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# Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter

## A few words from Mrs Sage...

We were delighted to host the Christmas fair on Friday. The PTA raised £3,308 with their superb efforts, and it could not have been achieved without the support of everyone who helped, including by baking, donating, selling raffle tickets and coming to join in on the day. Particular thanks go to the PTA's Clare Harding who coordinated the whole event, and Karen Brookes-Lovell, Mel Munday, Yasmin Bevan and Amy Andrews for working so hard to support the fair since September and for their sterling work on the day. Thanks also to Crone, the tearoom queen, for keeping everything running in there all afternoon! Thank you also to the staff who supported the event, including Mr Beckett for all his hard work.

**Christmas performances:** we are looking forward to the KS2 show next week and hope that you all thoroughly enjoyed 'Babushka' from our infants. There's a full review and some photos below. Thank you to all the children, staff and parents for your work and support in putting on this charming nativity.

**Food bank thanks:** your donations were collected this week; see more detail and thanks below.

**Christmas post:** our seasonal post boxes are in action in the school library from now until Wednesday. Children can post their cards for delivery in school; please make sure they include a name and class.

**Parking issues:** unfortunately we continue to receive reports of very dangerous parking around school. If you see anything, please do report it to the relevant authority, either the police or the council. [See the Avon & Somerset Police website here](#) for information about which authority to contact in which situation.

I am looking forward to seeing and hearing our Years 5 & 6 perform at the lighting of the Saltford Christmas tree tonight. The audience will be treated to some festive singing and poems.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Sage.

## STAR PUPIL AWARDS

### KS1

**Bumblebee:** Finley L for super effort with writing using his sounds. Amazing Finley!

**Butterfly:** Livia C for super vehicle cutting.

**Apple:** Hattie PG for beautiful handwriting when writing your letter to Father Christmas. Fabulous Hattie!

**Pear:** Drake P for a great sketch of Saltford High Street.

**Palm:** Huxley B for a beautiful rose made from clay. Huxley is always very creative!

**Cherry:** Yasmin R for working so hard on her reading! You are an accelerated reader superstar!

### KS2

**Sycamore:** Ruby S for fantastic effort in rehearsals for our Christmas show. Brilliant job, Ruby!

**Maple:** Martha A for creating a beautiful snowflake for her Christmas craft! Well done, Martha!

**Lime:** Jacob T for a wonderful re-telling of The Christmas Story in his RE book and for always being so kind and helpful!

**Willow:** Arthur B for his great use of persuasive argument features in our English lessons. Well done Arthur!

**Elm:** Dolci L for being one of the most determined members of Elm class; your tenacity and love of learning is infectious. Keep it up Dolci!

**Horse chestnut:** Ayla S for a detailed description of the Giant using amazing adjective and noun phrases to prepare for her fiction story about The Giant and The Sea.

**Ash:** Imogen R for thoughtful work on evacuees.

**Oak:** Maisie E for truly impressive problem solving in maths when we were finding fractions of amounts. Great job Maisie!



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## We celebrate

Erica C-R, Butterfly, for her gymnastics medal.

Orla K, Apple, for passing Learn to Swim level 2.

Toby B-L, Lime, for reaching the Wansdyke district archery final, being one of the top 2 archers in his Cub group and achieving a 'spider'.

Barnaby F, Kate P, Flo G, Isla H, Harriet P-G, Lewis K-B, Cameron C & Stanley R, all from Apple class, for participating in the Santa Dash.

Stanley R, Apple, for winning a medal for a football penalty shoot-out.

Maisie E, Oak, for participating in the Santa Dash and performing at the Razzamataz Christmas show.

## E-scooter reminder from Avon & Somerset Police

As we go into the festive period, we have received a letter from Avon & Somerset Police to remind our community about the law around electric scooters. This is timely if you are thinking about acquiring an electric scooter for family use.

The only electric scooters that can be used on public roads are those that are hired from official trials. Users of these official hire scooters must be at least 18 years old and hold a full provisional driving licence. Private e-scooters must not be used on public roads, cycle lanes or pavements at all.

They should only be used on private land (with the owner's permission). If you need to report an incident involving an electric scooter, you can call 101 or [report online here](#).

Please read the letter at the end of this newsletter for full advice and links.

**Please have a safe Christmas.**



## Transition opportunity for Year 5

On the 22nd of November some of our Y5 children had the opportunity to take part in a Maths and Science Transition session at Wellsway. They worked with Y5 children from other local schools and STEM Ambassadors from Wellsway on science and maths investigations. Many thanks to Mrs Burston at Wellsway for arranging this lovely opportunity. There will be a range of these offered throughout the year.

## Christmas lunch and parties tomorrow

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December we will be having [our special Christmas lunch](#), followed by our annual Christmas parties in our classrooms. This is a lovely time for classes to come together and look forward to the fun of Christmas.

All children are allowed to wear party clothes or a Christmas jumper to school. There will be party games and activities throughout the afternoon for the parties.

## Sshhh, secret visit from Santa & the elves

Santa and the elves are visiting classrooms during the children's Christmas parties on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December! Each class will have a story read to them by Santa and sing with the elves! Every child will be given a book to take home.

In order to continue this lovely tradition, the PTA is suggesting a donation of £2.50 to support the cost of it by purchasing a ticket for your child. No child will be left without a gift if a ticket is not purchased and additional tickets may be purchased if desired.

Please [follow this link to purchase from the PTA events page](#).

## Babushka

This week EYFS and KS1 performed their Christmas Nativity, 'Babushka'. The children did an AMAZING job! The singing was brilliant, the acting was fantastic and the children absolutely loved performing on stage! Well done to all the children in EYFS for performing a wonderful song in their angel costumes. Well done to the children in year one who did a great job as villagers. Well done to the year 2 children for acting out the story. We are so proud of all of you. We hope you all enjoyed the show.

Thank you to all the teachers and teaching assistants for their support with getting the show ready. A big thank you to Mrs Browne for teaching the children all the songs. Thank you to all the parents for sorting out costumes. A final well done to the children – you are all superstars!



## Kingfisher Lodge visit

Some of our Year 6 children went to visit the residents of local care home Kingfisher Lodge, to sing some carols and join in some Christmas fun. We know the residents and children alike really enjoy this mixing in the community. Well done to all the children who participated so enthusiastically and thank you to Mr Baker and Mrs Kidd for providing the music and accompanying the visit.



## Staff success in the Santa Dash

On Sunday morning a group of Salford School Teachers and Teaching Assistants ran the Salford Santa Dash. Some ran the 5 km and others opted for the 5 miles and they were all encouraged to keep going by the steady supply of Salford School pupils past and present cheering them along. In addition to supporting the Santa Dash official charities Time is Precious and Butterflies Haven with their entries, the Salford School team have been raising sponsorship money for Dorothy House. Dorothy House provides palliative and end of life care to patients living with a life-limiting illness, and their families and carers and has offered support and care to many people within our school community and their families.

The team have raised over £600 for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you to all the parents who have given sponsorship. If you would like to make a donation please follow the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/salfordschool>

## Food Bank thanks

A big

**THANK  
YOU**



**Salford C of E Primary School**

for supporting **Keynsham Foodbank at Christmas**

Your donation of **133Kg of food** network **foodbank**  
will make a **BIG** difference to local people in crisis.

Keynsham foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.

Thank you so much for the huge amount we collected for the reverse Advent calendar.

We are overwhelmed with the generous donations made. This will make a huge difference to the food bank and local families who need to use it over the festive period.

Information about how to access the food bank can be found here:

[keynsham.foodbank.org.uk/](http://keynsham.foodbank.org.uk/)

## Athletics competition for Y6 report from Mrs Brook

We were all very grateful that last Wednesday's athletics competition was indoors (as it was freezing outside!) as seventeen of our year 6's took part in the annual indoor athletics competition held at Wellsway sports hall alongside five other primary schools from the area. The events included: relay, obstacle and hurdle races as well as javelin throwing, chest pushes, vertical jumps, triple jump, long jump and speed bounces. It was an extremely competitive event with a fantastic atmosphere which showcased all the talented children we have at our school. It was very exciting to learn the day next day that we had won the whole competition and each member of the team were presented with a medal. We can now progress onto the county finals in February! Thanks to Dean Garrett, Dave & Cath Burston for organising such a wonderful event. A special mention to the fantastic Sports Ambassadors too who helped run the individual events.



## Extreme weather procedures

Please make sure that your children have plenty of warm clothing and suitable footwear in this wintry weather, as we still like to get outdoors when possible.

In the event of weather that is severe enough to threaten the safety and health of children and staff, we may have to close the school.

Please see our school website for a reminder of our procedures for closing the school in an emergency: [www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#closing-the-school](http://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#closing-the-school).

It is essential that you keep your contact details up to date in MCAS (My Child at School) to ensure that you get early notification about any changes to the school day.

There is lots of helpful advice on keeping safe by staying warm and well on the government website here: [www.gov.uk/government/collections/cold-weather-plan-for-england](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/cold-weather-plan-for-england)

See all dates  
on our online  
calendar for  
parents here!

## Dates for your diary



[Click here for term dates](#)

**Christmas post boxes in library now until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** the [lighting of the Christmas tree for Years 5 & 6](#) at Salford Hall.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** [school Christmas dinner](#).

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** school Christmas parties

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Forest School for Y1

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December mornings:** KS2 Christmas performances.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Christingle service.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** last day of term 2.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024:** INSET day

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024:** term 3 begins for children.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January:** PTA meeting at 7.30pm.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates). All dates are on [the calendar for parents here](#).





Dear Parents/Carers

As we go into the festive period, we would like to remind you about the law regarding electric scooters. It has become apparent that some young people have already acquired or are in the process of acquiring electric scooters for their own use.

The only electric scooters that can only be used on public roads are those that are hired as part of the government-backed trials. We would also remind you that to use these trial scooters you must be at least 18 years old and hold a full or provisional driving licence. Private e-scooters can only be used on private land (with the landowner's permission) and not on public roads, cycle lanes or pavements.

Electric scooters are classed as powered transporters and fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1998. This means that the same rules that apply to motor vehicles, apply to e-scooters. This includes, but isn't limited to:

- Driving with a licence
- Driving/riding with insurance
- Driving/riding other than on a road

It is not currently possible to get appropriate insurance for privately owned e-scooters meaning that it is illegal to use them on roads or public spaces. If a child or adult is found riding a private e-scooter on a public road or land the scooter may be seized, and the person, including children could be liable for prosecution for driving without insurance. If the child or adult doesn't hold a provisional or full licence and is stopped riding an e-scooter, they could be prosecuted for driving other than in accordance than with a licence, as well as having no insurance. Penalty points can still be issued where a licence isn't held. These points would take effect when the child or person applies for a driving license.

Our aim is to keep children safe and out of the criminal justice system. We want to keep you informed so that we can work together to do this.

If you need to report an incident involving an electric scooter you can call 101 or report online: [Report anti-social driving | Avon and Somerset Police](#)

If you need to know anymore information please contact your local neighbourhood policing team: [Your area | Avon and Somerset Police](#)

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Larisa Hunt

[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/anti-social-driving/](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/anti-social-driving/)

[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/)

Chief Inspector

Early Intervention, Crime Prevention and Licensing



UK Health  
Security  
Agency

# Keeping warm and well: staying safe in cold weather

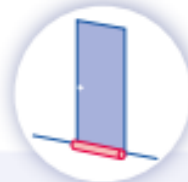
## Plan ahead



Check the weather forecast and the news



Make sure you have sufficient food and medicine



Take simple measures to reduce draughts at home

## Keep yourself warm



Heat rooms you spend most time in to 18°C if you can



Keep bedroom windows closed



Wear multiple layers of thinner clothing

## Prepare your home



Check what financial support may be available for you



Use energy saving tips to save money on heating



Make sure appliances are safe and working well

## Look after yourself and others



If you're eligible, get vaccinated against flu and COVID-19



Check on others who may be vulnerable



Get help if needed. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to:

[Top tips for keeping warm and well this winter](https://www.gov.uk) – [www.GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)



**Saltford Community Cinema**



Disney  
**FROZEN**  
**Sing-A-Long**



**Saltford Hall**



**Sunday 21 January**

**2.30 pm**

£5 individual, £2.50 Child,  
£15 family (2 adults and up to 4 children)

from

[www.tickettailor.com/events/scaevents](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/scaevents) and from  
the PO/Library Hub

**DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE CHARACTER**





# Christmas Workshop

SINGING, DANCE, DRAMA, GAMES + CRAFTS

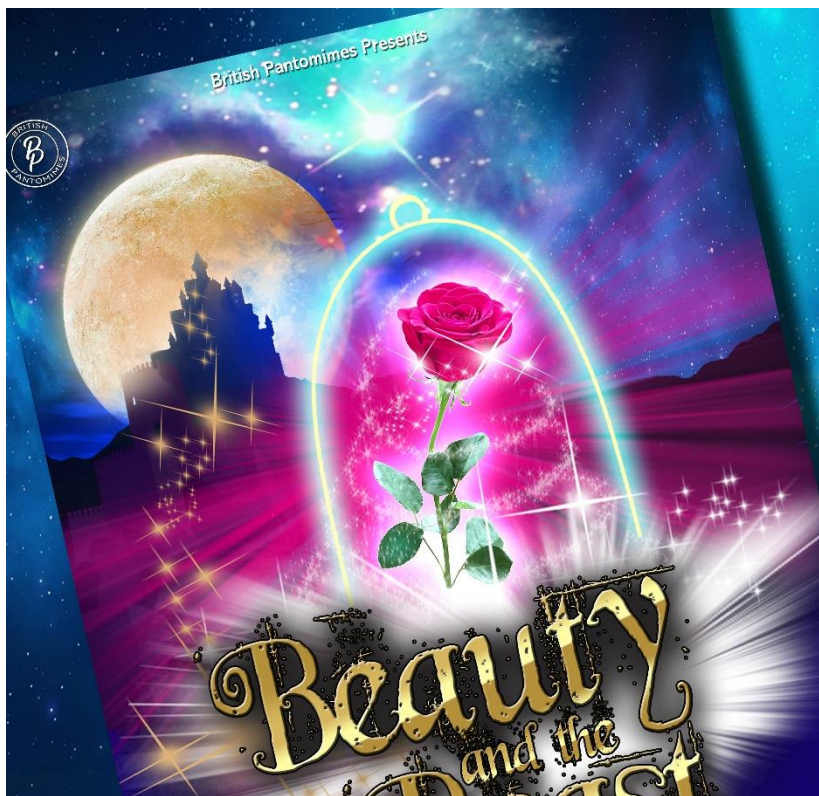
Thursday 21st December  
SBL Academy, BS30 8TS  
9.30am - 3.30pm  
Ages 4 - 10

## Christmas Workshop 21<sup>st</sup> December

This one-day Christmas-themed Performing Arts workshop for children aged 4-10 will be a fun filled day full of lots of games and activities to keep the children entertained in the run up to Christmas.

It also gives the parents a chance to have a child free day to get everything organised in the run up to the big day!

Please contact  
[info@sophielouiseperformingarts.co.uk](mailto:info@sophielouiseperformingarts.co.uk)  
with any queries.



## Special School Offer

USE CODE:  
Adult and Concessions (£6.50 & £3.50) **BBAC23**  
Family (2 adults plus 2 concessions) (£18.00)... **BBFA23**  
Book at: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hayesfield](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hayesfield)

**Saturday 16th  
December 2023  
11am**

The Roper Theatre  
Upper Oldfield Park

Hayesfield Girls' School and Dragonfly Leisure would like to offer your school a special discounted price to see this panto, **Beauty and the Beast**

**3LA**

Suitable for children of 5 years + and their family. Book at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hayesfield> and use the discount codes shown in the poster.