

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

- Access afternoons
- School disco
- Pancake Day Tuesday 21st
- Safer Internet Day 7th February
- Staff news

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A few words from Mrs Sage...

It has been a very busy week at school, and a pleasure to welcome families in for our access afternoons. It was also lovely to see so many parents at the meeting for Y1 parents yesterday. Y1 parents have been sent the slides and handouts which are also on [the class pages here](#).



Access afternoons: if you were unable to attend either of these sessions on Monday and Tuesday this week, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time when your child can show you their work.

School disco: this was a great night all round, thanks to our PTA. I would particularly like to thank Janet Allen and all the PTA, parent and staff helpers who contributed so much to make the event so enjoyable for the children. The profit of £883.74 is also very much appreciated.

Pancake Day Tuesday 21st Feb: we will be holding our traditional pancake races on the playground on Shrove Tuesday. [See what you need to bring on the website here](#). There will also be [a special menu to celebrate Pancake Day](#).

Safer Internet Day: was this week. Please read on for our spotlight on online safety and computing in school. It is crucial that we do all we can to support our young children navigate their online lives safely.

New staff: we are very pleased to welcome Mrs Curtis to the school office team. Mrs Curtis will be starting with us on Monday 20th February and will be working at the office reception. She brings with her valuable experience in this area and she is looking forward to this new role.

I am looking forward to seeing Y4 parents at [tonight's meeting](#) on multiplication tables checks and assessment and how you can support the children with this. I wish all our parents, carers, children and staff alike a happy and relaxing half term break. We will be ready to welcome the children back, refreshed and ready to learn, on Monday 20th February. Best wishes, Mrs Sage

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

FS/KS1

Bumblebee: Joel S for carefully painting a picture of a penguin, thinking about the different parts and the colours needed.

Butterfly: Toby T for amazing measuring when exploring outside.

Apple: Orson B for making a fab wind sock that we used to measure how windy it is.

Pear: Omarion U for writing independently about Bob the Wild Thing in his report.

Palm: Abigail J for working hard on her running stitch and making a fantastic purse.

Cherry: Ella E for a really good maths quiz.

KS2

Sycamore: Martina B for brilliant work with her reading.

Maple: Mila J for writing an excellent persuasive letter.

Lime: Thomas N for super teamwork skills in both DT and PE lessons. Thomas demonstrated leadership and cooperation skills.

Willow: Jennifer C for her superb understanding of the Water Cycle and for describing it so well in both a poster and a comic strip. Well done Jennifer!

Elm: Anaya M. Wow! Your DT design for a mechanical toy was so creative. I love the sketch of the cam to show how the toy moves and the elaborate Charlie and the chocolate factory design. Incredible!

Horse chestnut: Eric W for some fantastic independent research on wheelchair basketball whilst composing a presentation to highlight the benefits of this sport! Well done, Eric.

Ash: Jess B for always being helpful and responsible.

Oak: Ilaria P-F for well organised presentation of her Science investigation on air resistance.



Transition visit to Wellsway

Our Year 5s were fortunate to be invited to Wellsway School this week to take part in a transition taster session for Sport and Science. They had the opportunity to work alongside Wellsway staff and sports and STEM ambassadors while trying out some new activities.

In the sports session, they enjoyed learning new skills and taking part in team and individual challenges in badminton. They performed really well and made great progress just in one session. In science, they carried out three interesting experiments in the laboratory using paper chromatography to form chromatographs and even a bouquet of flowers! All activities were supported and encouraged by the Wellsway student ambassadors. One participant summed it up by saying "it helped us learn new things and it was really fun". Thanks to Mrs Burston and all the other staff and helpers.

We celebrate



Ethan B-D & Sofia F, sycamore, and **Poppy D & Mila W**, ash, for qualifying for the Street Dance World Championships.

Lilia D & Seren E, lime, for their Baskerville's 'Gymnast of the Day' awards.

Bella H, cherry, for her 'Star of the Week' award from Razzamataz.

Scarlett H, cherry, for her 'Gymnast of the Week' award from Baskerville's

David S, ash, for winning a bronze medal representing Keynsham Junior Badminton Club in the Feather Challenge Tournament U12s.

Orla K, Bumblebees, for achieving her level 2 swimming badge.

Lois A, horse chestnut, for her Swim England stage 9 award.

Martha A, cherry, for her Swim England stage 4 award.

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World Book Day

We love reading at Saltford School and are looking forward to World Book Day next term and all the associated activities.

You should find your child's free £1 World Book Token in their reading folder today. This can be redeemed in several ways, including for a special free book.

We will be dressing up as our favourite book character on Thursday 2nd March. The PTA will be holding a sale of dressing up costumes – all under £3 – on 24th February at school to support doing this economically.

We are also delighted to host the travelling book fair here in March, and to host a visit from children's author Serena Patel. See [full details on our website news page](#).

Girls football team goes through

Last Thursday we hosted St Keyna for the first round of the Bath & District Schools Cup Competition. Our team of Y5/6 girls won convincingly to go through to round 2, against an opposition who never gave up. Mrs Brook congratulates both teams on showing great fair play throughout the match. Thanks to everyone who supported the teams and the match. There is a [full sports report and photo on our website here](#).

Maths challenge

Congratulations to Giorgio D who took part in the UK Maths Trust Intermediate Challenge. This challenge is designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency. The challenge is designed for children in Year 11 or below, so we were very proud that Giorgio was able to participate in the online version of this challenge. For budding mathematicians, an example question can be seen below:

5. April, May and June have 90 sweets between them. May has three-quarters of the number of sweets that June has. April has two-thirds of the number of sweets that May has.
How many sweets does June have?

A 60

B 52

C 48

D 40

E 36

(The answer is D - 40)

Singing and friendship

Last week our Years 5 and 6 choir sang 'Lean on Me' in our assembly on friendship.

The children loved watching the performance and look forward to hearing more from them next term. Special thanks to Miss Walker, Mr George and Miss Benton for all their hard work.



EYFS party like the penguins

The children in the EYFS enjoyed their penguin party today. They looked after eggs, caught fish, tobogganed and showed off their best penguin moves. At the end they had a little treat for being such an amazing colony of penguins. Thank you to Mrs Browne for leading the penguin celebrations.



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



Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)

Thursday 9th Feb: [Y4 meeting in school hall](#) on supporting your child.

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.](#)

Friday 24th Feb: sale of dressing up costumes for Book Day after school.

Monday 27th February: [Y4 Health Education \(4.15pm\) and camp meeting \(5pm\)](#)

Thursday 2nd March: dress up for [World Book Day.](#)

Friday 3rd March: road safety day. Details to follow.

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

Wednesday 8th March: [author visit](#)

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday 22nd March: consultation evening. More details to follow.

Monday 27th March: consultation evening. More details to follow.

Friday 31st March: end of 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.](#)

Spotlight on...Online Safety



Year 1 children read the story **Hanni and the Magic window** and were tasked with creating their own magic window.

Spotlight on online safety

Learning about online safety and making conversation about our lives online is an important part of children's lives today. The children at Saltford School love to ask questions and clearly enjoy studying the different aspects of the [Computing](#) curriculum.

At Saltford, we study five different areas of Computing each year. We look at computer systems and technologies, creating media, presenting data and information, programming and online safety. We celebrate Safer Internet Day each year in February. These photos show what we did on this year's Safer Internet Day. The children were tasked with starting a conversation with the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.'

It is so important for us to understand about online safety and how children need to be aware of it for their daily life online. We complete one online safety lesson each term focusing in on a different aspect each time.

It can be challenging for parents to keep up to date with all the developments in the online world that our children may want to access. [The online safety page on our website](#) is up to date with lots of helpful links and advice. We subscribe to a monthly newsletter on our parents' behalf which deals with the topics of the moment in a clear and concise way. This is always available on our online safety page. [The February issue is available here now.](#)

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

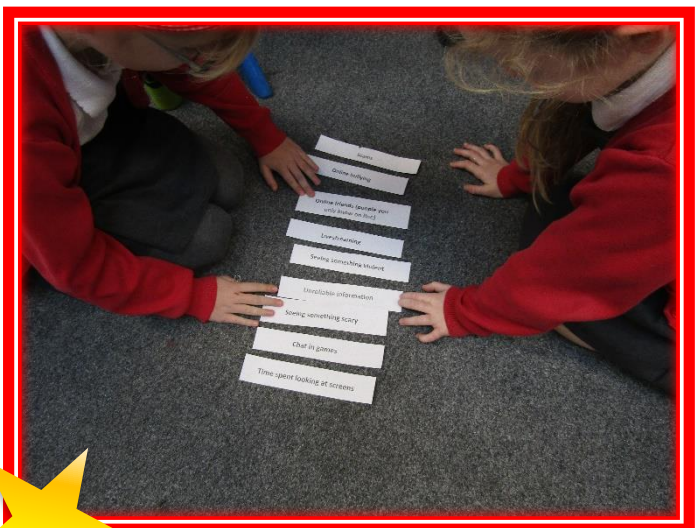


Year 2 children played a game called **Can you help me please?** They discussed how different scenarios would make them feel and what they could do.

Year 4 children had a discussion about different issues that can arise online and how important they were to them.



Year 3 children had to create an 'Alpha-Net' and think of something beginning with each letter of the alphabet that they enjoy about being online.



THIS TERM'S DOODLE CHAMPIONS

doodletables

Top 3 Stars

Belle L – Willow

Toby S – Lime

Austin S – Maple

Top Class

Horse chestnut

Top 3 Stars

Belle B – Palm

Arthur B – Maple

Yasmin R – Pear

Top Class

Horse chestnut

doodle spell

Top 3 Stars

Emily P – Horse chestnut

Jack B – Lime

Mila J – Maple

Top Class

Maple

doodle english

Top 3 Stars

Edmund S-C – Elm

Jack B – Lime

Emily P – Horse chestnut

Top Class

Willow

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/>