185, the same as the main school number.

If your child has a medical appointment during school hours, please make sure that you [notify the school office in advance](#) so that we can put it onto our system and the teacher is aware that they will be leaving. You can do this in person or by email: enquiries@saltfordschool.org.uk." Everything you need to know about attendance and how important it is can be found any time [in The office section of our website here](#).

KS2 cross country event on Wednesday

On Wednesday 27th September, we would like all of our children in KS2 to participate in the school's annual cross country competition.

This exciting event will take place during the day on our school field and will be approximately one kilometre long. The children will need to have their school PE kits and trainers in school on this day. There will be a separate girls and boys race for each year group with Wellsway Sports Ambassadors helping us, along with their teacher and our Sports Partner, Mrs Burston.

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 saltfordsantadash.com](http://go.to/saltfordsantadash.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>.

Online safety event online!

The providers of our online safety newsletter are running a special online safety information session for parents on 4th October at 4pm. Could you learn more about protecting your child online? Please see the notice below for more details and note the date. We will be sending out the link nearer the time.

Doodle update

You will have received an email from Doodle about updating your apps and if you have already done this then Doodle should be working as expected. If you are having problems, this is a reminder that Doodle have made improvements to the apps over the summer. Because of this, you will no longer be able to log in to some of the older versions. All users need to be using the following versions (or above) to log in to and access the Doodle programmes:

DoodleMaths - 8.2.1
DoodleTables - 5.2.1
DoodleEnglish - 3.2.1
DoodleSpell - 3.2.1

You can update your apps through the [Apple App Store](#), [Google Play](#) or the [Amazon Appstore](#). You can set automatic updates on your device so that you always stay up to date with the latest versions. To find out how to do this, please take a look at [this help article](#).

DoodleMaths competition

We're participating in the DoodleMaths back to school competition starting from tomorrow, 22nd September! It's a great way to get back into the habit of Doodling regularly and we could win some great prizes for our classes. Please encourage your child to Doodle regularly and stay in the green zone with their maths. The competition ends on 5th October, so no time like the present to make a start. Please see the flyer below for full information.

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

Dates for your diary



[Click here for term dates](#)

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: KS2 annual cross country event with Wellsway sports ambassadors
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.
Monday 9th October 5pm: maths workshop for parents of EYFS children.

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





doodlelearning

By Discovery Education



Dear Parents,

You might have heard that your child is taking part in the exciting Doodle Back-to School Competition!

Our class is entered into the following competition/s:

- DoodleMaths
- DoodleEnglish
- DoodleSpell

The competition will run from the 22nd September to 5th October and is a great way to get your child into the habit of Doodling regularly. Your child's class could also be in with a chance of winning some great prizes!

Here's what you can do at home:



Encourage your child to Doodle little and often to stay in the green zone

Create a linked parent account and login to the Parent Dashboard or DoodleConnect app to track your child's progress



The class with the **highest % of pupils in the green zone** over the 2 weeks for each programme will be in with a chance of winning **a bundle of educational games worth £75!**

There will also be **10 Runners-up prizes, each worth £30!**

These will be awarded to the classes with the **next highest % of pupils on target in DoodleMaths, DoodleEnglish or DoodleSpell.**

Students will be able to earn an **in-app badge** for reaching their target - it will automatically unlock if they are in the green zone at **MIDNIGHT** on both the **28th September and the 5th of October.**

Your class teacher has already registered your child for this exciting competition and the results will be shared with the school **after 5th October.**

Good luck and Happy Doodling!

In partnership with Knowsley CLC
parent/carers are invited to

Online Safety Information Session

Mrs White says
"look out for a
message from
school with the link
to this important
session."

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

Current trends –
what children are
doing online and
what apps/games
are popular amongst
children.

**Understanding the
Risks –** a look at the
risks associated with
using technology, in
particular when using
social media, online
gaming & live
streaming.

What can you do? –
suggestions on how
you can support your
child with their online
lives and what
parental controls are
available to help you.

Further Support –
signposting to
services that are
available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY
4TH OCTOBER
2023**

4PM – 4.45PM



Knowsley
City Learning Centres

Roller Disco
Every Friday
4.30pm to 6pm



LACE UP YOUR SKATES

- £4.50 per child
- Age 5 – 12 years old
- Bring your own skates
- Recommend to wear protective gear *
- Adult to stay at all times *



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0117 916 1034 www.sportwellsway.com



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Park within Wellsway School and follow signs to the centre



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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For the PTA



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:

- Benefits and Universal Credit
- Debt
- Discrimination
- Employment
- Family and relationships
- Immigration
- Housing and more...



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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.

