

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

- Film night for children
- School closure procedure
- Book Fair at school
- House relaunch
- Kindness week

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A few words from Mrs Sage...



It has been business as usual this week, with another busy and varied programme. It was lovely to see so many of our Year 4 parents and carers at school for the meetings on health education and camp arrangements. Thank you also to the PTA for Monday's meeting.

Film night 24th March: details have now been finalised. The films are Minions for EYFS/KS1 and Spies in Disguise for KS2. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 13th March from [PTA events online here](#). The cost is £4 which includes a small bag of treats. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for full details.

Severe weather and school closure procedure: as the weather has worsened this week, it is a good time to remind ourselves of the procedure for school closures (for any reason). Please make sure your contact details are up to date on [MCAS](#) and read '[Closure of school](#)' in the office section of our website [here](#).

Book fair at school: the travelling book fair is now installed in our school library and will be available until next Wednesday 15th March. Children can use their £1 Book Day voucher [here](#). Please see [how to browse and buy on our website here](#).

House relaunch: next week we will be refocusing on [our house system](#), with special assemblies for the children about how the elections for leaders and the house points system work. There are also plans for an exciting new look in the former rainbow room. Look out for more house news and pictures soon.

Kindness week: this begins on Monday with activities and discussions throughout school to focus on one of our core values, kindness.

Meanwhile, tomorrow, we have the [Y4 cake sale, PTA uniform sale and book swap](#) to look forward to after school, and the PTA quiz and disco in the evening. Best wishes for the weekend, Mrs Sage.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

FS/KS1

Bumblebee: Betsy T for very carefully scrunching tissue to make a colourful blossom tree to celebrate the Hindu festival of Holi.

Butterfly: Jesse B for working so hard to write your journal. You are forming your letters beautifully.

Apple: Arthur F for working really hard on his maths lessons.

Pear: Freddie T for printing a wonderful, colourful fish in Art.

Palm: Lola H for super sketching work inspired by Giuseppe Arcimboldo.

Cherry: Ellana W-H, Annie H and Martha A for a fantastic gymnastic performance based on their success at a recent competition.

KS2

Sycamore: Molly L for settling brilliantly at Saltford and becoming part of the class.

Maple: Evelyn R for being an excellent and confident narrator in her group's performance of Theseus and the Minotaur.

Lime: Alice B for challenging herself with her personal reading. Well done!

Willow: Emily-Joy S for her excellent Greek pot made out of clay. You listened to the instructions very carefully. Well done Emily-Joy!

Elm: Edmund SC for writing an incredible setting description. Your figurative language was astounding. I will remember that piece of writing for a very long time. Well done you, keep exciting us with your work!

Horse chestnut: Charlie T for working so hard with the presentation of your work, including your handwriting! Well done. Enjoy your pen licence!

Ash: Poppy D for accurate scientific observations in our work on dissolving.

Oak: Slava I for excellent work with his English speaking.

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Road safety day

The whole school enjoyed taking part in our 'Road Safety Day' on Friday led by South Gloucestershire council. Each year group explored different aspects of being safe near a road, including the importance of using The Green Cross Code. We were so impressed by how knowledgeable the children already were and are pleased to hear them using this on their way to and from school. Thanks to Miss Mulready and Mrs Brook for all their work on this project.

Y4 Gym Competition

Salford School was represented this week by two Y4 gymnastic teams at the annual Baskervilles gymnastics competition. They competed with over 100 other children from the area, either at Level One, for the less experienced gymnasts, or Level Two for the more experienced. It was wonderful to see their skills during the routines which they have been practising before and during school for the past couple of weeks. The judges said this year's standard was exceptionally high so we were delighted with both teams' fourth place.

Congratulations to you all, and thanks to the parents who helped with transport, Mrs Brook and to Mr Burston for organising the event.

Choose kindness with Evelyn's Butterfly Effect

Thank you to Mrs Briggs who spoke to the school council this week about an initiative close to her heart called Evelyn's Butterfly Effect. This aims to inspire children to choose kindness and create a ripple effect of kindness. The school council have discussed this with their classes and some of the resulting ideas will be incorporated into activities for our kindness week, which starts on Monday. Of course, kindness is one of our core values: Respect, Honesty and Kindness.



[#evelynsbutterflyeffect](#)

We celebrate

Scarlet J, elm, for her Rainbow distance 400m Swim England certificate & badge.

Kate P, Bumblebee, for her two Baskerville's bronze medals.

Harriet P-G, Bumblebee, for her Baskerville's bronze medal.

Eva L, Abigail J, Sophie T, Ruby S, all palm class, for their Baskerville's gym competition medals.

Emily P, horse chestnut, for her Baskerville's bronze, silver and gold medals and gold medal for overall winner.

Darcy C, Lilia D and Seren E, lime, for participating in the Baskerville's gymnastics competition and doing amazingly well.

Inspiring visits from two authors

We have been lucky enough to welcome not one but two visiting authors in school this week. On Wednesday, the children in years 2 - 6 had a special assembly with Serena Patel, author of the 'Anisha Accidental Detective' series. She spoke about her life and how she became a successful children's author.

The children loved her talk and had so many thoughtful questions to ask at the end. Year 3 also got to work with Serena in a special story writing workshop, which they thoroughly enjoyed. The following day, we had a special story reading session for year 1 and EYFS. A local author, Rebecca Stack, went into class and shared her picture books with the children. Everyone enjoyed the story time and learnt lots about going for their dreams and managing their worries. Thank you to Clare Harding on behalf of the PTA and staff involved in arranging these visits, which we hope will keep enthusiasm for reading high as part of our ongoing World Book Day celebrations.

Congratulations to our girls' netball team

Eight Year 6 girls played a quarter final Netball match against Abbots Alphege Academy last Friday. They all played incredibly well and showed great sportsmanship. They won graciously by 25-3. Well done to Nicole F who was named player of the match. Thank you to Mrs Hathaway for coaching and inspiring the team, to all the parents for your support and a special thank you to Mrs Burston for umpiring the match. See the happy team photo below.

Years 3 & 4 transported to Ancient Greece

Y3 and Y4 had lots of fun on Monday and Wednesday afternoon enjoying all things Greek! Over the two afternoons, the children experienced lots of enriching activities including food tasting, making Greek pots, learning all about Greek mythology and creating their own Greek temples!

A great time was had by all. Thank you to the Y3 & 4 staff for arranging this interesting opportunity.



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

Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)



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](#).

Monday 13th March: kindness week begins

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

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

Wednesday 22nd March 4 – 5.30pm: 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. See poster below for details.

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

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

Friday 31st March: end of term 4.

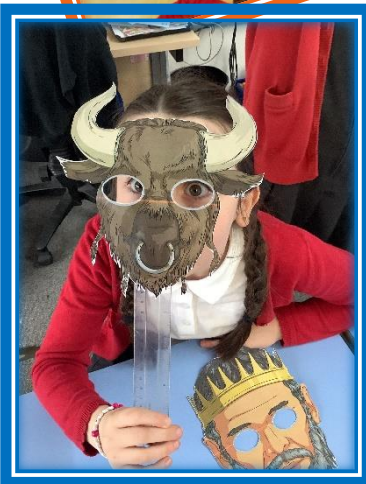
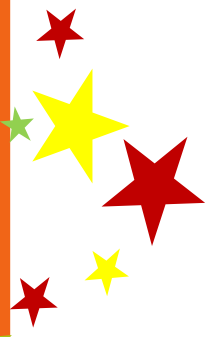
Thursday 13th April 9am – 4pm: Up & Under Easter multi sports course at school for 5-11 year-olds. [Details and booking here](#).

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



Year 4 gymnasts



Year 6 girls' netball team

Saturday 11th March in Timsbury: seed swap 'Seedy Saturday' fun activities for children, interesting stalls and expert talks for grown-ups. See www.seedysaturday.org.uk/

13 years of SWAPPING GROWING LOCAL SEEDS

What is Seedy Saturday?
We are a local event that offers growers of all ages and ages the chance to share their own seeds, exchange tips and experiences, browse local products and get involved in community activities. Every year there's lots to see and do with something for all the family.

Alongside the community seed swap, this 13th anniversary event has stalls selling seeds and potatoes, spring bulbs and plants, homemade produce, local crafts, plant-based products and gifts. Plus, displays and activities, expert talks and advice, and tasty treats from the kitchen table.

By growing, saving and swapping seeds, you can help to keep some wonderful old varieties alive, conserve biodiversity and create locally adapted varieties. So come and 'Get Seedy!' Bring your seeds, family & friends, and let's have fun swapping, sharing, growing & learning.

Enter our prize draw for your chance to win one of three prizes!

If you would like to be kept informed of future events, including next year's event to be held on Saturday 9 March 2024, please write your name and address on the back of this slip, bring it with you to Seedy Saturday 2023 and pop it in the box on the Get Seedy! stand. You will then be entered into our prize draw with a chance to win...

1st prize - £20 gift voucher and seeds
2nd prize - £10 gift voucher and seeds
3rd prize - £5 gift voucher

Seedy Saturday

The 13th Seed Swap, Potato Day & Green Fair

Entry £1 UNDER 16s FREE

Saturday 11 March 2023
10am - 2pm
The Conygre Hall, Timsbury, BA2 0JQ

- Bring seeds to swap or make a donation if you have no seeds to exchange
- Browse heritage and organic seeds, potatoes, onions, shallots, garlic and plants for sale
- Purchase local preserves, crafts, home-grown and plant-based products
- Pick up growing tips with inspiring expert talks and advice from local growers
- Fun displays and activities for all the family
- Find out about and get involved locally with groups dedicated to gardening, wildlife and sustainable lifestyles
- The Kitchen Café serving drinks, snacks and homemade cakes

Get Seedy! with Seedy Saturday
Swapping • Sharing • Growing • Learning
www.seedysaturday.org.uk • seedswap@getseedy.co.uk

Exhibitors and Stallholders (A-Z)

Arvon Wildlife Trust www.arvonwildlife.org.uk
Locally based environmental charity, dedicated to securing a sustainable future for wildlife and people through nature reserves, events, education, volunteer opportunities, monitoring and research.

Bees and Herbs www.beesandherbs.co.uk
Specialising in organic seed of vegetables and herbs for home growers and allotment holders, huge range of bees and herb seeds.

Beautiful Earth www.beautiful-earth.com
Local herb seeds and seedlings with nature inspired art prints, sharing knowledge of plants, the earth, natural cycles, and seasonal living.

Cornely and Clifton Food Hub www.cornelyandclifton.co.uk
Saving the amphibians of Cornely and Clifton from being killed on the roads. The success of saving amphibians is growing every year.

Cam Valley Wildlife Group www.camvalleywildlife.co.uk
An independent local wildlife group actively involved in wildlife conservation and enjoyment, based in the villages of the Cam and Trewin Brooks.

Blake Camp www.blakecamp.co.uk
Saving plants and seedlings to raise funds for Blake to attend the 2023 World Scout Jamboree in South Korea.

Janet Henshaw Flowering Potatoes www.janethenshaw.co.uk
Homegrown potatoes in a wide range of colours and shapes for everyday and special occasions that you simply cannot do without!

Hebe Oil www.hebeoil.com
An organic, handmade body, face and hair oil - an oil in one beautiful product for everyone, made entirely from plant-derived ingredients.

Kate Weston Design www.katewestondesign.co.uk
Intricate designs of simple beauty on soft watercolours, from stark white birds, to bunches of tiny flowers of one palette in spring. These incredible images inspire lots of new trends and appear in her work.

Pennard Plants www.pennardplants.co.uk
Potatoes, potatoes, potatoes - 80+ varieties sold by the tuber. Also, heritage vegetables and flower seeds, onion sets, chutney mixes, hot hives and bees and unusual tubers to grow and eat. "Grow what you can't buy!"

Backyard Park Community Garden www.backyardpark.co.uk
An ongoing project to create a local garden built on permaculture principles and that's accessible to all. A beautiful space, an educational resource and a wealth of diversity that benefits the community and environment.

KFPA www.kfpa.org.uk
Now the largest nature conservation charity in the country, consistently achieving world-class conservation, forging powerful new partnerships with other organisations, and inspiring others give nature the home it deserves.

Expert Talks

Talks take place on the stage. Each talk will last for about 20-30 minutes, with time for questions and answers.

11.00am: First Aid From Your Garden - Helen Gray + Malaga Medicinals
www.malagamedicinals.co.uk

12.00pm: Bees - How Does a Colony Work? - David Thomas

All details correct at time of going to print. Exhibitors, talks and activities are subject to availability and/or change.

Enter our prize draw for your chance to win! (details overleaf)

Name: _____
Email Address: _____
Postal Address: _____

Terms and conditions: Only one entry per household • All entries must be made in person at Seedy Saturday 2023 • The draw will be held on Sunday 12 March 2023 and winner notified within 48 hours • No cash alternative will be given • You will only be contacted by Get Seedy! if you win • Your details will not be passed onto outside sites • You can unsubscribe at any time - Email your contact

The travelling book fair is at school Thursday 9th – Wednesday 15th March.

See our website for details here.



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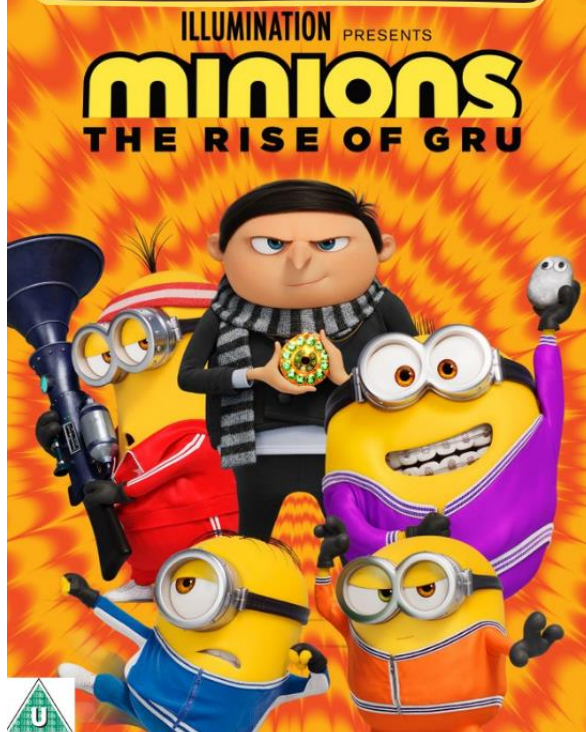
Saltford School PTA brings you

FILM NIGHT

Friday 24 March

**TICKETS ON
SALE MONDAY
13 MARCH 6PM
VIA PTA
EVENTS ONLINE**

EYFS/KS1 will be watching...



KS2 will be watching...



Arrive 4:30, film starts 4:45pm
prompt! Collection at 6:15pm

Arrive 6:45, film starts 7:00pm
prompt! Collection at 8:45pm

**Tickets £4 (includes a small bag of
popcorn and chocolate)**

**Children to bring their own reusable water bottles.
Water will be available for refills during the film.**

Children can wear PJs/comfies and bring a blanket and teddy!

*Please note by purchasing a ticket you are agreeing that you are happy with your child watching a PG rated film and any content contained within.