

# Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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## This week

- Harvest
- TT Rockstars Battle of Bands
- Driving to school
- Work on the playground
- NCMP
- EYFS maths workshop

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

## A few words from Mrs Sage...

It has been lovely to see so many families supporting our Harvest Festivals this week. During these, our children demonstrated one of our key school values - respect - which underpins everything we strive for when working and cooperating within our school. We try our best to be ready to learn, in a good mindset with focus and attention. We respect everybody in school, staff and pupils alike. We respect the rights of others and treat everybody with kindness. We respect the privilege of being part of our lovely school and our responsibility for looking after our school environment.

**TT Rockstars Battle of the Bands:** just a reminder that this fun competition for KS2 starts on Monday. Please encourage your children to go onto TT Rockstars and get as many points as they can for their class.

**Drivers:** please don't be that person who ignores children's safety just to save yourself a few minutes. We continue to receive complaints about antisocial and dangerous parking. There is a [handy guide here](#) about when parking issues become a police matter, for example in the case of dangerous parking such as on corners where there are no parking restrictions in place.

**New playground zones:** I am delighted to report that work has started this week on our new playground zones, funded by the PTA. The first will be a covered extension for quiet reading and drawing which will be called our creative zone. The second will be a performance zone on the top playground.

**National Child Measurement Programme:** parents of Y6 children have been sent [information about the NCMP](#). Please opt out by 17<sup>th</sup> Oct if you wish to.

**Maths workshop:** we are looking forward to meeting parents/carers of our Reception/Early Years classes on Monday evening for our [maths workshop for parents](#). We expect it to be informative and even enjoyable!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Sage.



## STAR PUPIL AWARDS

### KS1

**Apple:** Louis L for working brilliantly to create a wolf mask. He was a super star!

**Pear:** Oliver W for working really hard in his maths on greater than and less than.

**Palm:** Orson B for having a super time at Warleigh Lodge Farm and pulling out the heaviest fodder beet.

**Cherry:** Orla W for a fantastic recount of our trip to Warleigh Lodge Farm.

### KS2

**Sycamore:** Noam B-F for brilliant work in his writing and maths this week. Well done Noam!

**Maple:** Ellie B for writing an excellent speech for school council and for confidently read it to the class! Well Done Ellie!

**Lime:** Rowan M-H for a clear understanding of the dangers of electricity.

**Willow:** Katy K for creating a fantastic poster about the dangers of electricity in our Science lesson this week. Well done Katy!

**Elm:** Henry G for his super star contributions in Maths last week, you are hardworking and an excellent Mathematician. Keep it up Henry!

**Horse chestnut:** Benji M for his fantastic poster of the solar system including a mnemonic to remember the order of the planets and fascinating facts about each planet. Out of this world Benji!

**Ash:** Sid K for super sentence work in French on animals, including your 101 cats!

**Oak:** Hudson R for excellent work in French, using J'ai and Je n'ai pas and de or d' in our work on animal groups.



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## Cross Country

This annual cross country competition for 18 local primary schools took place at Odd Down this week. Including medal-winning performances from Florence and Benji in Y5, all our teams showed real commitment and were rewarded with Y5 boys claiming first place overall, Y5 girls 4<sup>th</sup> place overall, Y6 boys 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall and Y6 girls 5<sup>th</sup> overall. [See the full report and photos online here.](#)

## We celebrate ★

**Darcy C**, Elm, for getting a place on the golf county coaching squad. ★

**Emily P**, Ash, for her squad promotion for county girls' golf.

**Seb G**, Horse Chestnut, for his selection for the U10's Somerset cricket player pathway.

## House afternoons next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

We will be holding our first house afternoon for the children next Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. We will be focusing on electing house captains and house vice-captains for the coming year. This process allows the children to participate directly in this democratic process. Our house system is fundamental to the children's sense of belonging and team spirit. [See more on our website here](#) about our houses, their songs and their mottos.

## Parent Voice Group still needs representation

Our next PVG meeting is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm on Zoom. [The PVG](#) is an essential part of the ongoing conversation between parents and school about how to give our children the best school experience. We are still looking for two representatives each for both Reception classes, and second representatives for Cherry, Palm, Maple, Sycamore, Lime, Elm, Horse Chestnut and Oak classes. Meetings are held online in order to help with availability around childcare. Currently, there are three meetings scheduled for this school year.

## Extra online safety support for parents available this month

Mrs White would like to draw your attention to some useful new resources for parents of primary aged children that are designed to help you keep your children safer online.

We hope that many of you were able to attend the online safety workshop for parents that we promoted last week. It focused on social media, mainly TikTok and live streaming. If you couldn't join in, you can now find the recording and presentation online, along with an additional document of useful links requested by parents. Please follow this link:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gmaT9qWvRVpcUT\\_dHn-oNTGoU1vSP7Vz?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gmaT9qWvRVpcUT_dHn-oNTGoU1vSP7Vz?usp=sharing). The next such parent/carer information session is scheduled for Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January from 9.30 – 10.15am.

There is also a new presentation which looks at the tech trends that are relevant to your children, and what their 'digital playground' looks like. It offers links to many sources of useful advice on a wide range of topics. You can see this in PDF format on our website here:

<https://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/assets/uploads/documents/online-safety/Primary-Presentation-2023.pdf>

Last but not least, our monthly online safety newsletter for parents is out now for October. The link is

<https://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/assets/uploads/documents/online-safety/October%202023.pdf>.

## Bath Literature Festival

On Tuesday, we were extremely lucky to be given the opportunity to take 32 Year 4 children to the Bath Literature Festival at the Guildhall. We were treated to a 45 minute "Laugh out Loud" presentation from author Jenny Pearson who shared some of the books she had written, and the characters involved. One book involved breaking world records and Harper was invited on stage to see how many socks she could fit on her foot in 30 seconds, managing an impressive 7! (The world record is 28... have a go and let us know if you can beat this!). We would like to thank Hazel Plowman from Bath Festival Events for organising this for us.

## SENDIAS

SENDIAS offers important free, impartial and confidential information, advice and support to young people from 0 to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents/carers. Please see the flyer below for volunteering opportunities.

## Harvest Festivals

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, we held our annual Harvest Festivals. EYFS and KS1 children sang songs to celebrate harvest time. Each year group performed a song and they also sang songs together. Year 2 came together to write a harvest prayer and four children read the prayers during the service. We are very proud of all the children for their wonderful performances. For KS2, this year was a Gospel themed harvest. Each year group recited a poem and then performed a song. During the service, the children also sang songs together to celebrate harvest time, had time to reflect and thank God for all that is provided to us and listened to a prayer read out by a child in Year 6. Well done to all of KS2 for performing their songs and poems so well and enthusiastically. Thank you to Rev Nigel for providing the closing prayer. Thank you for your kind food donations which will go this year to [Julian House](#), a charity that supports vulnerable and at-risk individuals. These include adults and young people experiencing homelessness, escaping domestic abuse, adults with learning difficulties and people who need support after leaving prison. Thanks to Mr Jenkins for coordinating the Harvest celebrations and special thanks to Mr George, Mrs Browne and Mrs Carter for all their work on making the music and the setting so special. We hope you enjoy the selection of photos below.

See all dates  
on our online  
calendar for  
parents here!

## Dates for your diary



[Click here for term dates](#)

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 5pm:** [Early Years Maths Workshop for Parents](#) in the school hall.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October:** [Parent Voice Group](#) meeting

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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** [Y6 cake sale with uniform sale and book swap.](#)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** last day of term 1.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 9 – 3:** Matt Analts basketball camp at Saltford School for Y1-6

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October:** INSET day

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 9 – 2.15:** Matt Analts basketball camp at Saltford School for Y1-6

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October:** term 2 begins for children.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November:** PTA fireworks event.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm:** PTA meeting and AGM.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November:** Remembrance service for children.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November:** flu vaccinations for children Reception – Y6.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November:** consultation evenings. Details to follow.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November:** [Y3 cake sale with uniform sale and book swap.](#)

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December:** PTA Christmas fair.

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



# School Snapshot





# Interested in volunteering?

**SENDIAS Bathnes offers free, impartial and confidential information, advice and support to children and young people between the ages of 0 to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents/carers.**

**We have two exciting volunteering opportunities.**

**We are looking for an **Administrative Volunteer** to support our friendly and professional team. Tasks will include telephoning our service users for feedback and assisting with marketing and general administrative tasks.**

**We are also looking to expand our current team of **Parent Champion Volunteers**, who attend events such as support group coffee mornings and school open days to speak to families about what we do and what other services are available locally.**

**We will provide you with training, on-going support and cover reasonable expenses.**

**For further information and an application form please visit <https://sendiasbathnes.org.uk/volunteer-us>**



**Parent  
Champions**

## Get In Touch

Call us: 01225 394382

Email us: [sendias@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:sendias@bathnes.gov.uk)

Text: 07530263401



**Sendiasbathnes**



## LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c  
2 & 9 Oct

### Bath Central Library

#### Go Green for Libraries Week Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 3 Oct

#### Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 4 & 11 Oct

#### Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

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

Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 5 & 12 Oct

#### Norland Nannies Community Sewing Bee - For any age/ability, drop in

Friday 10.00 - 2.00pm 6 & 13 Oct

#### Community Quilting Group, Drop in for all ages and abilities

Saturday 11.00 - 1.00pm 7 Oct

#### Storytime Session

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 10 Oct

#### Cane Warriors - with author Alex Wheatle

Friday 10.30 - 12.30pm 13 Oct

#### Cane Warriors: from page to performance

Mon - Sat During opening hours 12 -26 October

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

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.  
Visit [bathneslibraries.wordpress.com](http://bathneslibraries.wordpress.com)

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Somerset Council  
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## LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c  
2 & 9 Oct

### Keynsham Library

#### Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 3 & 10 Oct  
10.30 - 11.00am

#### Sendias Surgery, for young people and/or parents

Wednesday 10.00 - 12.30pm 4 Oct

#### Go Green for Libraries Week Storytime

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 5 Oct

#### Storytime & Craft

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 12 Oct

### Midsomer Norton Library

#### Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 2 & 9 Oct

#### Go Green for Libraries Week Storytime

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 4 Oct

#### Storytime Session

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 11 Oct

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## Keynsham Methodist Church

@Queens Road

activities

crafts



songs

food

worship

# the true vine

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bookings@keynshammethodistchurch.co.uk)

★ **OCTOBER HALF-TERM** ★

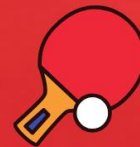
# **MULTI-SPORTS CLUB**

**AT KEYNSHAM CRICKET CLUB**  
BS31 1HU



Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th October  
**9.00am-3.30pm**

- Welcome to all
- School Years 1-7
- Varied multi-sports/activities
- Inclusive & friendly
- Low child:coach Ratios
- Learn new skills
- Meet new friends
- **HAVE FUN!**



[www.keynshamcricket.com/multisports](http://www.keynshamcricket.com/multisports)

Contact - [tombryan@live.co.uk](mailto:tombryan@live.co.uk) - 07891918722

## 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](mailto: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).

- 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
- Support under PartV1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999







# 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](mailto:thea.beament@hotmail.co.uk)  
to book a space or to find out more**



## Santa Dash fun event 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](https://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 3<sup>rd</sup> October with the first performance of the new season. For full details and to book go to <https://bit.ly/bp43schools>.

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**WE NEED YOU!**

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