



Saltford
CofE Primary School

Launch Letter Term 5 • 20th April 2023



WELCOME BACK to the new term. I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break, as we look forward to springtime, the better weather and the longer days. This introduction to term five offers a preview of all the main events and themes of the coming term. The [class pages on our website](#) are up to date with your latest class letter and the relevant curriculum web that your child will be following this term.

Decorated egg competition & Easter trail from the PTA: many thanks to the Sarah T for organising the popular egg decorating competition last term, and to Amy and Rajinder for running this year's Easter Egg Hunt around Saltford over the holidays. Thanks also to everyone who hosted letters in their windows with some lovely displays. We hope that everyone who participated had fun getting outside and enjoying the environment. Congratulations to Ben T from cherry class and Frank D from palm class who cracked the code and were the lucky winners in the prize draw. Both have received their prizes from Mrs Sage today.

Coronation news: look out for more news next week on our plans for marking the coronation of King Charles.

Staff news: Miss Evans was married during the holiday and is now Mrs White. Congratulations to Mr & Mrs White from all of us.

Strike action update: the next confirmed dates for strike action by the NEU are 27th April and 2nd May. You will have received a letter outlining the impact on our school and parents with children in the affected classes will also have received additional information by email.

Class photos: on Monday 15th May the photographer will be coming to school to do the class photos. We are sure everyone would like to be looking their best and representing the school well with correct uniform so look out for more information nearer the time.

Snacks and allergies reminder: your class letters for this term 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 of our children healthy and safe at school.

Access afternoons for parents and carers: we are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school to share their children's work during the access afternoons on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th May.

Vacancies: if you are interested in joining our team as a playworker, please contact the school on 01225 872185 to talk to us about the role. We offer flexible working arrangements and this is a term-time only position.

School dinners: 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 book your child's dinners. There will be a special "King's Coronation Picnic" menu on Friday 5th May to celebrate the coronation. Please [see the menu here](#).

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 at The Crown in the morning and finishing the journey on foot from there.

Uniform: please send your child in full school uniform including footwear and clothing suitable for the weather. Please note that children should not be wearing a PE hoodie as part of their main uniform. If you are in doubt, please see the useful presentation on uniform requirements [on our website here](#).

Change of footwear: we request that all children have a separate pair of outdoor shoes in school that can be used at playtime and lunchtime when children go onto the field areas. We have proper storage for the extra footwear and finds that it makes it easier and cheaper to keep the indoor classroom areas clean and well maintained.

[Our website](#) is up to date and you can find our [term dates calendar](#) for this and next 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.

Headteacher awards

Bumblebee class: Florence G for super quick recollection of doubling numbers using a mirror and then mentally doubling them.

Butterfly class: Dorothea C for always being such a kind and helpful friend to others in the class.

Apple class: Rosanna C for a beautifully written Easter prayer that was shared in class and the Easter assembly.

Pear class: Leonardo A for having a really good attitude to Maths and confidently completing problem-solving tasks.

Palm class: Aaron S for working hard on his writing and always being a kind friend to the rest of the class.

Cherry class: Ronnie A for a super recount of their Easter holidays.

Sycamore class: Harriet H for amazing presentation and handwriting in her writing work.

Maple class: Ellis M for working hard and trying his best in maths.

Lime class: Phoebe C for her careful mapwork in Geography identifying prominent landmarks in the UK.

Willow class: Ayla S for always trying her absolute best at school and for her love of learning. Well done Ayla!

Elm and horse chestnut classes: the whole of year 5 for their display of teamwork, kindness and resilience during our camp trip to Mill on the Brue. We shared some incredible time facing our fears, working together and having lots of fun! Well done everyone!

Ash class: Anselm W for always showing the maximum effort and independence in his learning.

Oak class: Ruby M for showing excellent determination in maths when working on complex problem-solving questions.

Congratulations to:

Frank D – palm class – who won a rugby tournament & medal as well as two medals from Tiger Martial arts for competing in two competitions.

Indianna C – palm class – for her learn to swim level 1 certificate & badge and Puffin certificate & badge from Learn to Swim.

House points

Well done to **Woodpeckers** who are this week's house points winners with 168 points.

This term's focus

- Year Four camp 20th & 21st April
- Ascension Day walk KS2 Fri 12th May
- Continuing a whole school focus on writing.
- Working on our Travel Plan 22/23 which includes pedestrian training for Year 5 and 6 and cycling proficiency courses for KS2.

Continuing work on School Improvement Priorities

- Implementing our curriculum planning on relationships, sex and health education as part of the new statutory guidance.
- Working with curriculum leaders to develop their subject leadership roles and assessment in their subjects.
- Reviewing our schemes of work and medium-term planning in line with the Futura Curriculum. Please see [more detail in this Futura Curriculum document](#).
- Our [weekly newsletter](#) will provide updates and links to information on our website. We will also continue to Tweet about life in our school [@SaltfordPrimary](#).

How you can get involved

PTA: to keep in touch and get involved [join the PTA Facebook group here](#). The next PTA meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 24th April** in the staffroom. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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 or with swimming.
- Talk to our KS2 children about your career
- Share your gardening skills and help look after the Secret Garden. Please call (01225 872185) or [email 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.

Shopping choices: when you are buying online, please remember to check out [The Giving Machine](#) for links to the sites you would be using anyway. You can earn commission for the school funds at no extra cost to yourself. Please see our [Fundraising information here](#) for more details.

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

Here at Salford Primary School we run a large range of extra-curricular clubs. Extra-curricular activities play a large part in the life of our pupils. The whole variety of sporting clubs includes football, tag rugby, basketball, cricket, netball and gymnastics. We also have a STEM club, art club, sewing club and recorder club. If your child is interested in learning a new language, Spanish club runs at lunchtime on Monday and Tuesday. For pupils who would like to learn to dance, Danni runs the dance club on Monday after school.

Some of the clubs we offer at Salford Primary School are not available all year round so please check the website for details. www.saltfordschool.org.uk/clubs.

Our new chess club that started for Years 1 – 6 last term will continue this term. Thank you very much to one of our parents, Miss Jacobs, for volunteering to run this for the children. The Year 5 & 6 choir is still in full swing on Wednesday lunchtimes, run by Miss Benton and Mr George, and STEM club this term will be open for both KS1 and KS2 from 27th April. Parents have been emailed the STEM club flyer and there is still time to enrol.

If anyone is interested in running a club at the school please contact the school office. For further information about all the clubs that run here please see our school website.

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.

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.saltfordhall.co.uk/

Salford Parish Council:

www.saltfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/

Salford Environment Group:

saltfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk

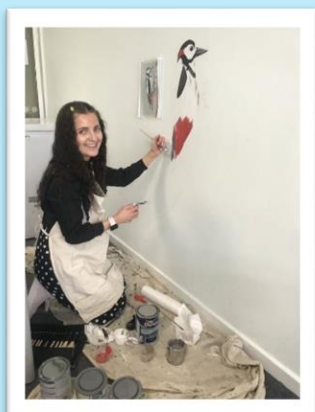
St Mary's Church: www.stmaryssaltford.org.uk/

B&NES Council: beta.bathnes.gov.uk/

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

Coming up this term...

Rainbow Room revamp



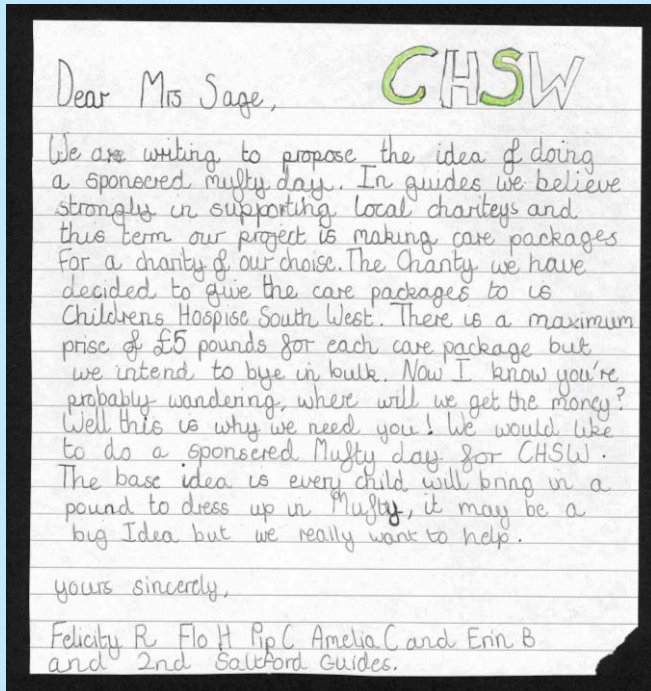
You may have noticed that the rainbow has disappeared from the rainbow room. In its place some new artwork is emerging...

The new mural will feature the four house birds on a tree, along with a peacock whose feathers will evolve into a rainbow. There will also be some butterflies to symbolise our policy of kindness throughout the school. The space will still be known as the rainbow room.

Thanks to Hannah Commane for her work on this. We are fortunate to have such a talented artist on the staff and we can't wait to see the finished work.

Mufti day next Friday for our Y6 Guides

Mrs Sage received a very persuasive letter from five children who belong to 2nd Salford Guides, explaining that their chosen Guides charity is Children's Hospice South West and asking for the school to support their aim to make care packages for the charity.



We will be holding a mufti day on Friday 28th April where children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation to this cause.



SPONSORED MUFTI DAY
FOR CHILDRENS HOSPICE SOUTH WEST



2nd Salford Guides believe strongly in supporting local charities. This term our project is to raise money for a charity of our choice. We have chosen the Children's Hospice South West. On Friday the 28th April 2023 we are having a mufti day to support the charity. If you want to come into school in your own clothes, please bring in a pound. There will be a donation box in each class. Extra donations are welcome.



Let the Carnival begin!

The summer fair is an important date in our social and fundraising calendar. Thank you in advance to everyone who will contribute and participate.

Sponsorship opportunities

With this year's theme of Carnival, it's a great, feel-good opportunity for local businesses to raise their profile. There are three sponsorship options available, depending on your budget. [Find out more by clicking this link](#) and get in touch.

Colouring competition

We need the children's help to make our summer fair poster look amazing. The PTA are launching the annual drawing competition and are seeking a creative interpretation of the theme – Fiesta de Carnival.

The winning entry will be featured in the Keynsham Voice and used to promote the Summer Fair. There will be prizes for the winner and runner up entries. The competition closes on Wednesday 3rd May.

Entry forms will be sent home in reading folders this week. You can also [download an entry form/template here](#).

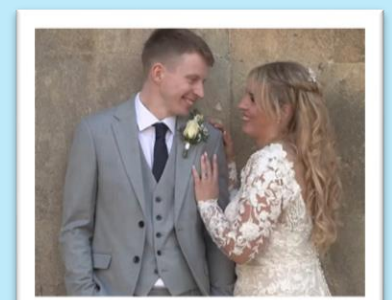
How can I help?

Please keep an eye on newsletters and on the "Key dates" section below for more information about preparations for the fair and how you can help in the run-up and on the day. Every little bit helps!



School news reports...

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs White:



Kindness bags

At the end of last term, all the children in cherry, maple, willow and lime classes were sent home with kindness bags that were kindly provided by Mrs Briggs and the PTA. This was in support of [evelynsbutterflyeffect](#), and one of our school's core values, kindness.

Inside each bag there was a bag of sweets, a biodegradable balloon, a 'Be Kind' sticker and a wooden ornament designed to be decorated and passed on as a random act of kindness. All of these things could be enjoyed during the holiday and shared in whichever way the children decided.

Every class will have the opportunity to participate in this initiative over the year. Thank you to Mrs Briggs and the PTA.

Y5 camp

Many thanks to Mrs Holdaway for her admin support, and Mr Boyle and the staff team for all the work that went into making this Year 5 camp such a success.



Key dates

Monday 17th April: beginning of term 4.

Thursday 20th April – Friday 21st April: [Year 4 camp](#) at Barton Camp.

Monday 24th April 7.30pm: PTA meeting in staffroom. All parents/carers are welcome.

Friday 28th April: Mufti day in support of [Children's Hospice South West](#) for our 2nd Salford Guides.

Monday 1st May: bank holiday – May Day

Friday 5th May: Reception's [cake sale](#) after school.

Friday 5th May: King's Coronation Picnic, special school lunch. [See the menu here](#) and [book in the usual way](#).

Monday 8th May: bank holiday – Coronation

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May: KS2 SATS examinations.

Friday 12th May: Ascension Day walk up Kelston Hill for KS2. Letter to follow.

Monday 15th May: class photographs.

Tuesday 16th & Thursday 18th May: access afternoons for parents and carers.

Thursday 18th May: school census. Please take a school dinner on this day if you can.

Thursday 25th May: end of term 4.

Friday 26th May: INSET day.

Monday 5th June: beginning of term 5.

Summer fair dates

1. **Mufti day:** Friday 16th June
2. **Colouring comp end date:** Wednesday 3rd May. [Entry form here](#).
3. **Colouring comp judging date:** Thursday the 27th of April
4. **Fair prep night date:** Tuesday 27th of June

Jo Browne & Lucy Ratnett theatre arts summer school, Mon 14th – Fri 18th August. [Details on the website here](#).

For term dates for this and next academic year, please see our website: www.salfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates. All other dates are up to date on [the calendar for parents here](#).

Summer Fair Sponsorship Opportunities

This year's summer fair will have a carnival theme. It's a great opportunity for businesses to raise their profile with the local community. Can you help?

Do you run a business or know someone who runs a local business?

There are **three great options** available depending on budget.

A. Single Primary Fair Sponsor – £700, includes:

- o Be the only name included on the Summer Fair advert in the Scan's 'Saltford Festival Brochure' distributed to 4000+ households.
- o Virtual Fair Sponsor Summer Fair week 29th June – 5th July (see option B for details).
- o Be the central space on the Summer Fair Banner (see option C for details).

B. Four Virtual Fair Sponsors – £195, includes:

- o Become the PTA Facebook header for a week (seen by 400+ members) and it includes a Facebook post of your choosing in that week.
*1st – 7th June. *8th – 14th June. *15th – 21st June. *22nd – 28th June.
- o A4 size corner space on Summer Fair Banner (see option C for details)

C. Unlimited Summer Fair Banner Sponsors – £45, includes:

- o A5 size banner space, which will be up at school entrance from the 1st June until after the fair.
- o These spaces are not just for business sponsorship, but for any occasion – an engagement, a marriage, a birthday, in remembrance, or another special event that you want to acknowledge.

All sponsorship can be purchased online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/saltfordschoolpta/>

Donations also welcome using the same link.



UK Health
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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://qrc0.de/minfec>.