

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Learning Partnership

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This week

- Welcome
- Swimming pool news
- PTA meeting
- Census day
- Road safety
- Panto!

[See the latest news on our website here](#)

A few words from Mrs Sage...

Welcome back everyone. The spring term is always full of hope and ambition when many of us make resolutions or promises and the children are ready to continue making progress in their learning.

It has been good to see the children looking smart and ready to learn – we very much appreciate the support you give your children for a successful school life. Maximum attendance gives your child the best chance of success. We will be offering some tips in future newsletters for getting the best from school life.

Good news for swimming: I am delighted to let you know that work will begin on repairing our swimming pool on Monday, 15th January with a view to resuming swimming in term 5. Look out for more communications from school later this term in preparation for reopening, including about how to volunteer and how we will accommodate the works.

PTA meeting: thank you to everyone who attended the PTA meeting on Monday. Look out for details of forthcoming events very soon.

Census lunch: the special menu is on offer next Thursday. Please do take up a school meal on that day as it is very important for our funding.

Parking and road safety for children: parking in a way that inconveniences our neighbours and puts pedestrian safety at risk continues to happen at either end of the school day. We encourage you to report these instances to the correct authorities. Please [see the relevant guidance from Avon & Somerset Police here](#).

Panto tomorrow: the festive fun continues tomorrow when the panto comes to school with a performance of Aladdin. Please [see our news page here](#) for a reminder of dress requirements.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Sage.



STAR PUPIL AWARDS

KS1

Bumblebee: Tilly S for amazing independent writing about her holiday.

Butterfly: Zoe A for writing a fantastic journal using the word 'and'. Well done Zoe!

Apple: Joel S for working really hard on his writing and using the conjunction 'and' to join words.

Pear: Bear J for working really in his reading and coming back to school amazingly!

Palm: Rex R for being a fantastic narrator in our Nativity. Well done Rex!

Cherry: Tilly M for thinking of some fantastic adjectives to describe a character's feelings! Well done Tilly!

KS2

Sycamore: Evelyn H for making a fantastic start to the new term and always following instructions. Great job Evelyn!

Maple: Annie H for joining in class discussions and working really hard in Maths. Excellent job Annie!

Lime: Molly L for being an absolute superstar in our class Christmas performance. Molly was brilliant in helping the class remember the dance – she obviously loves performing.

Willow: Jackson R for his fabulous work in English, punctuating speech using inverted commas. Well done Jackson!

Elm: Lilia D for excellent partner work in Maths and for coming back to school with a brilliant attitude to learning. Well done!

Horse chestnut: Aston B for his positive start to term 3 focussing on his presentation, preparing the class equipment every morning and working independently. Super start Aston!

Ash: Emily H for excellent work classifying different dog breeds.

Oak: May H for being an absolute superstar in our class Christmas performance. May worked hard to learn the dance and song words – and obviously enjoyed performing.



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[Y5 Return to the Forbidden Planet 30th January 2024](#)

[Dance Umbrella March 2024 for Years 2 and 6](#)



We celebrate

Lyla W, Apple, for achieving level 4 gymnastics.
Harper R, Lime, for a 'gymnast of the week' award.
Zoe A, Butterfly, for achieving stage 3 in swimming.
Martha A, Maple, for achieving stage 5 in swimming.
Barnaby F, Apple, for his Blue Peter badge award for writing a letter about Fireman Sam.

Online safety for children for January

This month's online safety newsletter delves into how to set up parental controls on a variety of devices such as a Nintendo switch to support you if your child/ren was given any new devices over the Christmas holidays.

There are also some really good reminders of app usage and the minimum age limit for these. WhatsApp has an age restriction of 16 years old and YouTube is 13 years old. The sections detail how you can ensure you add parental controls to support your child when they are online.

<https://www.salfordschool.org.uk/assets/uploads/documents/online-safety/Online%20Safety%20Newsletter%20Primary%20January%202024%20PDF%20Saltford.pdf>

Crafty corner opening

We were excited to launch our new 'crafty corner' last Friday which is dedicated to our friend and former teaching assistant Debbie Parfrey. We are grateful to her husband David and their daughters for coming into school to cut the ribbon and open this lovely space for use by the children.

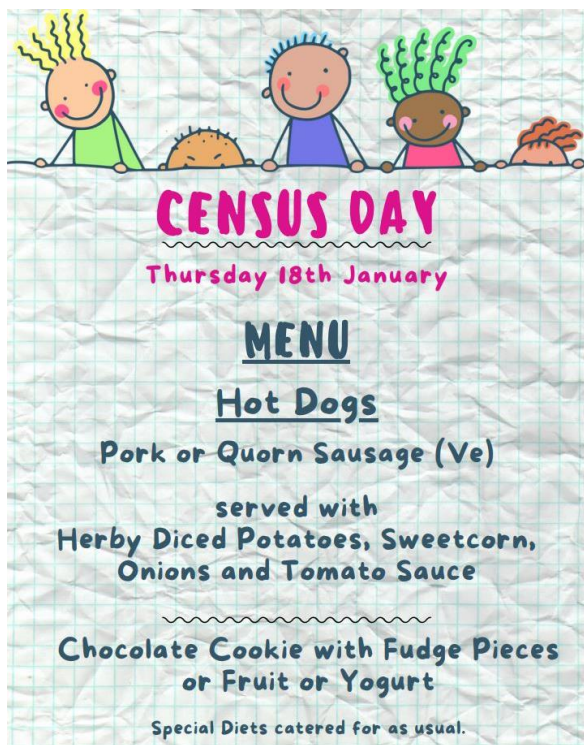
Each year group will have a regular opportunity to use this space for quiet craft and reading activities. See a photo below of this new space in use.

Thank you to Emma Dixon who conceived the idea and saw it through to completion, and to the PTA for the funding and support. Thanks also to Mrs Morgan and Miss Hansford for making sure the area is suitably equipped, and many thanks go to our play leaders who will be facilitating the use of this new area.

Green team help the pollinators

On Tuesday Mali and Sally, BANES Horticultural Participations Officers, worked with our Green Team to develop pollinator friendly areas in our local area. They planted three cherry trees as well as sowing wildflower seeds in the newly created meadow areas near the park just outside the school grounds. It was a great opportunity for our children to be involved with this wildlife friendly project and we look forward to watching the blossom and flowers emerge over the next few months.

See a few photos of the Green Team in action in 'School Snapshot' below.



Census day lunch

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.



FREE emotional health and well-being webinar for parents/carers

The school nursing team is offering a free webinar for parents and carers who have concerns or worries about their children's emotional health. It aims to equip parents and caregivers with practical strategies to support children in managing their emotions and building resilience.

The webinar is run by the school nurses on the 8th of February from 13:00-14:00. If you would like to attend the session, please click on the link below to sign up:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emotional-health-and-wellbeing-webinar-for-primary-school-aged-children-tickets-773058898977?aff=oddtcreator>

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

Dates for your diary



[Click here for term dates](#)

Friday 12th January: pantomime at school
Tuesday 16th January: the I can & I am bus in school for Year 5.
Thursday 18th January: census day with special fun school dinner menu. See MCAS.
Thursday 18th January 5pm: [meeting for Y6 parents](#) on supporting your child and the transition to secondary school.
Friday 19th January: after school, [Year 2 cake sale](#), PTA uniform sale and book swap.
Friday 26th January: children's disco.

For term dates please see: www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates.

All dates are on [the calendar for parents here](#).



SCHOOL SNAPSHOT



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

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Somerset Council
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ACHIEVE IN
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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.

LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c
15 Jan

Bath Central Library

BookTrust Storytime - Are You a Monster?

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 16 Jan

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 17 Jan

Knit Two, Share One - knitting & Crochet group for any age/ability

Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 18 Jan

Norland Nannies Community Sewing Bee - For any age/ability, drop in

Friday 10.00 - 2.00pm 19 Jan

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 20 Jan

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 During opening hours 2 - 26 Jan

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.
Visit bathneslibraries.wordpress.com

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15 Jan

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 16 Jan
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 18 Jan

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Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

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Book Trust Storytime - The Perfect Present

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Keynsham Methodist Church

@Queens Road

activities

crafts



songs

food

worship

Noah

Monday 15th January

3:30pm - 5:30pm

for primary age children

(all children must be accompanied by an adult carer)

limited places and to help with catering

for bookings please contact the Church Office on 0117 914 9408 or
bookings@keynshammethodistchurch.co.uk



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 and from
the PO/Library Hub

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE CHARACTER

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.





UK Health
Security
Agency



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



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

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