

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

- World Book Day
- School closure
- Book order deadline
- Consultation evenings
- Film night
- PTA news
- Cake sale
- Staff news

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

A few words from Mrs Sage...

Thank you for supporting our dressing up day for World Book Day and well done to all the children – and staff – who participated. There has been a lovely buzz about books around school today. You can see some great photos of the fun in 'School Snapshot' below, and a list of the five prize winners

Snow fun: I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to have some fun in the surprise snow last Saturday. Please [check our school closure guidelines on the website here](#) so that you are prepared if we are have to close the school for any reason.

Order deadline: tomorrow 8th March is the deadline for ordering your books if you would like them signed on 19th March by visiting author PG Bell. [This letter has all the details about how to order.](#)

Consultation evenings: all parents will have [received this letter](#) advising that the [booking system is now open here](#) for the forthcoming consultation evenings on Thurs 21st and Mon 25th March. Please note, crèche places – for school-age children only – [must also be booked online here](#). We are looking forward to the consultation evenings for Elm class on Monday and Tuesday next week.

PTA Film Night 22nd March: [tickets go on sale here](#) for this on Monday 11th March. [All the details and are on our website here.](#)

PTA news: thank you to everyone who contributed to the meeting. You can now [read the minutes on our website here](#) to keep up to date with what's going on.

Cake sale tomorrow: we are looking forward to the [Y4 cake sale tomorrow](#) after school. There will be the usual book swap available for the children and uniform sale from the PTA. The Y6 fundraising table top sale will also be taking place.

Staff news: we are delighted to have more than one lovely piece of staff news to share with you which we have included further below.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Sage.



STAR PUPIL AWARDS

KS1

Bumblebee: Mila S for really impressive progress in phonics; you are working really hard

Butterfly: Sofia C for amazing writing in your journal. You are using your sounds to spell. Super work!

Apple: Ada C for always being a kind and thoughtful friend and for working hard on your handwriting. Well done Ada! You are a super star!

Pear: George J for a fantastic picture by printing with his fingers. Well done for trying so hard!

Palm: Frank S for brilliant printing with fruit and vegetables in art. Well done Frank!

Cherry: Evie E for fantastic printing with fruit and you created a lovely layered pattern.

KS2

Sycamore: Lola H for some fantastic dance moves when working in indoor PE. Well done Lola!

Maple: Flora C for drawing some excellent Celtic patterns. Well done Flora!

Lime: Jack B for working really hard in his reading group and supporting others too!

Willow: Niall T for his super understanding and hard work using mixed numbers in Maths. Well done Niall!

Elm: Thomas N for persevering improving in his writing with more figurative language and fronted adverbials. Keep it up!

Horse chestnut: Abi F for her creative artwork designing repeating patterns in the style of Ancient Benin. Wonderful art!

Ash: Harriet G for good use of sentence structure in her story writing.

Oak: Jessica T for showing good understanding of figurative language in her writing.



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We celebrate

Alba J-W, Pear, for a bronze medal for rhythmic gymnastics.

Kate P, Apple, for a bronze gymnastics medal for vault.

Anna P, Lime, for getting 5th place in floor gymnastics.

Finley L, Bumblebee, for getting three medals and a trophy for gymnastics.

Harlow R, Bumblebee, for getting three medals for gymnastics.

Noah B, Butterflies, for a gymnastics medal.

Evelyn R, Willow, for a very successful gymnastics competition, coming first in the floor routine, first in vault and first overall in the group.

Dogs Trust visit

Last Friday we were fortunate to have Helen Peake from the Dogs Trust come into school to deliver an assembly to the whole school. Helen then did workshops throughout the day with Year 4 and Year 2 classes. The workshops taught the children how to behave around dogs and how to treat them with respect. We would like to thank Helen for taking the time to visit Salford School and for making the day so enjoyable and educational for the children.

Thank you also to Mr Jenkins for organising this opportunity.



School dinners – ordering and cancelling reminder

School dinners can be booked ahead for the full term or at any time up until 12.00 noon the day before the dinner is due. If you change your mind about a certain day and decide to send your child with a packed lunch instead, please change your order on the system before 12 noon the day before the dinner is due. After this point you will still be charged for that day's dinner.

This system is in place to reduce waste and to keep costs down.

Taking leave or holidays in term time

Attending school every day helps children maximise their learning and enjoy the benefits of education. It really does make a difference. Because of this, term-time absences may only be authorised by the Headteacher in **exceptional** circumstances. As a school we are here to support you and your children and we will work with you if you are facing difficulties so please share any concerns with us and we will do our best to help.

If you need to request term time leave / holiday, we ask that you do so in advance (with 4 weeks' notice where possible). Please arrange a meeting with Mrs Sage before sending in your request. All requests must be made in writing, using the form that is always up to date on our website in [The office > Attendance section here](#). Alternatively, you can pick one up from the school office.

It is essential that we know where children are, as we have a care of duty to ensure they are safe. If we do not know why a child is absent, we will follow our safeguarding procedures which may involve a home visit. You can see the [detail of our attendance procedures here](#). You can read more about safeguarding [in the Key information> Safeguarding section of our website here](#).

Please be aware that unauthorised term time leave can result in a penalty being issued. Penalty notices are issued separately to **each** parent, and for **each** child. The fine for each notice is £120 with 28 days to pay, reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days.

For example, a family with two parents and two children taking unauthorised absence would receive the following penalties:

Parent 1 = 1 penalty for child A plus 1 penalty for child B = 2 penalties

Parent 2 = 1 penalty for child A plus 1 penalty for child B = 2 penalties

Total payable by the family = **4 penalties of £120 each = (£480 in total)**

Total payable by the family if paid within 21 days = **4 penalties of £60 each = (£240 in total)**.

Non-payment of fines may lead to prosecution and further fines and sanctions imposed by the court.

Useful links:

- [Leave of absence request form](#)
- [Saltford School attendance guide leaflet](#)
 - [Attendance policy](#)
- [Saltford School attendance procedures](#)

Staff news

This week we say goodbye for the time-being to Mrs Gordon as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her and her husband all the best for the weeks and months ahead and hope she can put her feet up for a bit before her baby arrives. Mrs Hamlen will be taking over the teaching of Elm Class from 14th March.

In other lovely staff news, both Mr Boyle and Miss Mulready are getting married over the Easter holidays (to their respective partners, not to each other!). We send them lots of love for this exciting time in their lives and hope they enjoy every moment of their special days. When she returns after the holidays, Miss Mulready will be known as Mrs Hardy.



Y5 football v St Keyna

In a tough game for our Y5 girls last Thursday, St Keyna started positively and did not relent. Nevertheless, our girls gave 100% and never gave up their commitment and defence. After half time, we had a couple of shots on target denied by St Keyna's goalie but still our team and never let their heads drop. Well done to our girls for their excellent sporting attitude and congratulations to St Keyna who were very gracious in their victory.

[Full match report on the website here.](#)

School arrival times

It's lovely to see our pupils coming into school so enthusiastically every morning and we'd like to thank parents and carers for supporting us in getting the children here in good time for the register at 8.50 am. Some of our older children have monitor jobs that they carry out before school and are therefore in school to do them before the register.

However, we have noticed that some other children are on site very early and are coming into classrooms before the opening time of 8.40 am. Before then the staff are still preparing for the school day and may not be in rooms to supervise the children. Please could we ask that your children are supervised outside the classrooms until 8.40 am, so that we can keep everyone safe and give staff time to set up for the day.

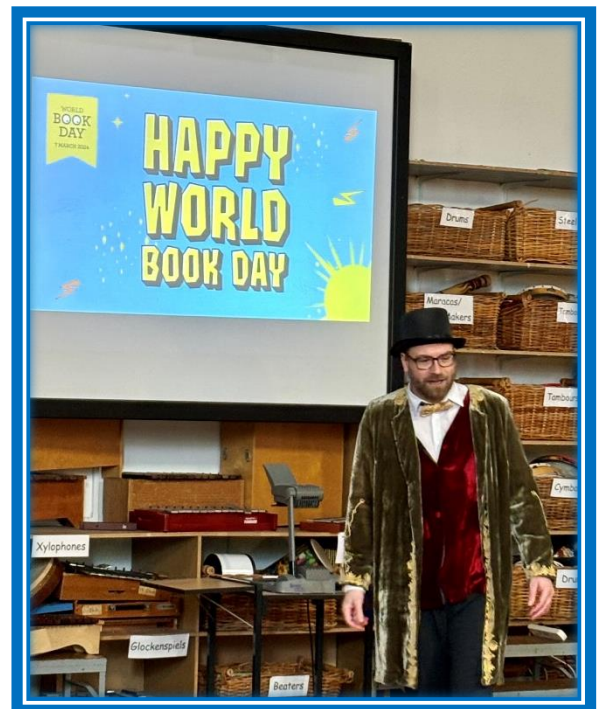
If you require extended childcare because of work or other commitments, Chuckles offer supervised wraparound care for all children who attend Saltford School. They walk to and from school every day taking and collecting the children onto the playground and the reception and year 1 children into their classroom www.tiddlersdaynursery.co.uk/our-preschool

Poetry competition winners

We were delighted to receive so many brilliant entries for our World Book Day poetry competition. From adventures in reading to saving our planet, the range of themes and ideas was impressive. After a difficult judging session, we chose some worthy winners. Each winner received some lovely writing related prizes, courtesy of the PTA. The winners are:

EYFS - Emily B
KS1 - Jessica H
LKS2 - Ethan B-D
UKS2 - Amelie H
Overall - Elizabeth C

Congratulations to our winners and runners up and thank you to all the children who entered. We will share some of the entries in the newsletter and in the school library over the coming weeks. Thank you to Mr Styles for all his work on World Book Day.



Word Book Day dressing up winners

We all enjoyed the efforts everyone had made to make this a special World Book Day in school. The costumes have been varied, amusing and impressive in equal measure. Mr Styles has judged the following to be the five winners. Each has won a £5 voucher to spend at the forthcoming book fair.

- Hugo R-P from Y1, dressed as the scarecrow from The Scarecrow's Wedding
- Carrie R from Y2, dressed as the frog from Oi Frog!
- Aria B from Y4, dressed as Fawkes the Phoenix from Harry Potter
- Chloe B from EYFS, dressed as Elmer
- Maisie E from Y6, dressed as the Captain from the non-fiction book Titanic.

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

On Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March, children who would like to can wear their red noses to school and bring in a suggested donation of £1. The school council will provide some fun activities for children on the day, and there will be a special pudding on the school lunch menu: red nose shortbread jammie dodgers. If you would prefer to donate online, you can do so through our JustGiving page here: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-saltford-cofe-primary-school.

Netball news

On Tuesday Year 6 girls played their 2nd round of the league netball match against Bathwick St Mary's. Their teamwork was fantastic and they won 10-5.

Thank you to Mrs Hathaway, and to Macey Hathaway for umpiring, Bernice Carter for helping with coaching and all the parents for your support.

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

Dates for your diary



[Click here for term dates](#)

Friday 8th March: deadline for ordering books to be signed by our visiting author PG Bell.

Mon 11th & Tues 12th March 2.40 – 5.50pm: [consultation evenings Elm class only](#).

Monday 11th – Friday 15th March: [British Science Week](#)

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

Thursday 13th March: Y1 & 2 [visit St Mary's](#)

Thursday 14th March: Y3 & 4 [visit St Mary's](#).

Friday 15th March: Y5 & 6 [visit St Mary's](#).

Friday 15th March: [Red Nose Day with special themed pudding at school dinner](#).

Thursday 14th – Wednesday 20th March 3.15pm – 4.15pm: [Travelling Book Fair at school](#).

Monday 18th – Tuesday 19th March: bring in your [Egglympics competition eggs](#).

Tuesday 19th March: [author visit to school](#)

Tuesday 19th March: [Dance Umbrella for Y2 and Y6](#) at the Bath Forum.

Wednesday 20th March: [Y4 invasion games](#).

Thursday 21st March: [consultation evening](#).

Friday 22nd March: deadline for entries for Science Week poster competition.

Friday 22nd March: [PTA film night](#)

Monday 25th March: [consultation evening](#).

Tuesday 26th – Thursday 28th March: Year 5 away on camp.

Thursday 28th March: end of term 4, Easter holiday.

Tuesday 2nd – Thursday 4th April: multi-sport fun day at school. [Details here](#).

Monday 15th April: beginning of term 5, summer term.

Tuesday 19th March: [author visit to school](#)

Thursday 28th March: end of term 4, Easter holiday.

Monday 15th April: beginning of term 5, summer term.

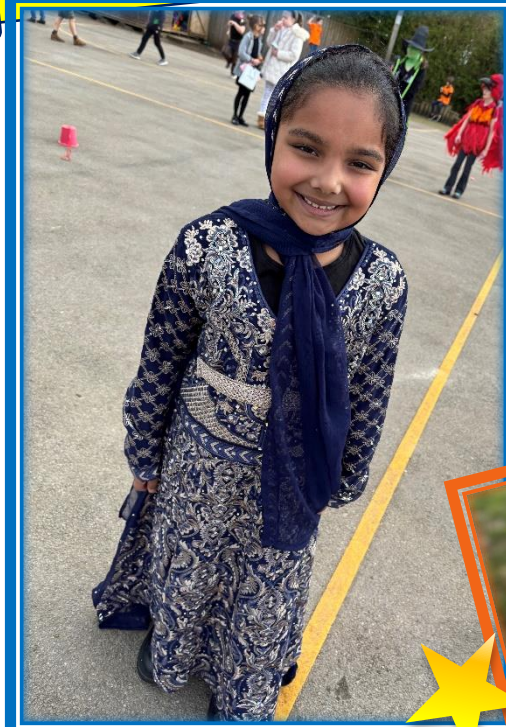
Weds 13th March: [Lifeskills Centre visit Y6](#)

For term dates for this and next academic years please see:

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

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

School snapshot World Book Day



14 years of SWAPPING & GROWING LOCAL SEEDS

What is Seedy Saturday?

We are a local event that offers growers at all stages 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 14th 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 café.

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.



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Seedy Saturday

The 14th Seed Swap, Potato Day & Green Fair

Entry £2
UNDER 16s
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Saturday 9 March 2024
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



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 8 March 2025, please write your name and address on the back of this slip, bring it with you to Seedy Saturday 2024 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

Get Seedy! with Seedy Saturday

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A variety of goods will be on sale after school, at very reasonable prices, so please bring your children along.



Friday 8th March
School Hall 3.15pm

In aid of Year 6 leavers celebrations

Keynsham Methodist Church

@Queens Road

activities

crafts

songs

food



worship

new life

Monday 11th March

3:30pm - 5:30pm

for primary age children

(all children must be accompanied by an adult carer)

limited places

for bookings please contact the Church Office on 0117 914 9408 or

bookings@keynshammethodistchurch.co.uk

LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c
11 March

Bath Central Library

Centenary Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 12 March

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 13 March

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

Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 14 March

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

Friday 10.00 - 2.00pm 15 March

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 16 March

Art in the Library: Views from the Pavement

Mon - Sat during opening hours 6 - 28 March

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

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

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Centenary Storytime & Craft

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 14 March

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Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 16 March

Art in the Library: Morwhenna Woolcock - The UK Islands Project

Mon - Sat during opening hours 27 Feb - 4 April

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 11 March

Centenary Storytime

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 13 March

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GIRLS FOOTBALL CAMP

THIS EASTER!!

Elevate your football game this Easter half-term by joining our girls-only football camp! Prepare to have a blast while mastering new skills under the guidance of our experienced coaches. The camp will focus on ball mastery, attacking and defending techniques, passing drills, match play, and much more! Our camps are tailored specifically for girls and are led by female coaches who serve as role models. Don't miss out on this opportunity to take your game to the next level! Sign up today!

- DATES:** 5th, 11th, and 12th of April
- TIMES:** 10am until 2pm
- LOCATION:** SBL Sports Centre, BS30 8TS
- AGES:** 6 to 13 years
- PRICE:** £25 per day or £60 for all 3 days!



TO BOOK:

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MATT ANALTS EASTER HOLIDAY MULTI SPORTS FUN DAYS

Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th April

The fun days will include a variety of sports; basketball, football, tennis, dodgeball, hockey, rounders and many more! The days will be aimed at all abilities and work on improving all skills, throwing, catching, kicking, striking, hand-eye co-ordination. Learning different games and having an enormous amount of fun! The three days are open for all pupils currently in Year 2-6. Plenty of Competitions and prizes to be won!!

Venue – Saltford Primary Playground/Badger room and Hall (if wet weather). Dates – Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th April 9-3pm Cost - £30 per day or £80 for all 3 days. Mornings 9-12pm and Afternoons 12-3pm available at £15 per session. Participant Equipment Required – Packed Lunch / Water Bottle (Refillable on-site), A cap/sunhat, a light rain jacket, comfortable trainers.

All Equipment will be provided. [Click here for more detail](#), including booking and payment information.

Are your children interested in trying golf?

Saltford Golf Club will be running Tri-Golf (plastic clubs and balls) sessions in their clubhouse on Tuesdays 13th, 20th, 27th February and 5th and 12th March between 4.30 and 5.30 for children aged 5 – 9. For children who have had little or no experience of golf, this is a great place to start, in a warm, dry environment.

Each week will be a standalone session so they can attend as many sessions as they choose. Each week will be booked separately at a cost of £5 per session per child (paid in cash on the night). Children's meals (and the club's full bar menu) will be available to buy from 3.30.

the children receive the best coaching possible.

Please [email your interest to David Phillips](#), the Saltford Golf Club Junior Organiser, or call him on 07968 873130 with any queries.



Bath & North East Somerset

**Violence
Reduction
Partnership**

Knife Crime Awareness Event for Parents and Carers

The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) are running a series of knife crime awareness events throughout February and March.

These events will take place in schools across the area. The first event will be held at Writhlington School on February 22nd (17.30 to 19.30), followed by Hayesfield Girls School on February 29th (18.00 to 20.00) and Cameley CEVC Primary School on March 18th (18.00 to 20.00).

The events are aimed at parents and carers who would like to know more about the dangers of knife crime or are concerned that their children are at risk. They aim to increase awareness of key issues surrounding knife crime, empowering you and your children to make informed and positive decisions to stay safe.

You will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers with lived experience who have been personally affected by knife crime. There will also be a presentation by Street Doctors followed by a panel discussion with the opportunity to ask questions.

For queries, please email VRU_Events@bathnes.gov.uk

Or book your ticket now on Eventbrite:

Writhlington School, 22nd February, 17.30 to 19.30

<https://KnifeCrimeAwareEventWrithlington.eventbrite.co.uk>

Hayesfield Girls School, 29th February, 18.00 to 20.00

<https://KnifeCrimeAwareHayesfield.eventbrite.co.uk>

Cameley Primary School, 18th March, 18.00 to 20.00

<https://KnifeCrimeAwarenessCameley.eventbrite.co.uk>

Bath & North Somerset VRP

<https://bcssp.bathnes.gov.uk/vru>



For queries, please email VRU_Events@bathnes.gov.uk.

Or book your ticket now on Eventbrite:

Cameley Primary School, 18th March:

<https://KnifeCrimeAwarenessCameley.eventbrite.co.uk>



Victoria Art Gallery in Bath The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Book Artists exhibition 19th Jan – 14th April

This colourful, family-friendly exhibition includes rare books, original artwork and artefacts, and reveals the important role of the illustrators in Ladybird's extraordinary success.

There are hundreds of Ladybird books for visitors to browse through and share in themed retro reading areas. There's lots for children to enjoy, with a free exhibition 'I Spy' trail and a quirky 'Coco the Caravan' reading den.

Find out more on Thursday lunchtime tours, 1.30 – 2.00pm every week, free with an exhibition ticket. [The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Book Artists | Victoria Art Gallery \(victoriagal.org.uk\)](https://www.victoriagal.org.uk)



EASTER HOLIDAYS



MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

at KEYNSHAM CRICKET CLUB
BS311HU

Tue 2nd, Wed 3rd, Thu 4th
Tue 9th, Wed 10th, Thu 11th April
9.00am-3.30pm



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Keynsham Spring Show

SCOUT HEADQUARTERS

Ashton Way Car Park

March 23, 2024 | 12-5PM

- 🌸 Trophies to be Won 🌸 Food & Refreshments 🌸
- 🌸 Stalls 🌸 Free Face Painting 🌸
- 🌸 Peter Rabbit Meet & Greet 🌸

[Click here for full show schedule
and entry form](#)

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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>.