

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Learning Partnership

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This week

- Y2 cake sale
- Music tuition
- PTA minutes
- School disco
- Panto fun
- House afternoon

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

A few words from Mrs Sage...

I am looking forward to seeing our Year 6 parents this evening as we work together on supporting the children through their Y6 assessment transition to secondary education. We start at 5pm in the school hall.



Y2 cake sale: we are also looking forward to the Year 2 cake sale tomorrow after school, accompanied by the PTA uniform sale and free book swap. Please bring in the cakes on Friday morning. [See our website here](#) for a reminder.

Music opportunities: the B&NES music service provides super low-cost options for those children who are interested in learning to play a musical instrument. We have more info below about learning a stringed instrument in a group setting.

PTA minutes: the minutes from the last PTA meeting on the 8th January are [now available for you to read on our website here](#).

PTA school disco: [tickets have gone on sale here](#) for both discos on Friday 26th January. Please [see our website here for full information](#) or [the PTA Facebook page](#). Spaces are limited so please book soon to ensure your ticket. Please also respond to the PTA if you could volunteer to help on the night.

Panto: last Friday's panto was a great success. I hope that your children have told you all about it; they clearly really enjoyed the performance, as did the staff. Thank you for your support with the children's costumes. They all looked amazing and it really added to the fun.

House afternoon: we are looking forward to some outdoor fun next Thursday with a special house meeting for Years 1–6 that will focus on kindness. [Please read your letter](#) and come equipped as detailed.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Sage.

STAR PUPIL AWARDS

KS1

Bumblebee: Theodore W for an incredible effort in writing. Keep it up, Theodore!

Butterfly: Chloe B for an amazing effort in phonics. You are growing in confidence every day- It's so lovely to see your happy smile!

Apple: Lewis KB for fabulous writing to start our retelling of the story Wild. Great job Lewis!

Pear: Annabelle E for amazing writing describing where the little girl lived from our book Wild

Palm: Arthur F for working hard on his writing. Arthur wrote a super diary entry from the perspective of the polar bear 'Leaf'.

Cherry: Harry F for always contributing to our discussions in VIPERS. Well done Harry!

KS2

Sycamore: Jasper V for fantastic pronunciation and effort in French this week. Well done, Jasper!

Maple: Sophie T for excellent effort in all subjects and completing all work to an outstanding level. Well done, Sophie!

Lime: Alfie T for always being so polite in class, giving 100% and for a super short burst write in English.

Willow: Darcy B for her fabulous work this week learning the names of classroom objects in French. Well done Darcy!

Elm: Darcy C for her brilliant piece of writing this week. Darcy created tension using short snappy sentences and excellent subordinate clauses. I was gripped!

Horse chestnut: Owen G for making targets on the I am I can bus to help to improve his writing in English lessons. He enjoyed talking about his qualities and making a delicious pizza too.

Ash: Morwenna B for super use of dialogue to develop characters in her writing.

Oak: Stanley T for a great attempt at writing in the first person using figurative language.



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Online safety

Please see the poster below for details of the online safety workshop for parents on Wednesday 31st January. Look out for login details from us.

We celebrate

Arabella E, Bumblebee, for a Poppet certificate from the Pauline Quirke Academy. ★

Kate P, Apple, for her gymnast of the day award. ★

Anna P, Lime-achieving her Silver award in swimming ★

Scarlett H, Sycamore, for her gymnast of the day award. ★

Bella H, Sycamore, for a Razzamataz star of the week award. ★

Clara G-B, Butterfly, for a Gold star certificate in tennis.

Freddie R-L, Apple, for a Kingswood Gymnastics star of the week award.

Oona A, Ash, for achieving a Merit in her Grade 3 modern dance exam.

Yasmin R, Cherry, for talking to BBC Points West about river cleanliness and for her involvement in a citizen science water quality monitoring project in Saltford. ★

Saltford Stands Against Racism & Inequality

We were pleased to welcome visitors from SARI ([Stand Against Racism and Inequality](#)) to KS2 today. They took an assembly about equality and diversity, encouraging us to challenge stereotypes and always respect other people's differences. They led some workshops exploring these issues in greater detail with our Y6 classes. The children engaged with the issues in a very mature and thoughtful way and some very interesting discussions followed the assembly back in classes. The children were reminded that it's very important to let someone know if they experience or witness any incidents of racism, racist bullying or any other form of discrimination. These would be taken very seriously by our school and investigated by Mrs. Sage. Thank you to Mrs Spincer for organising this important visit.

Procedures for emergency school closure

We have sent out a message to parents today to make sure that our procedures and decision-making regarding emergency school closures are clear.

Our area has avoided the snow this time but there are also other circumstances that could require us to close the school, such as issues with the site or utilities. It has also happened in the past that we have had to close the site during the school day.

It is our priority to ensure the safety of children and staff on our site and to let parents know as soon as possible of any changes to arrangements. Please take a minute to read your message in full; the procedures for school closure are also always available to see [on our website in The office section here.](#)

Fantastic music opportunities for complete beginners

Mrs Hayden writes: please see the flyers below for information about some new opportunities for all children, no experience needed, to learn a string instrument at low cost in a larger group. This is free for children with pupil premium. If your child is interested in learning violin, viola, cello or double bass then this is the opportunity for them. Do let us know if you take it up.

NEW! Starter String Group @Hayesfield Bath

Come and learn violin, viola, cello or
double bass
with your friends at low cost!

Who: Key Stage 2 complete beginners

Where: Hayesfield School, Bath

When: Wednesdays 5.45- 6.45pm

Start Date: 21st February

Cost: £41.50 per double term
Free for pupil premium

Instrument hire also available

To book a space:
<https://www.wema.org.uk/register>

For more information: 01454 863147 | music@wema.org.uk

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A new Starter
String Group for
complete
beginners in Key
Stage 2 starting
after February
half term.

Beginner String Group @Warmley

Come and learn violin, viola, cello or
double bass
with your friends at low cost!

Who: Complete Beginners

Where: Warmley Music Centre at SBL

When: Saturdays 9.30-10.30am

Cost: £38 per double term plus
instrument hire
Free for pupil premium

To book a space:
<https://www.wema.org.uk/register>

For more information: 01454 863147 | music@wema.org.uk

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This is a fantastic
opportunity for
children with no
experience to learn
violin, viola, cello
or double bass in a
large group at a
low cost.

For more information about learning an instrument
at school, please [see the Music page of our website here.](#)

I can I am bus

On Tuesday, the 'I can I am bus' visited school to work with the pupils in year 5. The I Can & I Am team visit schools around the South West on the bus working with pupils and staff, providing valuable tools to help improve self-esteem and maintain good mental health. The children went on the bus in groups to make pizzas on the lower deck and take part in wellbeing workshops on the top deck. The children loved the sessions and took away some really valuable tips to support their wellbeing.

A huge thank you to the I can I am team for providing this experience for our pupils and to Miss Jupp for organising it.

Yoga taster session

Year 3 had a yoga taster session this week from Laura at Go with The Flow Yoga. Both classes had a great time exploring the world of yoga and even learned some yoga routines like the Sun Salutation.

Many thanks to Laura from Go with The Flow Yoga and Mrs Brook for organising it.

Wellsway School Musical Return to the Forbidden Planet

Running from Tue 30th Jan - 2nd Feb, this is a juke-box musical featuring a fabulous student band and a cast of over 70 students. The show features a score of 50s and 60s rock & roll classics. It promises to be a great evening and the local community is invited. Tickets can be purchased via this link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/bristol/wellsway-school-mendip-hall>

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](#)



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.

Thursday 25th Jan: [House afternoon Y1-6](#)

Thursday 25th Jan 7pm: Parent Voice Group meeting over Zoom.

Friday 26th Jan 5.30 – 6.30pm: [EYFS/KS1 disco](#).

Friday 26th Jan 6.45 – 8pm: [KS2 disco](#).

Monday 29th January 5pm: [meeting for Y2 parents](#) on supporting Y2 children.

Thursday 1st February 5pm: Y5 camp & health education meeting. Letter to follow.

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February 2.45 – 3.15pm: access afternoons.

Friday 9th February: end of term 3

Tuesday 20th February: beginning of term 4

Thursday 22nd February 2.30pm: meeting for Y1 parents, [supporting your children](#).

Friday 8th March: [Year 4 cake sale](#)

Weds 13th March: [Lifeskills Centre visit Y6](#)

For term dates please see:

www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates.

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

All parents are invited to this online session. We will send the link to all parents one week before the event.

Online Safety Information Session

Current trends – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

Understanding the Risks – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

What can you do? - suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

Further Support – signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY
31ST JANUARY
2024**

9.30AM – 10.15AM



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

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**WEST OF
ENGLAND**
Combined Authority

skills
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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.



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

Bath & North East Somerset Libraries

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.



Bath & North East
Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

For more information:
library_events@bathnes.gov.uk



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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



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Advice and guidance

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