

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Learning Partnership

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This week

- Careers talk
- Supporting your child at school meetings
- Census lunch
- Y2 cake sale

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



A few words from Mrs Sage...

Welcome back everyone – it has been nice to see everyone looking smart and ready to learn – your support for your children is very much appreciated. The spring term is always full of hope and ambition; many of us make new year's resolutions or promises and children are ready to continue making progress in their learning. We have a busy term ahead with lots of important and exciting events - [our website](#) and [calendar](#) are fully up to date. **Careers talk for KS2:** thank you to Stephanie Winnard for coming in to deliver an assembly to KS2 this week. She said, "It was a great opportunity to speak to KS2 children about their future and to highlight all of the opportunities available to them in the creative industries. It was also a pleasure to share my experience of working in film and television and discuss some of the different roles available in this industry. I was very impressed by the level of engagement and interaction of all the children. They are a huge credit to you all." Stephanie is Director and Founder of All About Creative and has two children at our School. [Click here to see the video resource that was shared in assembly about the creative industries.](#)



Supporting your child at school meetings: a series of workshops starting with Year 6 on Thursday 19th January will be happening through school this term. We invite parents to come in to school to discuss what kind of support is beneficial to the children at each particular stage in their school career.

Census lunch: [this menu is on offer next Thursday](#). We encourage everyone to try a school lunch on this day; please see below why this is important for funding.

Cake sale and PTA events: we are looking forward to the Y2 [cake sale, uniform sale and book swap](#) on Friday 20th January. Plenty of time to plan your bakes!

Best wishes,
Mrs Sage.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

FS/KS1

Bumblebee: Heath D for amazing engagement and joy using pastels to create the magic smoke for Aladdin's lamp.

Butterfly: Hettie M for working hard to make a brilliant shield.

Apple: Lilly T for amazing sentences using her verbs.

Pear: Evie E for using conjunctions to extend sentences.

Palm: Jade D for helping other people with their sewing and practising her running stitch.

Cherry: Martha for helping other people with their sewing and practising her running stitch.

KS2

Sycamore: Farah H for brilliant presentation and handwriting in her English work.

Maple: Noah H for an excellent character description of Mama in our book Sulwe.

Lime: Ellie for a super start to our writing project – a wonderful book cover and blurb.

Willow: Holly S for her excellent understanding of why some areas of the world get more earthquake and volcanic activity. Well done Holly!

Elm: Jessica T for persevering in maths; she is now secure in multiplying two by two digits and three by two digits. She brought in extra homework and did an excellent job as Mrs Gordon's TA.

Horse chestnut: Rory W for his wonderful figurative language in English using similes and alliteration to describe the Berlin Wall.

Ash: Emily St for a lovely diagram showing how the seasons are created by the tilt of Earth's axis.

Oak: Jack C for excellent independent maths work when translating a shape across 4 quadrants.



'Accelerated Reader' program Years 2 – 6

This morning KS2 children had an assembly to launch our new reading program, 'Accelerated Reader' and to refamiliarise those who used it last term as part of our trial. The program will monitor children's reading and comprehension levels to ensure they are reading books that they will not only enjoy but that are also the right level for them. The link below is for your parent guide to the program:

<https://www.renlearn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Parents-Guide-to-Accelerated-Reader-2016-17.pdf>

Your child will also bring home a letter detailing how to log in to your child's account so that you too can see how their reading is progressing. We hope that this will be a valuable resource and one that the children will enjoy using. Please be assured your child can continue to read any book that they are enjoying alongside their AR school book. You will find that the library on AR is huge and if your child is reading a book from home that will more than likely have a quiz to go with it so please encourage your child to read freely and often and to remember to take the quiz when they have finished as this will enable their teacher to ensure the children are making good progress and, more importantly, ensure they continue to develop a lifelong love of reading!

Digital leaders at the Saltford Computer Café

On Monday, the digital leaders took part in the Saltford Community Computer Cafe. They had the opportunity to support people in the local community with their technology and were very knowledgeable. People attending the cafe and the members of the Saltford Community Association running the cafe were highly complimentary of the support the children were giving and their behaviour. We hope you enjoy the photos below. The next task for the Digital leaders will be to support the Safer Internet Day assembly on February 7th.

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Letters sent

[Y5 & 6 social media](#)

[Y6 supporting your child & transition meeting 19th Jan](#)

Response requested

[Wellsway school transition taster for Y5 Sport & Science](#)

Respond by 3rd Feb

[Dance Umbrella Y2 and Y6](#)

Response required



Communication from school

We would remind you that communication from school is via the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app. This will either be by email or push button notification, depending on which you selected when you set up your account. [More info on MCAS here.](#)

Text messages will only be used in an emergency as they incur a cost to the school.

There is also an announcement section on the MCAS app which highlights key current information, for example special menus and event reminders such as cake sales etc.

If you need any support with the MCAS app, please contact the school office. [The school website](#) is also a valuable source of information all aspects of school life, including events in school, class information, extra-curricular clubs and so on.

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



Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)

Sunday 15th Jan: closing date for applications for 2023 Reception.

Thursday 19th Jan 6pm: [Y6 meeting, supporting your child](#) and assessments

Thursday 19th Jan: census day [with special lunch](#). Please support this.

Friday 20th Jan: [Y2 cake sale](#), with uniform sale and book swap.

Monday 30th Jan 5pm: Y2 meeting on supporting your child and assessments in school hall. More info to follow.

Thursday 2nd Feb 5pm: Y5 camp and health education meeting, school hall.

Friday 3rd Feb: PTA disco for children. More information to come.

Monday 6th Feb 2.45 3.15pm: open access afternoon for parents.

Tuesday 7th Feb 2.45 – 3.15pm: open access afternoon for parents.

Tuesday 7th Feb: Safer Internet Day.

Wednesday 8th Feb: Y1 meeting in school hall on supporting your child at school and phonics check.

Thursday 9th Feb: Y4 meeting in school hall on supporting your child at school and times tables.

Thursday 9th Feb: end of term 3.

Friday 10th Feb: INSET day.

Monday 20th Feb: beginning term 4.

For term dates please see:

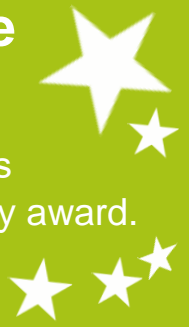
www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates. All other dates are on [the calendar for parents here](#).

Please support us on census day

Next Thursday, 19th January, there will be a special school lunch for census day. [See the menu here](#). It is important that as many children as possible take a school lunch on this day as our school funding is directly affected by these numbers. Payment arrangements are the same as for normal school dinners. [More information on the website here](#).

We celebrate

Isla H, sycamore,
for her Baskerville's
Gymnast of the Day award.



SCHOOL SNAPSHOT



HENRY Healthy Families programme

Even during this uncertain time, we're still here to help you give your little ones a great start in life.

The HENRY programme is completely **FREE** to join for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 5 years old.



The programme provides everything you need to help your little one get off to a great start.

We cover the 5 following themes across 8 weeks:

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activities for the little ones
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Each week there is either an online or in-person session. See below for dates.

You'll also receive a free **toolkit** with lots of fantastic resources.

The programme is an opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other families in a safe environment!

Programme details

Keynsham Children's Centre 17
Jan - 14 Mar 10-12.30am

Online - 19 Jan - 16th March
10.30-11.30am



Get
in touch
to sign up
now!

Contact Us

Bookings on HENRY courses are essential.
Contact the Wellbeing Service Hub on
0300 247 0050 or email

BATHNES.thehub@hrcaregroup.com



Charity number 1132581



FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children

Join a group session to discover how to make easy, healthy budget friendly recipes in person or online

- Free recipe book and NEW video recipe links
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Encouraging children to eat balanced meals
- Ingredients provided or funded with £30 voucher

Upcoming start dates (one session per week);

- Wed 18th Jan – 15th Feb, 4 – 5.30pm at Castle Primary, Keynsham.
- Mon 23rd Jan – 27th Feb, 4 – 5.30pm at Paulton Scout Hall (no session 13th Feb)
- Wed 1st Mar – 29th Mar, 4 – 5.30pm at St Michael's Primary School, Twerton, Bath.
- Mon 13th Mar – 10th April, 4 – 5.30pm at St Saviour's School, Larkhall, Bath (no session 3rd April).

Tel: 0300 247 0050 Email: BATHNES.thehub@hcrgrcaregroup.com

**Bath & North East
Somerset Council**

Improving People's Lives



Think about water safety...

Keynsham Life Saving Club has launched a series of **new courses** for 2023. Members learn first aid, water safety, and specialist rescue skills, with the opportunity to take Royal Life Saving Society awards, put your skills to the test in lifesaving competitions, and lifesaving can even count towards the Duke of Edinburgh award. Lifesaving is a great way to keep fit, have fun and learn essential life skills.

Training for 8-18yr olds takes place **2 – 4pm** on **Sundays** at **Keynsham Leisure Centre**. For more details see www.klsc.co.uk or contact chairman@klsc.co.uk.



Keynsham Methodist Church

@Queens Road

activities

crafts



songs

food

worship

Happy New Year

Monday 16th January

3:30pm – 5:30pm

for primary age children

(all children must be accompanied by an adult carer)

limited places

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