



Saltford  
CofE Primary School

Launch Letter Term 4 • 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023



WELCOME BACK to the new term. I hope you have all had a lovely half term break, as we look forward to springtime, the better weather and the longer days. This introduction to term four offers a preview of all the main events and themes of the coming term. The [class pages on our website](#) are up to date with the class letter and the relevant curriculum web for the spring term that your child will be following.

We will be using our 'Road Safety Day' to focus on the practicalities that children should be aware of in order to make their independent journeys safe. See later in the newsletter for details of how this is going to unfold throughout school.

Expanding on the excitement of World Book Day next Thursday, we will be encouraging a love of reading with several more activities which are detailed later in this newsletter.

**Strike action update:** the next scheduled date for strike action by the NEU is next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We are waiting to hear if this will be going ahead and will write to you with details as soon as we have more information.

**Welcome to the Bath Spa teachers:** we are delighted to welcome two Bath Spa Teachers who will be joining us for 13 weeks for the second part of their PGCE teacher training. We have a long association with Bath Spa University for teacher training and feel strongly that our children benefit from working closely with additional adults to support their learning. They are Laly Pottekkatt with Pear Class and Nicola Dodds with Lime Class.

**Snacks and allergies reminder:** your class letters from last term contained detailed information about our policy for healthy snacks and our requirements that, to protect those children with nut and seed allergies, nobody should send anything to school that contains nuts, lentils or sesame seeds. This includes things like hummus and Nutella. The information is also on the school website in full, [in the school notices section](#), under 'Healthy snacks' and 'Nut and seed life-threatening allergy awareness'. I would like to thank you for taking responsibility for your part in keeping all of our children healthy and safe at school.

**Meetings for parents:** we are looking forward to this term's [consultation evenings](#) on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. We will be in touch with parents when the system is open to book your appointments. As ever, if you cannot attend at those times, please contact the class teacher to arrange another opportunity. We also continue our year-group-specific meetings for parents with our [meetings for Year 4 parents](#) on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to discuss arrangements for the forthcoming camp and health education at school.

**Vacancies:** if you are interested in joining our team as a playworker, please contact the school on 01225 872185 to talk to us about the role. We offer flexible working arrangements and this is a term-time only position.

**World Book Day themed lunch:** there will be a special school dinner menu on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to celebrate World Book Day. Please [see the menu here](#) and book your child's school lunch [in the usual fashion](#).

**Punctuality:** please support us by making sure your child arrives at school at the correct time – all children should be in the classroom at 8:50am – arrival at 8:40am is recommended. If you drive, please consider trying [active travel](#) by parking at The Crown in the morning and finishing the journey on foot from there.

**Uniform:** please send your child in full school uniform including footwear and clothing suitable for the weather. Please note that children should not be wearing a PE hoodie as part of their main uniform. If you are in doubt, please see the useful presentation on uniform requirements [on our website here](#).

[Our website](#) is up to date and you can find our [term dates calendar](#) for this and next school year in [the Office section](#). Please [see our communications poster here](#) for a reminder of the many ways we can communicate with each other. We have an open door policy and would encourage parents/carers always to contact the school directly with any concerns or suggestions.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Sage.

## Headteacher awards

**Bumblebee class:** Freddie RL for a lovely dinosaur skeleton.

**Butterfly class:** Tayif S for amazing independent writing in his journal.

**Apple class:** William K for writing super instructions for making pancakes.

**Pear class:** Tilly M For using sequencing words carefully in instructions for 'How to make a pancake'.

**Palm class:** Ruby S for some super shape work in maths.

**Cherry class:** Clara D for being a super demonstrator in PE!

**Sycamore class:** Oliver A for brilliant handwriting and presentation in our persuasive letter writing.

**Maple class:** Willow H for excellent effort in her times table and spelling test.

**Lime class:** Elliott T for showing great resilience and attitude since half term.

**Willow class:** William K for his excellent work in Maths adding 2 or more fractions. Well done Will!

**Elm class:** Maisie E who blew me away with your prediction on our new book 'The promise'. Such fantastic evidence from the text and interesting and thoughtful predictions. Well done you!

**Horse chestnut class:** Emily H for her fantastic toy design and model which used a cam mechanism to make her characters move. Amazing DT work!

**Ash class:** Charlie R for designing and building an effective steady hand game in DT.

**Oak class:** Jack B for making sensible and mature points in our RE lesson, showing good understanding in his written work.

## House points

Well done to **Owls** and **Woodpeckers** who are both this week's house points winners with 106 points each.

## This term's focus

- Meetings for Year Four with regard to the forthcoming camp and health education at school.
- Road Safety Day on Friday 3rd March.
- A focus on reading through World Book Day and associated activities through March including an author visit.
- Working on our Travel Plan 22/23 which includes pedestrian training for Year 5 and 6 and cycling proficiency courses for KS2.
- Celebrating dance – children from Year Two and Year Six will be representing Saltford school at Dance Umbrella on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

## Continuing work on School Improvement Priorities

- Implementing our curriculum planning on relationships, sex and health education as part of the new statutory guidance.
- Working with curriculum leaders to develop their subject leadership roles and assessment in their subjects.
- Reviewing our schemes of work and medium-term planning in line with the Futura Curriculum. Please see more detail in this Futura Curriculum document.
- Our weekly newsletter will provide updates and links to information on our website. We will also continue to Tweet about life in our school @SaltfordPrimary.

## How you can get involved

**PTA:** to keep in touch and get involved [join the PTA Facebook group here](#). The next PTA meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** in the staffroom. ALL ARE WELCOME.

**Volunteering:** we love having volunteers in school and there are so many roles a volunteer can take:

- Volunteer to help on a regular basis in class or with swimming.
- Share your gardening skills and help look after the Secret Garden. Please call (01225 872185) or e-mail the school office (<mailto:contactus@saltfordschool.org.uk>) if you can spare time to help all the children get the maximum benefit from this great resource.
- Become a Library volunteer and support our team.

See more about [what it's like to be a volunteer here](#), including [this lovely account](#) from the point of view of one parent volunteer who wrote to us about her experience.

**Shopping choices:** when you are buying online, please remember to check out [The Giving Machine](#) for links to the sites you would be using anyway. You can earn commission for the school funds at no extra cost to yourself. Please see our [Fundraising information here](#) for more details.

## Our governing body

The school's governing body is responsible for the strategic direction of the school and for holding the Headteacher to account for the academic progress of the pupils, to name just two areas.

Our committed group of volunteers is led by Chair Paul Cummings. To find out more about the individual governors and their roles, minutes of past meetings and what it takes to be a governor, please see our website here. Please also see our meeting planner here for this academic year to give you an idea of what is covered in our meetings.

## This term's clubs

Here at Salford Primary School we run a large range of extra-curricular clubs. Extra-curricular activities play a large part in the life of our pupils. The whole variety of sporting clubs includes football, tag rugby, basketball, cricket, netball and gymnastics. We also have a STEM club, art club, sewing club and recorder club. If your child is interested in learning a new language, Spanish club runs at lunchtime on Monday and Tuesday. For pupils who would like to learn to dance, Danni runs the dance club on Monday after school.

Some of the clubs we offer at Salford Primary School are not available all year round so please check the website for details. [www.salfordschool.org.uk/clubs](http://www.salfordschool.org.uk/clubs).

Our new chess club has started today for Years 1 – 6. Thank you very much to one of our parents, Miss Jacobs, for volunteering to run this for the children. The Year 5 & 6 choir is back in action on Wednesday lunchtimes, run by Miss Benton and Mr George.

If anyone is interested in running a club at the school please contact the school office. For further information about all the clubs that run here please see our school website.

**Chuckles Before and After School Club:** all children who attend Salford School are offered wrap around care provision. This means they have access to supervised before and after school care. This is run by Tiddlers Day Nursery.

## Futura Learning Partnership



We are a Futura Learning Partnership school. You can catch up on the Futura news by reading their monthly newsletters for parents

on our website here or learn more by visiting the Futura website here.

## Community news

Here are some useful links where you can keep informed about what is happening in our community:

**Salford Community Association:**

[www.salfordhall.co.uk/](http://www.salfordhall.co.uk/)

**Salford Parish Council:**

[www.salfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/](http://www.salfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/)

**Salford Environment Group:**

[salfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk](http://salfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk)

**St Mary's Church:** [www.stmaryssalford.org.uk/](http://www.stmaryssalford.org.uk/)

**B&NES Council:** [beta.bathnes.gov.uk/](http://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/)

**Keynsham Town Council:** <http://www.keynsham-tc.gov.uk/>

## Coming up this term...

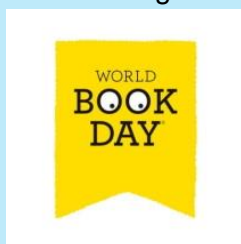
### Road Safety Day next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

We are very excited to be running a road safety day next Friday for the entire school as this is such an important life skill for everyone. All parents will have received this letter with full details. We are asking for all children to come to school wearing something bright on their tops and/or a high vis top or coat along with their usual school trousers or skirt. This is to help demonstrate the importance of being seen when out and about. Thanks to Miss Mulready and Mrs Brook for arranging this opportunity.



## World Book Day and love of reading

We are building up to World Book Day with a host of activities which will celebrate and share our love of reading.



This year World Book Day takes place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and every child will have received their £1 book token and information about how these can be spent. On Thursday, we (including the staff) will be dressing up as our favourite book characters. This can be as simple or detailed as you like but it is guaranteed to create a fun atmosphere around the school. We will then be hosting the popular travelling book fair at school which is an easy way to browse and buy some new and exciting books for your children. Don't forget, we also hold our regular free book swap events for children at the same time as the cake sales so that everyone can share the books they have enjoyed. All parents have received direct communications about the details of the activities and the news is up to date [on our website here](#).

## Author Serena Patel is coming to school

Serena Patel will be visiting our school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. She will run an assembly for all children followed by a workshop with Year 3.

Serena is the author of the award winning Anisha, Accidental Detective series which won the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award for Fiction.

The first book in this series, has been gifted by the PTA to every classroom so that children will have access to this title immediately.

Serena will be doing a book signing as part of the visit, so if your child would like to order a copy of the book or maybe get the next in the series as part of an exclusive deal, then she would be happy to sign it for them.

This is organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Organiser, Clare Harding of Keynsham Book Corner, and Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total orders in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school.

If you would like to order any of the books for your child, please complete the order form and email it to Clare at [keynshambookcorner@outlook.com](mailto:keynshambookcorner@outlook.com). The ordering deadline is next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. All parents were emailed the order form on Monday. Books cannot be purchased on the day but will be available after the event with signed book plates inside as an alternative.

Thanks to our PTA for arranging this opportunity.

## School news reports...

### Bristol and Avon Rivers Trust visit

At the very end of last term, Amy Wade from Bristol and Avon Rivers Trust came to talk to KS2 about their work. She shared information about our local rivers and issues they face, as well as giving suggestions for how we can take steps to help conserve water, especially in the summer.

Many thanks to Amy for her visit and such an interesting and engaging presentation. Thanks also to Mrs Spicer for arranging this opportunity for the children.



### Boys' football cup run comes to an end

On Monday Mrs Brook accompanied our boys' football team to St Martin's Garden Primary for the quarter final of the B&NES cup competition. All of our boys played valiantly throughout the 40 minutes of play but unfortunately it was not our day. This team should be immensely proud of themselves for reaching the quarter finals of this highly competitive tournament. Congratulations to each one of you. See [the full report and photo on our website](#).



## Flipping out in the playground!

We all had a lovely time on Tuesday celebrating Shrove Tuesday by holding our traditional pancake races. The children were cheered on by the crowd and we saw some great determination and prowess. Most of all, we had enormous fun, as you can see from the pictures below!







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Security  
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# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

## Key dates

**Monday 20th February:** beginning of term 4.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Ancient Greek Day for Years 3 & 4.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** Salford celebrates World Book Day, including dressing up as your favourite book character.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** special menu for World Book Day.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** road safety day whole school.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm:** PTA meeting in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** visit from children's author Serena Patel. See news page for more detail.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** travelling book fair at school in hall. See news page for more detail.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** visits to St Mary's Church.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Dance Umbrella Year 2 and Year 6.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** consultation evening for parents. More information to come regarding how to book your slot.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** consultation evening for parents. More information to come regarding how to book your slot.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Year 5 camp at Mill on the Brue.

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** end of term 4.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April:** Year 4 camp at Barton Camp.

For term dates for this and next academic year, please see our website: [www.salfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates](http://www.salfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates). All other dates are up to date on [the calendar for parents here](#).



An Introduction  
to Football

Saturday Mornings  
10:30 – 11:30

Ages 4-6,  
Reception – Year 1

At Salford Sports Field  
Wedmore Road, BS31 3BY

Feel free to trial  
before signing up  
Just turn up with  
boots, shin pads  
and appropriate  
clothing for the  
weather

Call Warren on  
07515050853

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There are some free events at Royal High School in Bath during **March** which you may be interested in. Although there is no charge, they are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. If you are interested, registration and more details are on their website. Please follow the links below:

**4<sup>th</sup> March – Science Detectives for girls in Year 5**  
**10-12.30 at the Senior School**

[Science Detectives for Year 5 - Royal High School Bath \(gdst.net\)](#)

**25<sup>th</sup> March – 'Harry Potter code-cracking Classics' for girls in Year 4 and 5**  
**10-12.30 at the Senior School**

[Classics Masterclass for Year 4 + 5 - Royal High School Bath \(gdst.net\)](#)

**25<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Discovery Day for boys and girls aged 6-11**  
**10-12.30 at the Prep School**

[Easter Discovery Day - Royal High School Bath \(gdst.net\)](#)



## **Bath Young Inventors Award 2023**

This is a free to enter competition and the deadline is 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Follow the link to find out more about this exciting opportunity and the associated series of fun and free activities that will be taking place, starting on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am in the Museum of Bath at Work.

After the talk there will be a chance to pick up a BYIA competition entry pack, have a go at exemplar inventions, talk to museum volunteers about how to go about creating an invention and how to enter the Bath Young Inventor of the Year Award. You'll also be able to pick up a free brand new Bath Inventors family walking trail guide.

**BATH  
YOUNG  
INVENTOR  
OF THE YEAR 2023**

**INVENT IT!  
INFO EXHIBITION**

**16-25 FEBRUARY 2023**

**ALL WELCOME!**

**LAUNCH EVENING  
16 FEBRUARY 5-7PM  
44AD ARTSPACE**

The Award is open for entries from children ages 8-17 years, sponsored and supported by 44AD artspace, The Museum of Bath at Work & The Arts Society.

44AD artspace 4 Abbey St Bath BA1 2RW 12-5pm / Sun 1-4pm (Closed Mon) 44AD.net



# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## w/c 20 February



### Bath Central Library

#### Storytime Session

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 21 Feb

#### Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 22  
Feb

#### Boy Giant Sand Sculpture

Mon - Sat During opening hours 18 Jan - April

#### Art in the Library - Tin City by Jo Nye

Mon - Sat During opening hours 5 Jan - 24 Feb

#### Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

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

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

### Keynsham Library

#### Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 21 Feb  
10.30 - 11.00am

#### Storytime & Craft

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30 am 23 Feb

### Midsomer Norton Library

#### Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 20 Feb

#### Storytime Sessions

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 22 Feb

### Recycle an Ex Library Book Competition

11 Feb - 22 July, collect an entry form from Keynsham, Bath or Midsomer Norton library

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.