



Saltford
CofE Primary School

Launch Letter Term 3 • 4th January 2024



WELCOME BACK to this new term! We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday and are settling happily back into the school routine. I am looking forward to welcoming Mr David Parfrey into school tomorrow for the opening of the new outdoor 'Crafty Corner' which we will be dedicating to our dear former teaching assistant, Mrs Parfrey. This facility has been funded by the PTA to enhance children's play opportunities.

We have the excitement of the Panto coming to school next Friday, 12th January. Children can come to school in fancy dress as their favourite characters. There will be prizes for the best dressed panto dame, and the best of the rest. If your child would rather not dress up, they can come to school in mufti for the day.

We are also looking forward to hosting the I can I am bus on 16th January to work with Year 5 on improving self-esteem and maintaining good mental health. SARI (Stand Against Racism and Inequality) will come into school for a KS2 assembly and workshops with Year 6 on 18th January. Then, at the beginning of February, we will welcome Gavin Osborn into school for a KS2 assembly about homelessness and the work of Julian House.

The class pages on our website are up to date with your class letter and the relevant curriculum web that your child will be following this term.

PTA meeting and events: the next PTA meeting is on Monday 8th January at 7.30pm in the staff room. Please do come along and join in – everyone is welcome. Events planned for the spring term and under discussion are the children's disco on Friday 26th January, a film night on Friday 22nd March and some Easter activities. There is also planning for an event for the grown-ups on Friday 26th April and of course the regular cake & uniform sales and book swaps will continue.

Reading for the Stars: we have been delighted to see how frequently many of our children have been reading at home. Please don't forget to mark your child's Reading for the Stars bookmark every time they undertake a reading activity, appropriate to their level, at home. This can include practising flashcards, reading their Sound Blending sheets or playing Fred Games in EYFS, reading their Read Write Inc sheet or book or sharing their Reading for Pleasure Book in EYFS/ KS1 or reading their Accelerated Reader or home reading book in KS1/ KS2. When your child has completed one side of the bookmark, please remember to inform your child's teacher so they can be rewarded for their efforts.

Are you missing out on Benefit-Related Free School meals? If your household earned income/take home pay is below £616.67 per month, (equivalent to £7,400 per year) and your child attends Saltford school, you could be entitled to Benefit Related Free School Meals. Your household income is the figure that Universal Credit use to work out how much Universal Credit to pay you, not your actual Universal Credit payment.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1, or 2 and receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, you can also register for Benefit Related Free School Meals. We encourage you to do so because this attracts extra funding for the school. The team in the school office are happy to offer support if you would like some help with making an application. Please read the B&NES sheet later in this newsletter for more details.

School dinners ordering process: all school meals must be ordered in advance using the MCAS system. The system will only accept orders up to 12 noon the day before the meal is required. Please involve your child when making their choices from the menu. This is to avoid waste and ensure that specific dietary needs are met. The menu is up to date on the school website here. Please see our website here for details of who is entitled to free school meals and how to order and pay for your child's dinners.

Celebration of achievements: please remember that children are encouraged to share their achievements from outside school by bringing in their certificates, badges and trophies.

School uniform: please send your child to school in full uniform, including footwear and clothing that is suitable for the cold and wet weather. We request that all children have a separate pair of outdoor shoes in school that can be used at playtime and lunchtime. There are regular sales of very reasonably priced 'pre-loved' uniform at school on the same days as the cake sales. The next sale will be on Friday 19th January. [See all the sale dates here](#). Please note that trainers and PE hoodies are not part of the main uniform. If you are in doubt, please see the useful presentation on uniform requirements [on our website here](#).

Snacks and allergies reminder: your class letters contain detailed information about our policy for healthy snacks and our requirements that, to protect those children with nut and seed allergies, nobody should send anything to school that contains nuts, lentils or sesame seeds. This includes things like houmous and Nutella. The information is also on the school website in full, [in the school notices section](#), under 'Healthy snacks' and 'Nut and seed life-threatening allergy awareness'. I would like to thank you for taking responsibility for your part in keeping all our children healthy and safe at school.

Punctuality: please support us by making sure your child arrives at school at the correct time – all children should be in the classroom at 8:50am – arrival at 8:40am is recommended. If you drive, please consider trying [active travel](#) by parking a little further away from school in the morning and finishing the journey on foot.

[Our website](#) is up to date and you can find our [term dates calendar](#) for this school year in [the Office section](#). Please [see our summary guide to communications here](#) for a reminder of the many ways we can communicate with each other. We have an open door policy and would always encourage parents and carers to contact the school directly with any concerns or suggestions.

Have a good weekend,
Mrs Sage.

We will continue to share updates and links to information on [the news page](#) of our website, in [our newsletters](#) and through our Twitter/X account [@SaltfordPrimary](#).

How you can get involved

PTA: the PTA is made up of more people than the committee and I would encourage anyone who could offer any kind of support to the PTA to come along to one of the meetings to see what it is all about and get to know the school. The PTA events that run through the year each add significantly to the year's takings and really benefit every single child in the school. I am always grateful to the PTA for the work they do in supporting the school experience. You can also keep in touch and get involved by [joining the PTA Facebook group here](#).

Parent Voice Group: the next PVG meeting will be held on Thursday 25th January at 7pm on Zoom. [Read all about the PVG here](#).

Volunteering: we love having volunteers in school. There are many roles a volunteer can take and help is welcomed on a regular or a one-off basis.

- Volunteer to help on a regular basis in class.
- Offer to become a [Reading Ranger \(details here\)](#) between 2.30 & 3.15pm to hear children reading and discuss their book.
- Talk to our KS2 children about your career in an assembly.
- Share your gardening skills and help look after the Secret Garden. Please call (01225 872185) or [e-mail the school office](#) if you can spare time to help the children benefit from this great resource.
- Become a Library volunteer and support our team.

See more about [what it's like to be a volunteer here](#), including [this lovely account](#) from the point of view of one parent volunteer who wrote to us about her experience.

Our governing body

The school's governing body is responsible for the strategic direction of the school and for holding the Headteacher to account for the academic progress of the pupils, to name just two areas.

Our committed group of volunteers is led by Chair Paul Cummings. To find out more about the individual governors and their roles, minutes of past meetings and what it takes to be a governor, please see our website here. Please also see our meeting planner here for this academic year to give you an idea of what is covered in our meetings.

This term's clubs update

Most clubs begin next week. Please refer to the timetable on our website which is always up to date with the dates of each club: <https://www.salfordschool.org.uk/assets/uploads/documents/clubs/club%20timetable.pdf>.

Forest School Club will remain open to Y4, 5 and 6 this term, starting on Wednesday 10th January. Parents have been emailed with all the details.

Please check our website for up-to-date information on all clubs: www.salfordschool.org.uk/clubs. Some of the clubs are not available all year round. If anyone is interested in running a club at the school please contact the school office.

Chuckles Before and After School Club: all children who attend Salford School are offered wrap around care provision. This means they have access to supervised before and after school care. This is run by Tiddlers Day Nursery.

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CENSUS DAY
Thursday 18th January

MENU

Hot Dogs
Pork or Quorn Sausage (Ve)
served with
Herby Diced Potatoes, Sweetcorn,
Onions and Tomato Sauce

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Chocolate Cookie with Fudge Pieces  
or Fruit or Yogurt

Special Diets catered for as usual.

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### Special census day lunch Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan

On the census day, we offer a special fun menu as an incentive for as many children as possible to take a school lunch on this day.

Our school funding is directly affected by how many children are registered to have this lunch so please support us by taking a lunch on this day, even if your child would normally bring their own. All the details are on MCAS as usual.

Please take time to read the B&NES information below on registering for Benefit-Related Free School meals if you think you may be eligible. The school office is happy to help you with your application.

## Free course on parenting for any parents/carers with children aged 3 – 12

Mrs Godwin would like to draw your attention to a free parenting course (with online and in person options) from the [Bath and Bristol Parenting Hub](#) that starts on January 16<sup>th</sup> online and January 19<sup>th</sup> in person.

They say "we know that parents want to create the happiest home life they can, and some may have a few concerns about their child's behaviour – perhaps there's disobedience or you simply want to find out how to set up better routines for mealtimes or bedtimes. Whatever it is, if you'd like to learn more about positive parenting and how you can apply it with your own family, you can do so with us, in a safe, non-judgmental, fun and relaxed way. We show you parenting strategies that really work."

If you think this could be useful for you and your family, [please go to the Parenting Hub website here for lots more information and to register](#)

## Fundraising for Little Princess Trust

Sofia F in Lime class has been raising money for Little Princess Trust who provide wigs to children who have lost their hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. She is going to have her long hair cut into a bob on Wednesday and will donate the hair for making a wig. If you would like to support Sofia in getting to her £800 target, please go to her JustGiving page here: [www.justgiving.com/page/sonia-fry-1702059746798](http://www.justgiving.com/page/sonia-fry-1702059746798)

## We celebrate

**Alice B-B**, Elm class, for completing and passing her red belt grading in kickboxing.

**Daniel B-B**, Palm class, for completing and passing his red belt grading in kickboxing.

**Lorenz L**, Palm class, for his trophy from football for scoring his first goal.

**Harper R**, Lime class, for her trophy for Championship 2023 girls 8 & under most improved swimmer.

## Futura Learning Partnership

We are a Futura Learning Partnership school.

 You can catch up on the Futura news by reading their monthly newsletters for parents [on our website here](#) or learn more by visiting [the Futura website here](#).

## Community news

Here are some useful links where you can keep informed about what is happening in our community:

**Salford Community Association:** [www.salfordhall.co.uk/](http://www.salfordhall.co.uk/)

**Salford Parish Council:** [www.salfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/](http://www.salfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/)

**Salford Environment Group:** [salfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk](http://salfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk)

**Salford Sports Club:**

<https://www.facebook.com/salt.fordsportsclub/>

**St Mary's Church:** [www.stmaryssalford.org.uk/](http://www.stmaryssalford.org.uk/)

**B&NES Council:** [beta.bathnes.gov.uk/](http://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/)

**Keynsham Town Council:** <http://www.keynsham-tc.gov.uk/>

## Key dates

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January:** PTA meeting at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January:** pantomime at school

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January:** the [I can & I am bus](#) in school for Year 5.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January:** census day with special fun school dinner menu. See MCAS.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 5pm:** [meeting for Y6 parents](#) on supporting your child and the transition to secondary school.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January:** after school, [Year 2 cake sale](#), PTA uniform sale and book swap.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January:** Parent Voice Group meeting 7pm on Zoom.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January:** children's disco.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** end of term 3.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February:** INSET day.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February:** term 4 begins.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February:** PTA meeting at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm – 8.30pm:** [Dance Umbrella Y2 & Y6](#) at the Forum

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** PTA film night. Details to follow.

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

## **Benefit Related Free School Meals - All School Years**

**Is your household earned income/take home pay below £616.67 per month?**

**Is your child missing out on Benefit Related Free School Meals?**

If your household earned income/take home pay is below £616.67 per month, (which is equivalent to £7,400 per year) and your child attends a Bath & North East Somerset academy or maintained school, you could be entitled to Benefit Related Free School Meals.

Your household income is the figure that Universal Credit use to work out how much Universal Credit to pay you, **not** your actual Universal Credit payment.

**If your child is in Reception, Year 1, or 2 and receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, you can also register for Benefit Related Free School Meals.**

Your registration could attract Pupil Premium for your school of £1,455. Please contact the team at: [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk)

**Please do not reapply if your child is already in receipt of Benefit Related Free School Meals.**

Ways to apply:

- Online via the following link: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
- You can ask your child's school for an application form
- You can make a telephone application by calling 01225 394317. If you reach our answerphone, please leave a message and we will call you back.

For more details, please visit our website at: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Qualifying benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit **Run-on** which is **only paid for 4 weeks** after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

# What is happening in your libraries from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

## Bath Central Library

Storytime Tuesday 9 January from 10.30 – 12.30pm

Baby Bounce & Rhyme Wednesday 10 January from 10.30 – 11.00am

Knit Two, Share One – knitting and crochet group for any age/ability Thursday 11 January from 10.00 – 12.00pm

Norland Nannies Community Sewing Bee - for any age/ability Friday 12 January from 10.00 – 2.00pm

Board Game Saturdays Saturday 13 January from 12.30 – 4.00pm

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs Mon – Sat, book a session via Eventbrite

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In Mon-Sat, during opening hours

Art in the Library, Care Leavers Lens – photography by young people who have been in the care of B&NES council Mon-Sat 3-26 January, during opening hours

## Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme Tuesday 9 January from 9.30 – 10.00 & 10.30 – 11.00am

Storytime Thursday 11 January from 11.00 – 11.30am

Board Game Saturdays Saturday 1 January from 12.30 – 4.00pm

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs Mon – Sat, book a session via Eventbrite.

**Sensory Space booking:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/our-sensory-spaces-2227259>

## Mobile Library

The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation and choose something new to read. You can do all this and more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card. For the Route Timetable, please visit: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

## Social Media Links:

Facebook bneslibraries; Instagram bnes\_libraries; Twitter bnes\_libraries; Blog bathneslibraries.wordpress.com



**Saltford Community Cinema**



Disney  
**FROZEN**  
*Sing-A-Long*



**Saltford Hall**



**Sunday 21 January**

**2.30 pm**

£5 individual, £2.50 Child,  
£15 family (2 adults and up to 4 children)

from

[www.tickettailor.com/events/scaevents](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/scaevents) and from  
the PO/Library Hub

**DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE CHARACTER**



# Skills for Work - Volunteering Opportunities 2024

## FREE ENTRY

## Employment & Skills **POD**

The Event Will  
Be Held On:

Wednesday 31st January  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
at Bath Central Library

Bath & North East  
Somerset Council  
Improving People's Lives

ACHIEVE IN  
**B&NES**

**WEST OF  
ENGLAND**  
Combined Authority

skills  
**CONNECT**

The Employment and Skills Pod is funded and managed by the West of England Combined Authority, led by Metro Mayor Dan Norris, and delivered by Bath and North East Somerset Council in partnership with Skills Connect.

The focus of the event is to highlight how gaining skills as a volunteer can lead to paid employment.

There will be a marketplace of charities for individuals to visit during the morning. There will also be various organisations giving short, informal talk (10 minutes max) at different points throughout the morning to highlight their volunteering opportunities, the benefits of volunteering if you are looking for work, as well as how it can increase confidence and work readiness.





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# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

|                                                |                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chickenpox                                     | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over                                                          |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting                         | 48 hours after their last episode                                                                                                            |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo                                       | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics                                                              |
| Measles                                        | 4 days after the rash first appeared                                                                                                         |
| Mumps                                          | 5 days after the swelling started                                                                                                            |
| Scabies                                        | they've had their first treatment                                                                                                            |
| Scarlet Fever                                  | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics                                                                                               |
| Whooping Cough                                 | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics                                                                                               |

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice            | Tonsillitis     |
| Threadworms          | Slapped cheek   |



### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

# Gift a Coat

Donate a coat to someone who might need it to keep warm this winter.

## When can I donate?

Tuesday 2 January - Saturday 17 February 2024

## Where can I donate?

- Bath Central Library
- Bath Housing, Welfare & Advice Services

## What can I donate?

- Coats, bodywarmers, hats, scarves or gloves that are new or as new. Your donation will go to people who need warm items over the colder months.
- Warm items for adults and children
- Please hand donations to a member of staff

Warm items of clothing will be available in Bath Central Library and Bath Housing, Welfare & Advice Services until the end of February for people to take what they need.

