

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

- Firework display
- Remembrance Day at school
- PTA AGM
- Anti-bullying week
- Consultation evenings

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

A few words from Mrs Sage...



Fireworks: Friday's wonderful firework event was enjoyed by so many of us and raised a superb £3168 as well. Thank you to Amy Andrews and Hannah Thomas for leading the event, to all helpers from the PTA and staff, and to our main sponsors, Davies & Way. Thanks also go to Dr Claire Pugh for being on hand for First Aid, and to Jazzercise and Stella Event Hire for their support. It really was a superb evening's entertainment.

Remembrance Day: tomorrow we will be remembering those who have served and sacrificed in the hope for a peaceful future. We will observe our traditional 2-minute silence outside; I thank Mrs May for playing the Last Post and the Reveille to mark this important moment of reflection. Poppies have been on sale in school all week. Details of our remembrance activities are here [on our website](#).

PTA: thank you to everyone who attended Monday's important AGM meeting, and a huge thank you to last year's committee for a fantastic year of fundraising. [See our website here](#) for details of the new committee.

Anti-bullying week: this begins on Monday with the theme 'Make a Noise About Bullying'. We will be participating throughout the week in school, guided by [the E-team](#).

Consultation evenings: bookings have been going well for these evenings. I would like to remind you that you need to book a place in advance if you would like to use the creche service too. This is for school-aged children only. Please [use this link for information and to book](#). If you have not been able to book a slot, please contact the school office for assistance.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Sage.

STAR PUPIL AWARDS

KS1

Bumblebee: Olly T for amazing Maths work.

Butterfly: Emily B & Rose H-F for trying so hard when gluing your tissue paper gingerbread man. Such neat work!

Apple: Kate P for writing fabulous sentences about why we celebrate bonfire night and for being a kind and helpful friend.

Pear: Rafferty B for amazing progress in phonics. You have worked so hard! Well done Raff.

Palm: Emily B for excellent sewing skills in DT. Emily made a wonderful pouch!

Cherry: Haadi D for his fantastic summary of why we celebrate Bonfire Night! Well done Haadi!

KS2

Sycamore: Alfie R for brilliant vocabulary usage in our VIPERS lessons. Great job Alfie!

Maple: Amila M for writing a fantastic letter in English, using lots of creative adverbs. Good job Amila!

Lime: Seb W for superb work on using the correct punctuation for dialogue.

Willow: Gethin L for showing great resilience and tenacity when using column subtraction in Maths. Well done Gethin!

Elm: Sebby S for his outstanding efforts in his homework. Sebby received a WOW moment for his video on WW2, we have a videographer in the making!

Horse chestnut: Tristan J for challenging himself in maths and then helping to explain cubed numbers to his classmates who were finding the work challenging. Thank you for your help Tristan.

Ash: Sophie H for great thinking about movement and space in our handball lesson.

Oak: Oscar F for showing good understanding in maths, using his knowledge of multiplication and division to solve worded problems.



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We celebrate

William K, Palm, for being nominated player of the match.

Darcy C, Elm, for achieving 3 bronze medals in her gymnastics competition and coming 3rd overall in her category.

Harper R, Lime, for winning 3 bronze medals for trampette.

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

Zoe A, Butterfly, for achieving Swim England Stage 2.

Road Safety Week

We have signed up to participate in Road Safety Week 2023. This is the annual road safety campaign organised by [Brake](#), the road safety charity. They campaign all year for safe streets and Road Safety Week highlights the issue of all the preventable deaths and injuries on UK roads.

We will be discussing these in our Class Assemblies and encourage you to talk about road safety when you are out and about. Do also keep an eye on further events coming up linked to Road Safety and all things travel! There are lots of resources available for you to look at on the Brake website here:

https://www.brake.org.uk/files/downloads/Road-Safety-Week/RSW2023/RSW2023_Toolkit-for-participants_FINAL_revised.pdf

Reading Stars

Last week, we launched our Reading for the Stars initiative and have been so pleased with the response from the children with lots of bookmarks initialled at the first check in. The gold star books arrived in Mrs Sage's office on Monday and the race is on to see who will be the first to achieve two completed bookmarks. Keep reading for the stars Saltford!

All the details of the scheme were sent home in [this letter to parents](#).

Online Safety Newsletter for November

Please take a moment to read the latest online safety newsletter: <https://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/assets/uploads/documents/online-safety/Nov%2023.pdf>. This month's issue shines a light on Roblox and its features. Roblox comes with a Parental Guidance rating due to a lot of content being user generated and not all of the games being suitable for younger children. It is important, as with any game, to set parental controls for your child and to be aware of what they are accessing online.

Y6 STEM workshop

Year 6 took part in a fantastic STEM workshop sponsored by the RAF. They learned about the part that STEM skills play in our world and brought some of these skills together to make a mini weather satellite. After writing the code for their satellite on the computers, they downloaded it to a BBC Micro:bit, which they installed inside a box they had constructed. Year 6 had a brilliant morning and rose the challenge of being young engineers. Thank you to hi:impact, who delivered the workshop for our children. Please see a few photos of the workshop in action below.

Children in Need on 17th November

We will be supporting this year's Children in Need next Friday by asking the children to wear something spotty along with their usual uniform. Please note that this does not have to be official merchandise; we'll be very pleased to see the children wearing something they have created themselves or something spotty that they already have.

The main aim of this year's campaign is to celebrate the power of positive relationships.

If you would like to support Children in Need's fundraising through school, we suggest a small donation in exchange for wearing something spotty. We have set up a JustGiving page this year which is now open for donations of £2 or more. The link is below. Children are still welcome to bring in £1 cash to school if preferred which we will collect and add to the online total.

[SALTFORD SCHOOL'S FUNDRAISER PAGE FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED IS HERE.](#)

Would you like to sing?

Ingrid McLean, Futura's Director of Music, will be running a one-off community choir for parents and friends of our schools.

Why not come and join us?

Sessions will take place on Wednesdays 22nd November, 29th November and 6th December 7pm – 8.15pm and will take place in Lansdown Hall at Wellsway School. This choir is open to adults and we welcome any member of the local community who wishes to sing with others! No previous musical experience is required and you don't need to be able to read music. It will be run by Ingrid McLean, Director of Music for Futura Learning Partnership. There will be a tea and coffee break! You will learn a few songs and may even dip into some Christmas carols in December. Please complete the form below if you are intending to come.

<https://forms.office.com/e/aJWadkrfkf>

EYFS/KS1 Nativity 'Babushka'

We will be delighted to share our performance of Babushka with you on the mornings of the 6th and 7th December. Preparations are already under way. Do please look out for ticket information that we will be releasing soon. We have worked hard over the years to source and make costumes for the children but do always ask for small items such as vests and tights to be provided from home. Your child's costume letter, detailing what they need to bring in, will be in their folder on Monday 13th November.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Children of Saltford School are once again thinking of giving as well as receiving this Advent - with a calendar that gives back. The idea is simple; instead of opening the door to a chocolate or picture, we do the giving.

Some of us are lucky enough to be able to spend December preparing for the festivities with happiness, not dread. But for many, this time of year proves difficult when families struggle to put a meal on the table, let alone begin to think about any of the little extras that so many of us will enjoy over the festive period.

Following past success and the overwhelming gratitude of the Keynsham Food bank, we would once again like to invite the children to help a family in need this Christmas by taking part in our reverse Advent calendar.

This means from Monday 13th November, we will be collecting items for the class box. These should be non-perishable, such as jam, cereal, tinned goods or festive treats such as biscuits, mince pies, panettone, chocolate yule logs etc. Please make sure anything you donate is well in date. You don't have to spend a lot; all donations will be gratefully received. We will deliver the donations to our local food bank on Thursday 7th December in time for Christmas distribution.

Please send your donations in with your child from Monday. Please [see our website here](#) for full information and links to the food bank.

Vocal workshop for over – 7s

This opportunity comes from our external music service, West of England Music (WEMA).

This singing/vocal workshop is on Sunday 12th Nov. It is suitable from age 7 and above, this is free for children in receipt of free school meals or have Pupil Premium funding, or £15 per student.

Exploring a range of styles, this is a fun and welcoming environment for young people to sing together and make new friends! It takes place in Bradly Stoke.

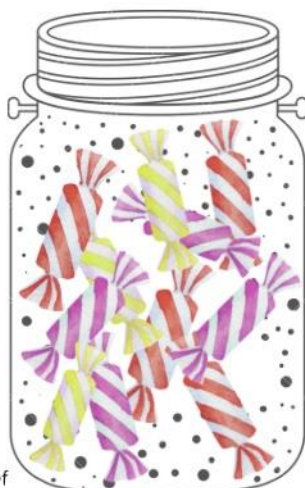
For more info and to book a place, go to

<https://forms.office.com/e/JAZWxcn9RG>



Decorate a Christmas Sweetie Jar Competition

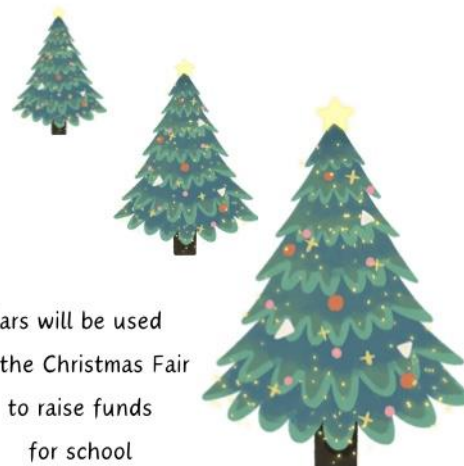
Decorate your own festive sweetie jar,
1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes
for EYFS, KS1 & KS2



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

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

Dates for your diary



[Click here for term dates](#)

Friday 10th November: Remembrance service
for children.

Monday 13th – Friday 17th November: Anti-
Bullying Week, Make a Noise About Bullying.

Tuesday 14th November: flu vaccinations for
children Reception – Y6.

Wednesday 15th November: Forest School
for Y5

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

Friday 17th November: Children in Need

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

Wednesday 22nd November: Forest School
for Y6

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

Wednesday 29th November: Forest School
for Y3

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.

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.

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



LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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13 Nov

Bath Central Library

Nursery Rhyme Week: Special Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 14 Nov

Nursery Rhyme Week: Special Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 15 Nov

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 16 Nov

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

Friday 10.00 - 2.00pm 17 Nov

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 18 Nov

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

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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 Saltford, 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 \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://Saltford School PTA (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).

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>.



23rd
Oct

Bath Lantern Workshop

A fun activity for kids to get involved with over the October Half Term!

Banish the winter blues by creating a willow lantern at our lantern making workshop.

You can show off your lantern at Bath Lights the Night.

Tickets are free, donations are welcome

welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night



15th
Nov

Bath Lights the Night

Bringing light to the streets of Bath during the gloomy dark days, join us across the city to walk through the streets of Bath with beautiful handmade lanterns created by local children. Finishing at Bath Abbey for some music.

Seats are on a first come first served basis.

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15th
Nov

Music at the Abbey

Following the Bath Lights the Night procession through the city, we will meet at the Abbey for an evening filled with music and singing from the Orchestra of Everything.

If you are in the parade we will reserve a seat for you.

Tickets are free, there will be a retiring collection in aid of Dorothy House.

welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night

Browse events and activities at welcometobath.co.uk/beautiful-bath-at-christmas

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>



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