

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

- Ofsted visit
- Staff news
- Road Safety Day
- Revised dates
- Consultation evenings

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A few words from Mrs Sage...

A huge thank you to all our families for your support during our Ofsted this week - including completion of the parent questionnaire, speaking inspectors at the gates and sending in supportive messages. Also to the Futura Learning Partnership for their invaluable support. This was a Section 5 inspection over two days and it will be some time before we receive our report to share with you but as soon as we can, we will! I am incredibly proud to be the Headteacher of Saltford School and am grateful for the trust and support you place in me. The children and staff work incredibly hard and Ofsted recognised the important part the school plays in our community. Your children are an absolute credit to you and that shone through throughout.

Staff news: Mrs Arden will be retiring at the end of this school year. Please see more below. We will miss her greatly but wish her the happiest of retirements.

Road safety day: we are looking forward to our whole school road safety tomorrow. Please remember to send children in wearing something bright and/or high-vis on their tops. Y3 children need scooters and helmets too. Please [check our website here](#) if you need a reminder of the details for tomorrow.

Postponements due to Ofsted: [Ancient Greek day](#) for Y3 & 4 will now take place on the afternoons of Monday 6th and Wednesday 8th March. [The Y4 parents' meetings](#) about health education and Y4 camp are now on Monday 6th March at 4.15pm and 5pm respectively.

Consultation evenings: all parents will have received [our letter](#) advising that the booking system for the forthcoming [consultation evenings](#) is now open.

Author visits: we are looking forward to welcoming children's authors Serena Patel and Rebecca Stack to school as part of our [World Book Day celebrations](#). Best wishes for a happy weekend, Mrs Sage.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

FS/KS1

Bumblebee: Ada C for her enthusiasm finding number bonds to ten and writing the number sentences. Fabulous work!

Butterfly: Arthur F for finding number bonds to ten and writing the number sentence to go with it. Fantastic maths Arthur!

Apple: Orla M for making such a super start to Saltford School. Well done!

Pear: Leo S for writing a wonderful prayer about the world.

Palm: Parker M for working so hard on his reading and writing. Well done Parker, I am very proud of you!

Cherry: Thomas W for a brilliant explanation of what admire means in RE and why he admires his brother so much.

KS2

Sycamore: Otis B for working so hard in his spellings and handwriting lessons.

Maple: Max P for writing an excellent diary entry.

Lime: Charlie B for his hard work this week to understand the process of photosynthesis.

Willow: Liv R for her excellent retell of the story 'Le Roi Tête en L'Air' in French. Well done Liv!

Elm: Verity S-B WOW! You worked so hard and independently when subtracting fractions. I loved how you challenged yourself and persevered, it really paid off. Well done Verity!

Horse chestnut: Jack C for your brilliant contributions to our online road safety lessons.

Ash: Flo H for always challenging herself to achieve a high standard in writing.

Oak: Ilaria P-F for excellent writing about the Greensboro sit in 1960s America.



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Y4 boys' football tournament

In the first game we took an early lead, with strong performances from every player, resulting in a 4-2 win. In the next game we kept a clean sheet with a 4-0 win, and in the 3rd match we were unfortunate to lose 1-0 to St Stephens, with strong performances throughout the match. However, we went through to the Cup Quarter Final where we lost 3-0 to a strong Moorlands side who continually put us under pressure. We defended well with some amazing saves, Saltford showed great resilience and never gave up. The whole team (photo below) represented the school admirably. Many thanks to Mrs Gammon who stepped in to get the team to the pitch, to Mr O'Toole and to the parents who helped and supported.

We celebrate ★ ★ ★

Lola H, palm, for her Learn to Swim level 3 certificate and Kingswood Gymnastics 'Star of the Week' award.

Abigail J, palm, for her Learn to Swim level 3 and Swim England Rainbow 10m distance certificates.

Amelia M, palm, for her Learn to Swim level 1 certificate. ★ ★ ★

Toby W, palm, for his Water Safety certificate.

Girls' football – Saltford Lionesses show their quality

Last Thursday our Y5/6 girls' team travelled to Farmborough Primary School to play their Y6 team in the next round of the Bath & District knock out cup competition. Many of our team, including Mrs Brook had been inspired by watching The Lionesses beat Belgium at Ashton Gate the night before so it was a very exciting start with our girls eager to emulate their heroes. Saltford went through on penalties after a very exciting match. We are very proud of both teams; the Farmborough side set a great example of grace in defeat. See the [full match report on the website here](#) and a photo below.

Mrs Arden's retirement

Mrs Arden has decided to retire at the end of this school year. She has been a valued member of the Saltford school family for 22 years, and has worked as a teaching assistant for the last 16 years, supporting our high needs pupils and in a general support role. Mrs Arden's skill, kindness and thoughtfulness are highly valued and will be missed by children and staff alike. We wish her a very happy & restful retirement.

Mrs Arden writes: I have had the pleasure to work in Saltford School for 22 years as a Play Worker and then a Teaching Assistant. I have now decided, as I approach my 75th birthday in June, that I am going to retire in July at the end of Term 6. I will miss working with your children, it has been a privilege to help them to work towards their full potential. I would like to thank all of you and your children for the wonderful support you have given me over the years.

I will also miss the amazing friendship of my colleagues. They are dedicated people with only one goal: to make Saltford School the best place for your children. I am looking forward to spending more of my time with my husband, two children, four grandchildren, friends and the garden! Who knows, I might be back in as a volunteer in a few months' time! Thank you for everything, Mrs Arden.

Accelerated Reader update

Our Accelerated Reader scheme is now in full swing and the children have been busy reading, quizzing and increasing their word counts. We have loved seeing the children explore bookshelves in different classrooms and choose books that are right for their level (and interests). Their enthusiasm and engagement has been wonderful. We already have three children in the school who have read over a million words since they started using the scheme! Please continue to encourage your children to ask to take a book quiz when they finish a reading book. Don't forget, parents can keep track of their child's book quiz results by using the details sent out last term. If you need these again, please see your child's class teacher.

Bikeability

The children in Year 3 enjoyed their bikeability training on Monday. This useful session began by the instructors checking the children's bikes for roadworthiness and then it was time for training exercises on the playground. Having practised their skills, the children then went outside the school gates to put them into practice in some on-the-road training, thoroughly supported by the local authority instructors. At the end of the session, the children received their badges and certificates of achievement. It will be the turn of Year 4 next Monday, and Year 6 bikeability will be available later in the year. Thank you to Mrs Rich for organising this opportunity for the children.

Craft club

Many Year 6 children have been taking part in a lunchtime craft club with Mrs Kidd. During this club, they are able to use their skills to make a variety of things, including lolly stick crosses, friendship bracelets, mosaics and painted pebbles. There is always a lovely calm atmosphere at craft club and the children always really value the time they spend there. We have included some photographs of the things they have been doing.



Many thanks to Mrs Kidd for organising this, and well done to all the children who participate.

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

Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)



Friday 3rd March: special menu for World Book Day.

Friday 3rd March: road safety day at school

Monday 6th March 7.30pm: PTA meeting in staffroom, all welcome.

NEW DATE, Monday 6th March at 4.15pm: [Y4 meeting](#) on health education

NEW DATE, Monday 6th March at 5pm: [Y4 meeting](#) on camp details.

NEW DATES, Mon 6th & Weds 8th March afternoons: revised schedule for [Ancient Greek Day](#) Y3 & 4.

Wednesday 8th March: [author visit](#) for [World Book Day](#), from Serena Patel.

Thursday 9th March: author visit for EYFS and Y1 from Rebecca Stack.

Thursday 9th – Wednesday 15th March 3.15 – 4pm: [travelling book fair at school](#) in the library.

Friday 10th March: [Y4 cake sale, uniform sale and book swap.](#)

Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th March: [visits to St Mary's Church.](#)

Monday 20th March: [Dance Umbrella Y2 & Y6.](#)

Wednesday 22nd March: Wellsway [samba transition session](#) for Y5. **Wednesday 22nd March:** [consultation evening.](#)

Thursday 23rd March: Y6 [Lifeskills Centre visit.](#)

Friday 24th March: PTA film night for children. Details to follow.

Monday 27th March: [consultation evening.](#)

Wednesday 29th – Friday 31st March: [Y5 camp](#) at Mill on the Brue.

Friday 31st March: end of term 4.

Monday 17th April: beginning of term 5.

Thursday 20th – Friday 21st April: [Y4 camp](#) at Barton Camp

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

School snapshot featuring World Book Day



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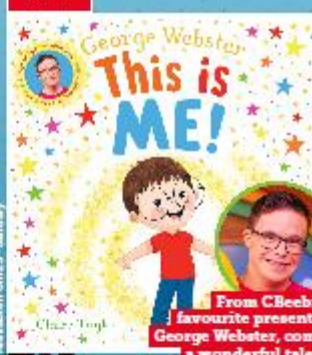
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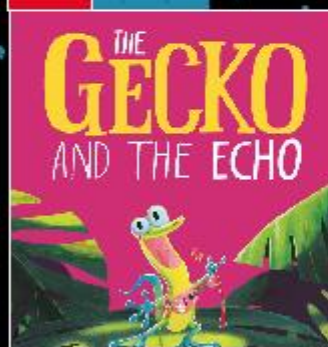
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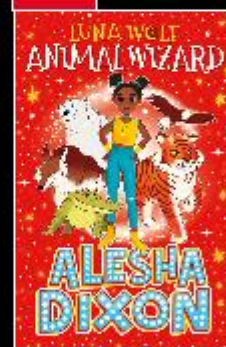
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OVER 200 BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM!

The travelling book fair comes to school from Thursday 9th – Wednesday 15th March.

[See our website for details here.](#)

Music workshop with.....

Classico Latino

Do you play **Strings, Piano, Percussion or Sing** at grade 2-5 standard? If so, come and join us for a Latin music workshop. For more information and to sign up visit:

bit.ly/classicolatinomar23



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Come and play Latin Style Music with Classico Latino on 10th or 11th March 2023 Concert 11th March 2023 at 7.30pm, All Saints Church, Wrington.

This exciting ensemble will be joining us to run workshops for young instrumentalists playing at grade 2-5 level who would like to experience Latin Music and the excitement of this style (no exams need to have been taken). Following the workshop, on Saturday March 11th you will be invited to perform with Classico Latino at their evening concert taking place at All Saints Church, Wrington at 7.30pm.

This is a really exciting and rare opportunity. Sign up below before places disappear! **Join us if you play:**

- Piano
- Percussion
- Strings (violin/viola/cello/double bass)
- Singer

When: Friday 10th March 2023: 5pm-7pm at St. Gregory's College, Combe Hay Ln, Odd Down, Bath BA2 8PA
OR

Saturday 11th March 2023: 10am-12noon at Backwell School, Station Road, North Somerset BS48 3BZ

Concert: 11th March, 7:30pm-9:30pm, All Saints Church, Wrington BS40 5FL **Tickets can be purchased at a reduced rate for parents/carers of students attending the concert. Please email holly@churchillmusic.org.uk to purchase.**

For more information and to book, go to bit.ly/classicolatinomar23



Rebecca Stack – a local picture book author from Newport South Wales will be visiting and reading to the children in Reception and Year 1 on Thurs 9th March.

Signed copies of the books may be bought on the day. They are £7.99 each by cash, card or bank transfer. Please email reb.stack@hotmail.co.uk or text 07414765943 directly to arrange details of which book and who you'd like it signed to. Thanks.

[Rebecca Stack](#) wrote her first book in October 2020 amidst lockdown as she could see how it was dampening children's adventurous spirit, making them nervous to put themselves back out there. She wrote '**Gordon the Giraffe Dreams Big**' to encourage them to follow their hearts and to not be afraid to be who they're meant to be. She then wrote '**Addy the Anxious Aardvark**' as a way to share the techniques she's used over the years following her cancer diagnosis to overcome her worries of it returning. It's a story showing how to deal with worry arising from any change in their lives such as first day in nursery or school or moving house etc.