

# Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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## This week

- Y6 parents' meeting
- PTA update
- Cake & uniform sale
- Swimming pool
- Netball

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



## A few words from Mrs Sage...



Our Trust [wrote yesterday to update parents](#) with regards to strike action. Like other professions, unions and members have considered action due to rates of pay not keeping pace with inflation but also, in the case of education, underfunding of schools. Whilst each of us has different views about the appropriateness of striking, we respect the rights of individuals to take this course of action. We are aware that not all of our teachers are members of NEU so we know there will be teachers who are not permitted to strike. I have written to you about next week and I will be in touch about future strike dates.

**Y6 meeting for parents:** it was a pleasure to see so many of you at this meeting last week, thank you. The slides will be posted on [the Y6 class pages here](#).

**PTA meeting & minutes:** thank you to everyone who attended the first PTA meeting of this term. You can now [read the minutes on our website here](#).

**Cake & uniform sales:** the Y2 cake sale raised £232 for Palm and Cherry classes to spend and the £126 profit from the uniform sale goes to PTA funds.

**Swimming pool update:** unfortunately, due to delays and a lack of progress with the contractor and structural engineer, we have decided to change contractors. I had a productive meeting with our insurance company and new project lead this week and am hopeful I can update you soon with firm plans for moving forward.

**Netball:** last Friday on a very cold afternoon, eight Y6 girls played an impressive league netball match against Moorlands. They won (10-2) with great teamwork and fair play. Well done to the whole team and thank you to Mrs Hathaway for organising and coaching, and the parents and teachers who came to support. I am looking forward to meeting the many parents and carers of Y2 children who have signed up to attend Monday's meeting on supporting children at this stage. Best wishes, Mrs Sage.

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

### FS/KS1

**Bumblebee:** Isla H for super writing linked to our topic on Chinese New Year. Thinking really carefully about what sounds were needed.

**Butterfly:** Barnaby H for trying really hard to cut and join his moving panda.

**Apple:** Oliver L for working really hard with his writing.

**Pear:** Leon S for making an amazing finger puppet in DT.

**Palm:** Mea T for fantastic sewing skills in DT. Mea practised her running stitch, ready for making a purse next week.

**Cherry:** Dana S, Violet H and Sophie B for working so well as a team in PE.

### KS2

**Sycamore:** Jacob T for excellent effort in writing, using brilliant metaphors and conjunctions.

**Maple:** Niall T for drawing an excellent bar graph in Geography.

**Lime:** Hannah S for her fantastic engagement with our class book, Nour's Secret Library, and her super story planning this week.

**Willow:** Grace K for her great explanation about 'what causes an earthquake'. Well done Grace!

**Elm:** Oscar B Wow Oscar, you blew Mrs Gordon away with your dramatic writing based on our book 'The Wall'. You've used exciting figurative language and really kept the tension with your short, snappy sentences. Keep up the hard work!

**Horse chestnut:** Zack M for brilliant work with short division.

**Ash:** Ted F for consistently working hard and challenging himself in maths.

**Oak:** MJ P for excellent effort with writing. MJ has been able to show determination to complete work and has been listening hard to the features that makes writing show Y6 standards.

## RWI phonics and reading update

Parents of EYFS/KS1 children will have [received this letter today](#) informing you of the phonics and reading scheme that we follow. It explains more about the different groups, what they can already do and what they are working towards.

We will also email some useful links that you could use with your children in their particular group to support their learning.

## Goodbye to our five Bath Spa teachers

Next Thursday we say goodbye to Miss Huhtinen (Apple), Miss Baker (Cherry), Mr Hacker (Palm), Miss Walker (Elm) & Mr. O'Toole (Horse Chestnut). They have made a great contribution to the classes they have worked with and the life of the school in general since joining us in September. We would like to thank them for all they have done for our children and wish them all the best in their new placements at other Futura schools. We will miss them all very much.

## We celebrate

**William K**, willow, for gaining his Learn to Swim 6 certificate.

**Harper R**, sycamore, for Baskerville's gymnast of the day.

## Quick links

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## Letters sent

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[Y6 Kingfisher Lodge visit letter](#)

[Y5 health education & camp meeting letter](#)

[Y6 Lifeskills Centre trip 23 March](#)

[Futura advance notice strike action](#)

## Julian House assembly

Matthew Redmore from Julian House in Bath came in to school today to give a talk to our KS2 children about homelessness. He gave some background about how some people find themselves in this situation and the work that Julian House does to support them. It was a really enlightening assembly and the children responded with interest and empathy.

The children were also enthusiastic about the [Julian House Big Bath Sleepout](#) that takes place in March in support of homeless people.

Details are below – do tell us all about it if you decide to participate.

## Chinese New Year

On Wednesday, EYFS were visited by Mrs Smith Collins who gave a brilliant talk on Chinese culture and Chinese New Year. We really enjoyed learning about all the ways Chinese New Year is celebrated. We especially loved the long dragon kite and admiring the beautiful silk.

Thank you so much to Mrs Smith Collins for making our learning so special. We really enjoyed your visit.

To anyone who is celebrating Chinese New Year, Saltford School wishes you gong hay fat choy.



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



## Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 5pm:** [Y2 meeting on supporting your child](#) and assessments

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 5pm:** [Y5 camp and health education meeting](#), school hall.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** [PTA disco for children.](#)

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.45 3.15pm:** open access afternoon for parents.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.45 – 3.15pm:** open access afternoon for parents.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Safer Internet Day.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Y1 meeting in school hall on supporting your child.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Y4 meeting in school hall on supporting your child at school and times tables. More info including confirmation of time to follow.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:** end of term 3.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** INSET day.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** [Multi Sports course at school with Up & Under.](#)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February:** [Multi Sports course at school with Up & Under.](#)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February:** beginning of term 4.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Shrove Tuesday – pancake races at school.

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

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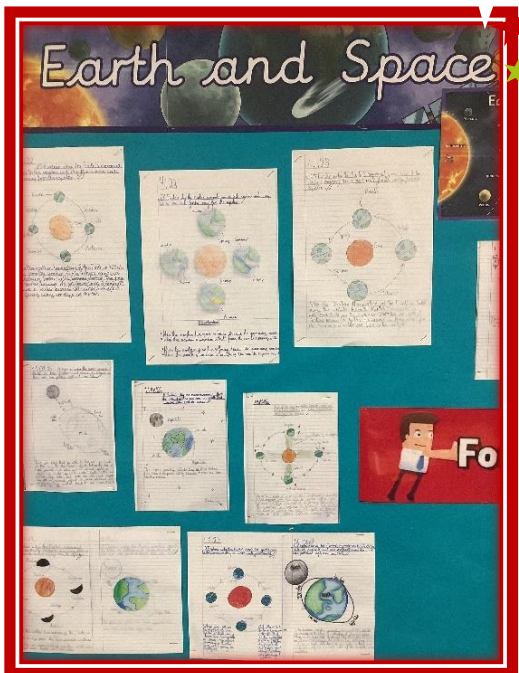


# Curriculum spotlight on... Science



A year 1 child shows off her stylish windsock, which she will use to check the direction of the wind.

Recording shadows in year 1 and measuring the movement of the sun.



## Spotlight on Science

Where do clouds come from? Why does a feather fall slowly? Why is it so cold?

Every one of us has asked questions like these (usually delivered to a momentarily-stumped adult) as we explore the world around us. One thing we love about our children is their curiosity and ability to examine the things we take for granted. So where do we find the answers? If your first answer is 'Google', you probably aren't wrong! What is more important is **how** people found the answers in the first place. The 'how do they know' is where Science comes in.

At Saltford, we see Science as an essential part of our curriculum which allows our children to understand more about the world around them. The knowledge that children acquire shouldn't be seen as a set of facts but as a network of interconnected systems and ideas – and this network is huge. Our children travel from habitats on Earth, out into space and back down again and then underneath the ground on their learning journey. All of these subject areas are linked and connected, bound by rules that scientists have spent centuries predicting and proving. We want our children to become expert 'provers' themselves.

Science is fuelled by curiosity and this helps propel our children as they use a range of scientific skills across their learning. Our youngest children explore, play and identify in order to discover more about their locality and environment. As they grow and develop, they progress to identifying patterns and beginning to find out ways to answer questions. Eventually, children learn how they might investigate or research answers themselves and prove the things they have found out from their teachers.

We want our children to be confident in their knowledge of the world around them but also confident in being able to recognise how people have come up with and proven that knowledge. This is the first step on the path to life-long learning and, for some of our children, towards being the thinkers and provers of the future.

Each [class page on the website](#) has a link to the current curriculum overview which shows the detail for each subject. You can also [read more about Science at Saltford here](#) on the curriculum page of the school website.



Science in action as our year 4 children explore evaporation.

We are pleased to be able to offer a multi-sports course for children on the school site during the February half term. This is provided by Up & Under Sports.

**February 13<sup>th</sup> – February 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 4pm**

**Course type: holiday course**

**Age group: 5 – 11 years**

Open to boys and girls of all ability who are aged from 5 to 11 years, this is an opportunity to try a fantastic variety of sports and activities each day including: Laser Tag, Archery, Football, Cricket, Tag Rugby, Lacrosse, Tchoukball, Handball, Basketball, Tennis, team challenges, competitions and prizes.

These activity days are structured around teamwork and working together and are delivered in a fun and engaging atmosphere.

Cost – £28 per day or **£50 for both days** and a 10% sibling discount is also available. To book, go to

<https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/product/february-half-term-salford-primary-school-multi-sports-course/>

**Places are going fast** for the Up & Under multi-sports course on our **INSET day, 10<sup>th</sup> February**, running between 9am and 4pm. This is also on the school site

We know how enjoyable children have found these activities in the past. They focus on teamwork and collaboration, and this time there will be a basketball masterclass from England player, Daniel Edozie. The cost is £28 with some discount for siblings. Please visit the Up & Under website here for more information and to book.



Join us for the Big Bath Sleep-Out and enjoy an unforgettable experience - whilst also helping homeless people in and around Bath.

Of course, spending one cold night in Bath's Alice Park couldn't possibly come close to the stark reality of being homeless and sleeping out on the streets.

But, by taking on this challenge you will be raising funds so that Julian House can help to re-build and save lives. So, please join us and ditch the comfort of your warm bed for just one night and take a stand against homelessness in your community.

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

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 - Alice Park, Bath

**Got a question?**

Please contact Matthew on 07940 165225  
or email: [matthew.redmore@julianhouse.org.uk](mailto:matthew.redmore@julianhouse.org.uk)

[Click here to find out more and sign up!](#)



Not just changing lives.  
Often saving lives.

Julian House is a registered charity (No. 1183751) and a company limited by guarantee in England & Wales (No. 11791952). Registered provider of social housing (No. LA549). Registered Address: 1 Kelso Place, Upper Bristol Road, Bath, BA1 3AU.



Does your child  
love swimming?

We're looking for keen swimmers aged 6-10  
years to join Keynsham Swimming Club!

Register for our next trial on Friday 24th February

Ideally children should be able to swim the following:

**6-7 YEARS:** 20m front crawl & backstroke

**8 YEARS:** 25m of three strokes

**9-10 YEARS:** 50m of three strokes

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



**Keynsham's Inaugural**

# Spring Show

Trophies & prizes to be won!

Keynsham Scout HQ  
Ashton Way

Saturday 25th March  
12pm - 5pm

**Competitive Classes in  
Horticulture, Art & Crafts,  
Cookery and Children's Classes**

**Face Painting • Floral Art Workshops  
Pottery Workshops • Cookie Decorating  
Stalls • Food & Refreshments**

**Visit**  
[www.keynsham-tc.gov.uk](http://www.keynsham-tc.gov.uk)  
for the full schedule of classes  
and programme of events

Schedule is also available at  
Keynsham Town Council office  
15-17 Temple Street BS31 1HF

KEYNESHAM TOWN COUNCIL 0117 9868683

*Spring Show on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>.*

*There are competitive classes for children, with three different age categories.  
All with trophies up for grabs!*

*There will be craft workshops free on the day for children and adults to enjoy plus  
face painting and local stalls selling local products.*

*Here is the link for the full schedule of classes:*

[https://issuu.com/deputytownclerk/docs/spring\\_show\\_schedule\\_digital\\_version\\_9](https://issuu.com/deputytownclerk/docs/spring_show_schedule_digital_version_9)