

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

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- Safer Internet Day 7th February
- Staff news

See the latest news on our website here.



A few words from Mrs Sage...

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting for Y2 parents on Monday. Anyone who missed it can find the slides on [the class page](#).

Community: it has been great to welcome so many parents/carers to school this term. We have had lots of activity including year group information meetings about statutory assessments coming up and briefings for forthcoming camps and health education programmes. We have plenty more to come too.

Access afternoons: we are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school 2.45 – 3.10pm on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th for the children to take you through their work. Please let your child know which day you will be coming. We have emailed details to all parents and carers. We hope you enjoy it.

School disco tomorrow: I hope the children are looking forward to tomorrow's disco after school. All the information you need is [on the school website here](#).

School dinners: [the current menu](#) runs as usual until the Easter break, except on Shrove Tuesday when there will be [a special menu to celebrate pancake day](#).

Safer Internet Day: is on Tuesday. Our Digital Leaders will be leading an assembly on the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.' All children will participate in other activities in their classrooms.

Goodbye: at the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Quick in the school office as she will be retiring. I am sure you will join with us in thanking Mrs Quick for her many years of service and support to the school. Her quiet, calm presence in the reception area and care for the children with first aid and illness will have been much appreciated and we hope she enjoys the time she will now be able to spend with her family and in her garden.

I am looking forward to seeing Y5 parents at [tonight's meeting](#). Also please note that Wednesday's ['supporting learning in Y1' meeting](#) begins at 2.30 in the hall.

Best wishes, Mrs Sage



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

FS/KS1

Bumblebee: Leo T for working hard on making number pairs to 10 using tens frames.

Butterfly: Erin P for working so well to make your cardboard roll penguin. You went that bit extra and drew a fantastic map too. Well done!

Apple: Arthur F for settling in so well.

Pear: Harrison T for his excellent work

recognising weather from aerial photographs.

Palm: Ryan G for fantastic writing retelling the story of Billy and the Beast. Good work including speech marks. Well done Ryan!

Cherry: William B for super independent writing. Well done William!

KS2

Sycamore: Ethan B-D for excellent pronunciation in French.

Maple: Darcey B for writing an excellent fable using subordinating conjunctions and speech!

Lime: Amber K for her superb contributions to our VIPERs lessons, always offering thoughtful ideas.

Willow: Orson H for his excellent analysis of the features of a newspaper bulletin. Well done Orson!

Elm: Thea S for excellent work in PHSE for describing her dreams so wonderfully and articulately.

Horse chestnut: Aimee P for challenging herself in maths over the last week and a good understanding of equivalent fractions. Well done.

Ash: Isaac S for working hard in all lessons and setting a good example in class.

Oak: Fred E for excellent understanding on a range of practical percentage problems, great work.



Clubs update

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular and now have a new **lunchtime choir** beginning on Wed 22nd Feb at 12.00 for children in Years 5 & 6. This will be run by Mr George and Miss Benton in the Nest and the children will be learning a variety of songs both modern and classics.

Year 3 & 4 Netball is run by Mrs Bell on Monday morning from 8 – 8.45 am on our playground, starting on 20th Feb in term 4. Children will learn basic netball skills.

We would also love to offer a **new Chess/Games club** for children and if you would be prepared to run this after school we would love to hear from you.

For full details of all the clubs run at the school please [see our clubs page here](#). Parents of relevant year groups are always sent registration details toward the end of term but do please call the school if you need more information.

We celebrate

Toby B-L, sycamore, for his 'Freestyler of the Day' award from Baskervilles.

Belle L, willow, for her certificates for 2nd, 3rd and clear round at Brook Stud.

Aimee P, horse chestnut, for donating her hair to and raising sponsorship for the Little Princess Trust.

Saltford's medal-winning gymnasts

We are so proud of our 10 gymnasts who went to the Baskerville's gym competition and came away with a haul of medals. [See full details here](#).

Year 5s wowed by Wellsway show

On Tuesday our Year 5s walked to Wellsway School to watch 'A Night at the Musicals'. They were thoroughly entertained and impressed by this show which featured a medley of musical hits from the stage. It was truly an immersive experience, using the whole floor and two stages. The students gave us a huge live orchestra and spectacular costumes, lighting and staging. We were treated to singing, dancing, comedy and acting, all bound together by two outstanding comperes. The children very much enjoyed the performances and we are sure they have been inspired. Thank you to everyone who supported this visit; Ms McLean, our teaching and office staff and parent volunteers who accompanied us.

Y4 hold back the flood

On Tuesday, Year 4 attended a workshop called 'Hold Back the Flood'. The children had to design and construct a building that would protect a 'Lego person' from getting wet in a flood. The workshop was a great introduction to the profession of Engineering and the children came up with excellent designs using teamwork and problem solving. Many thanks to Mrs White & Mr Jenkins for organising the workshop and to Fraser and Karolina from Buro Happold Engineering for leading the workshop for the children.

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



Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)

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

Friday 3rd Feb: [PTA disco for children](#).

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.

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

Thursday 9th Feb: end of term 3.

Friday 10th February: INSET day.

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

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

Monday 20th February: beginning of term 4.

Tuesday 21st February: Shrove Tuesday – [pancake races at school](#) and [special lunch menu](#).

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

Curriculum spotlight on... Geography

Y4 Geography and D&T link: how can you make structures that could survive an earthquake?



Spotlight on Geography

Finding out about places and people over time and space is exciting and helps us to learn about who we are. The children at Saltford School love to ask questions and clearly enjoy studying the different topics in Geography and History each year.

At Saltford, we study three units of Geography and three units of History each year, with these being taught on alternate terms. We follow the Futura Curriculum. In KS1 (Y1/Y2), lower KS2 (Y3/Y4) and upper KS2 (Y5/Y6) both year groups work on the same topic for one short term. In Y1, Y3 and Y5, lessons provide 'Basic' learning of key facts and knowledge, whilst in Y2, Y4 and Y6 the lessons enable pupils to engage further with the topics and apply their learning at an 'Advancing' or 'Deep' level.

Geography: our topics help the children to learn about different parts and regions of the world, physical events such as volcanoes and earthquakes, climates, and weather. They can talk really confidently about the things they learn in Geography and have told us that:

"We can learn about countries."

"Geography helps us to know where we are going on holiday."

Children in KS2 really understand about how we need to look after our World and say:

"Geography is about discovering the World and understanding climate."

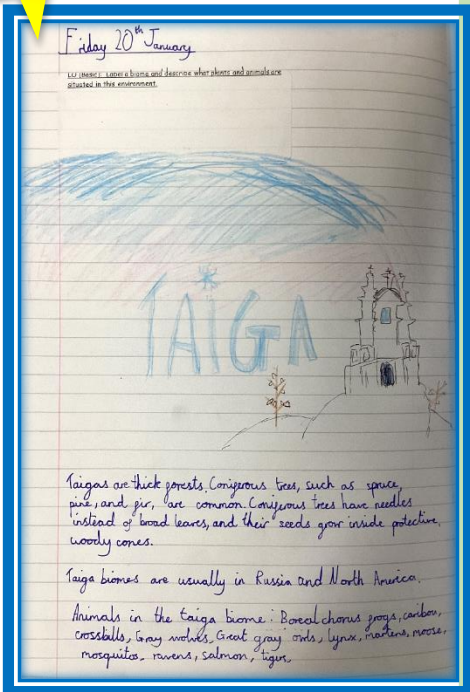
"Geography is about learning about the way the World works, what problems there are and how we can solve these to make our World a better place."

It is so important for us to understand how humans fit into their physical environment and how their actions can have an impact on those physical features. We make this link between human and physical interaction whenever we can in our lessons. From the youngest children to the oldest, the children love finding out about different areas of the World, using maps and atlases, monitoring weather patterns and in the older classes, it is fantastic to see how passionate the pupils are about sustainability.

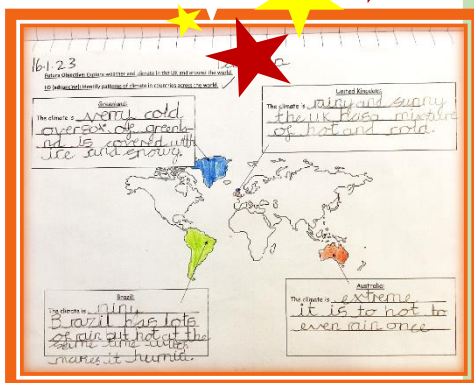
This term, all year groups are finding out about physical features of Geography such as weather and climate and how these directly affect human activity in what people can wear, choose to do or how they live their lives.

Learning about people, places and culture is sometimes referred to as 'Humanities'. We are so proud of our children at Saltford that they are indeed showing humanity by caring about others, showing respect and that they are realising that they have such an important part to play in the future of our planet.

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 Geography at Saltford here](#) on the curriculum page of the school website.



Y5 / Geography / In the Zone.
Do you know what a Taiga is?



Y2 Geography / Weather

Thinking of spring cleaning?

EYFS would welcome any donations of dinosaur-themed games, toys, books or costumes to support their topic work. These should be suitable for ages 3 – 6.



Please leave your donations in the box at the front of the office by Tuesday 21st February.

New Rector – have your say

The churches in Saltford, Corston and Newton St Loe have a vacancy for a Rector. As part of the process of filling the vacancy, the Parochial Church Councils would very much like to hear the views of the people of the three villages. You can fill in [the vacancy questionnaire here](#) or pick up a hardcopy from a church.

Mrs Spincer has worked with the school council to discuss the values and qualities that the school would like to see and the school council will be consulting with their classes and feeding back to Mrs Spincer so that she can reply to the questionnaire once on behalf of the school.

World Book Day - Pre Loved Costume Sale

To support the dress up day planned for World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March the PTA would like to offer a pre loved dress up shop

If you have any dressing up outfits that no longer fit or are no longer used by your children then we would love you to donate them - a collection bin will be outside the School office all next week (6th - 9th February)

A dress up sale will then take place after School on Friday 24th February with all items costing a maximum of just £3

Recycle - Reuse - Raise Money



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 13th – February 14th 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-saltford-primary-school-multi-sports-course/>



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

Friday 3rd March 2023 - Alice Park, Bath

Got a question?

Please contact Matthew on 07940 165225
or email: matthew.redmore@julianhouse.org.uk

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



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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 6 February



Bath Central Library

Storytime Session

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 7 Feb

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Wednesday 11.00 - 11.30 am 8 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 7 Feb
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30 am 9 Feb

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 6 Feb

Storytime Sessions

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 8 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.