

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

- Communication
- Harvest reminder
- Special lunch for census day
- Taekwon-Do opportunities
- School disco

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

A few words from Mrs Sage...

It has been another fantastic week here at Saltford Primary. It has been lovely to show visitors to the school the excellent provision we have and our remarkable children. As always, visitors were impressed with the school's environment, the high standards and exceptional behaviours for learning seen across the school.



Communication: we are a busy school. If you ever have any queries, questions or concerns, we encourage you to talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Our office team can offer support either by phone or by email at enquiries@saltfordschool.org.uk, including relaying messages to the class teacher if necessary. If this does not resolve the matter, then please speak with me or a member of [the leadership team](#). I am on duty at the front of the school first thing so either catch me there to discuss making an appointment or ask the office to make one. See [this communications guide](#) for how to stay in touch.

Harvest reminder: the last day for collecting your tickets is tomorrow, 29th Sept. Parents in FS/KS1 should collect their ticket from the teacher of the youngest sibling in FS/KS1 and KS2 parents should collect from the teacher of youngest sibling in KS2. Please drop off your kind donations of non-perishable goods for Julian House at the front of school in the crates provided from Monday.

School census & special lunch: on October 5th it is school census day. Our funding is affected by how many children take a school lunch that day, so please do book a special, fun, ['Build a Burger' lunch \(menu here\)](#) for your child.

Taekwon-Do: thank you to Instructor Nick from Tiger Martial Arts who gave an assembly in school recently. All parents were emailed [this letter offering free trial classes and giving information](#) about his courses at Saltford Hall for Years 1-6.

School disco Years 1-6: this is coming up on 13th October. Tickets go on sale on Monday. See the [details and ticket link on our website here](#).

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Sage.

STAR PUPIL AWARDS

KS1

Apple: Ethan M for listening to the coach and demonstrating amazing basketball skills.

Pear: Arthur B for super concentration on his handwriting this week.

Palm: Jessica H for working hard on her handwriting. Well done Jessica!

Cherry: Willow D for working really hard on her handwriting! Keep it up Willow!

KS2

Sycamore: William B for his excellent hard work in maths. Well done Will!

Maple: Bradley W for trying hard and making good progress with his spellings! Well done Bradley!

Lime: Nyla U for her excellent engagement with 'Mr Egypt'.

Willow: Ellis M for asking really thoughtful questions to 'Mr Egypt' about his experiences. Well done Ellis!

Elm: Toby S for his excellent engagement with our Harvest song and poem. Keep up the enthusiasm Toby!

Horse chestnut: Sasha K who sets up the classroom chairs every morning ready for the day's learning and helps to stack them at the end of each day. Thank you for your helpfulness Sasha.

Ash: Elizabeth C for writing an interesting and engaging end to our story.

Oak: Arjan D for excellent problem solving in maths when using larger numbers.



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Cake sale profit

Year 1's cake sale raised £251.50 for extra classroom resources, and the uniform sale raised £141.

Thank you to everyone who helped, donated and purchased.

It's [Year 6's turn next on 20th Oct.](#)

We celebrate

Roseanna C, Palm, for a 'Gymnast of the Day' award and medal for Level 5.

Isla H, Lime, for her front flips on the trampoline.

Desperately seeking socks...

We are in desperate need of donations of school socks and tights for ages 3-7. If you have any that you could contribute, please deliver them to EYFS. Thanks in advance for your help.

Free School Meals and associated benefits – please check you are not missing out.

There is a difference between **universal free school meals** and **benefit-related free school meals**.

Although all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals under the **universal free school meals** scheme, it is still important that we know who is eligible for **benefit-related free school meals** because it could attract extra funding of £1,455 for the school per child ([Pupil Premium](#)). It can also mean that those children and families can be given extra support (for example in lockdown times, families were given supermarket vouchers instead of the free school meal that the child would have received in school).

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, you can register for **benefit-related free school meals**:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit Run-on which is only paid for 4 weeks after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
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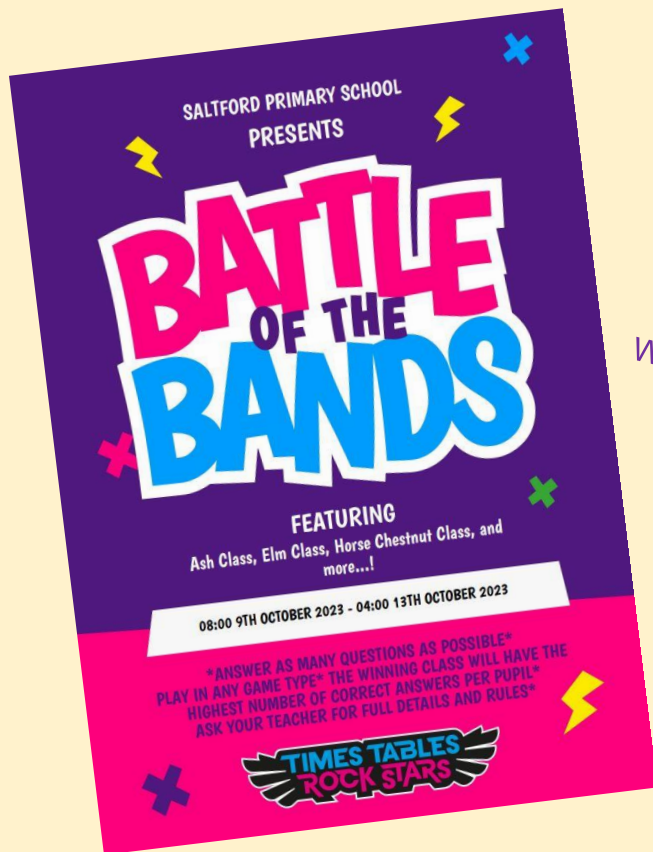
If you are unsure whether you should apply, or would like advice on how to apply, please don't hesitate to talk to the school office (01225 872185) for help.

You can apply through B&NES online, by email or by phone:

- Online at <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
- Email the team at freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk
- Phone 01225 394317 – please leave a message if you reach an answerphone and your call will be returned.

There is lots of information on our school website, [school dinners page here](#). If you are already in receipt of benefit-related free school meals, there is no need to reapply.

TT Rockstars Battle of the Bands Mon 9th – Fri 13th October



We will be commencing another Battle of the Bands for children in KS2 from Monday 9th October – Friday 13th October. In school and at home we would like children to go on to TT Rockstars and have a go at gaining points for their class by answering multiplication tables questions. Which class will start the season leading the league table?

Online Safety Virtual Session

The virtual parent/carer information session (info below) takes place on Wednesday 4th October 4pm – 4.45pm.

You do not need to register. The link will also be emailed out to all parents.

[Click here to join the session.](#)

Mr Egypt visit for Year 4

Last Thursday, Year 4 were treated to a special visit from Mr Egypt. Over the course of the day, Mr Egypt had the children learning all about life in Ancient Egypt, from the lives of children to the life (and death!) of a Pharaoh. The children were even able to handle real amulets from the bodies of mummies and were engrossed in the fascinating life of Mr Egypt and his role in Egyptology.

A day of fun was had by all with Egyptian dancing and a mummy wrapping contest and through all the fun, such deep learning was taking place. Thank you to Mrs Brook for organising the visit and thank you, Mr Egypt!

School Council

This week, our KS1 and KS2 classes have been electing new school councillors. This is an important role for school improvement and we look forward to working with the new team, which will be celebrated next week.

In the meantime, we'd like to say a big thank you to our outgoing council members. They have done a fantastic job and have helped improve aspects of our school with their contributions. These have included working on the Futura sustainability action plan, planning events for kindness week and celebrating the King's Coronation. Mrs Spincer says "Well done and thank you, all of you!"

Volunteers needed to save Brownies & Rainbows



Salford District Guides are looking for some new helpers to come forward to volunteer a little bit of time to support Rainbows and Brownies on Thursdays.

These valuable groups are at real risk of closing at Christmas if there are not enough volunteers. Please email salforddistrictguides@gmail.com if you think you could help.

KS2 cross country event

On Wednesday, KS2 took part in the annual inter-school cross-country competition with the help of The Wellsway sports ambassadors (including former Saltford pupils) and their teacher, Mrs Burston. Without them, the competition could not take place so we thank them all very much. It was a pleasure to watch the children participate with great resilience and passion and the standard of competition was high indeed. In the Y6 girls' event, Thea claimed 1st place followed by Sophie and Esther. The year 6 boys' race saw Rory crossing the line in first place with Charlie and Aiden claiming 2nd and 3rd place.

For the Y5 girls, Florence set a blistering pace and continued her form from the previous two years to claim gold. Holly and Alana came 2nd and 3rd. The boys' event was equally competitive with Benji, Jacob and Christopher crossing the finish line in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

For Y3 it was their first Saltford cross country experience and all ran brilliantly. In the girls' race Sophie crossed the line first, closely followed by Amelia and Flora. The boys matched the girls' competitive spirit with Joss and Parker winning 1st and 2nd.

Finally, the year 4's did not disappoint the crowd and finished what was already a brilliant morning on a high. Orla won 1st place, followed closely by Willow and Isla. The boys wrapped up the morning's fun with an incredible sprint from Noah to claim gold and equally amazing runs from Jackson and Toby for 2nd and 3rd.

Thank you to Mrs Brook and Miss Mulready for organising this opportunity for the children. [See the full report and pictures here.](#)

Warleigh Lodge visit for KS1

This week, all key stage one classes went on a school trip to Warleigh Lodge Farm in Bath. This links to harvest and our animals topic in Science. The children absolutely loved their days at the farm. They did lots of exciting activities such as pulling up fodder beet, feeding the cows, feeding the pigs, collecting eggs from the hens and feeding the hens. They also did lots of running, went inside an old tree and played in the stream. The children said it was 'the best day ever!' Thank you to all the parent helpers who accompanied us on the trip. Thank you also to Miss Jupp for organising the trip

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

Dates for your diary



[Click here for term dates](#)

Wednesday 4th October & Thursday 5th

October: Harvest celebrations. [Details here.](#)

Thursday 5th October: school census day and [special lunch menu.](#)

Monday 9th October 5pm: maths workshop for parents of EYFS children.

Monday 9th – Friday 13th Oct: TT Rockstars Battle of the Bands.

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

Friday 13th October: PTA disco for children. [Details on the website here.](#)

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

Friday 20th October: last day of term 1.

Monday 30th October: INSET day

Tuesday 31st October: term 2 begins for children.

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.](#)

School Snapshot





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 CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

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

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

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**

Attendees do not need to register, they simply [click on this link at the above time to access the session](#). **Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees.** Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session. **The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in:**

- **Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile.** (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).
- **If they don't have Teams they can access it via one of the following browsers - Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox.**

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Keynsham Training & Jobs Fair

Come along to this **FREE** event to find out how we can support you through your employment journey.

Talk to local employers to find training opportunities and job openings.

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BRIGHT**

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Monday 2nd October



Keynsham Library



10am-2pm



FREE



Find more details here.
Book your free space or just
drop in on the day



Also available, Salford Community Association Jobs Fair
Saturday 14th October at Salford Community Centre



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The Employment and Skills Pod is funded and managed by the West of England Combined Authority, led by Metro Mayor Dan Norris, and delivered by Bath and North East Somerset Council in partnership with Skills Connect.

Universal Infant Free School Meals

Is your child receiving Free School Meals because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2?

If you are receiving any of the benefits listed below you can also register for a benefit related free school meal.

Your registration could attract Pupil Premium for your school of £1,455

Please contact the team at: freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

Apply online at <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Or call 01225 394317 (if you leave a message, we will return your call).

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Does your child love swimming?

**We are looking for keen swimmers aged 6-9 years to join
Keynsham Swimming Club**

**Our next trial is on Monday 16 October at Keynsham
Leisure Centre**

Ideally children should be able to swim the following:

6-7 YEARS: 20m front crawl & backstroke

8-9 YEARS: 25m of three strokes

**Email thea.beament@hotmail.co.uk
to book a space or to find out more**



Keynsham Methodist Church

@Queens Road

activities

crafts



songs

food

worship

the true vine

Monday 9th October

3:30pm – 5:30pm

for primary age children

(all children must be accompanied by an adult carer)

limited places and to help with catering

for bookings please contact the Church Office on 0117 914 9408 or
bookings@keynshammethodistchurch.co.uk

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>.

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).

A vibrant, multi-colored banner with a festive, celebratory theme. At the top, there's a string of colorful bunting flags. Below that, the text "WE HAVE SOME BIG" is written in a purple, sans-serif font, flanked by several pink and purple stars. The words "SHOES TO FILL!" are written in a large, bold, multi-colored font (red, orange, yellow, purple) with a slight shadow. Below the text, there are four illustrations of different types of shoes: a red and white sneaker, a red high-heeled shoe, a red and blue sneaker, and a yellow sandal. At the bottom, the text "WE NEED YOU!" is written in a large, bold, purple font. Below this, a dark purple rectangular box contains the text "SALTFORD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL" in a pink, sans-serif font, followed by "IS Looking for" in a white, sans-serif font, and "Volunteers For the PTA" in a large, bold, orange and yellow font.