



Saltford
CofE Primary School

Launch Letter Term 5 • 18th April 2024



WELCOME BACK to the summer term. We hope you had a lovely Easter break. We have already had a busy start to the term; Year 4 have set off for Barton Camp today. We are looking forward to hearing their news as they have a packed couple of days to enjoy.

As the weather finally improves, this is a term when we can look forward to getting outdoors as much as possible. We will be having our traditional Ascension Day walk up Kelston Hill for KS2 on Friday 17th May and the whole school and their families will be gathering for sports day on Wednesday 22nd May.

We are already looking forward in the coming week to a visit to Chepstow Castle for Y2, a multi-activity festival at Wellsway School for Y3 and a visit from the Wonder Dome for all of EYFS to explore our topic on 'Space'.

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. Outside school, if your child achieves something they are proud to share, please let us know so that we can also celebrate their achievements in school. They should bring their certificates, badges and trophies into school for recognition.

Staff news: congratulations to Mrs Gordon whose baby boy arrived safely during the holiday. We are delighted to report that both Mum and baby are doing well.

Congratulations also to our newly-married members of staff; Mrs Hardy (formerly Miss Mulready) and Mr Boyle who were married during the holidays. Our very best wishes to the happy couples.



You can help: the next PTA meeting will take place on Monday 22nd April in the staffroom at 7.30pm and all parents/carers are welcome. We will be focusing on the summer fair preparations, plus arrangements for sports day refreshments and the event for new Reception parents in June. It is a great time to come along and get involved with these lovely events. The support and work of the PTA is highly important to our school and enhances school life for every single child.

Access afternoons: these will be taking place on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st May this term at 2.45pm. This is a lovely opportunity for your children to show you what they have been working on. No booking is necessary, but please make sure your child knows on which day you will be coming.

Census Day and school dinner: this falls on Thursday 16th May. Some of our funding depends on how many children are recorded as taking a school dinner on this day, so we always encourage everyone to try one out on this day, even if they normally have a packed lunch. Our kitchen team

provides a special fun menu to encourage participation and this dinner is already available to order on MCAS. [See the menu here.](#)

Class photos on Tuesday May 7th: the photographer will be coming to school to do the class photos soon. We are sure everyone would like to look their best and represent our school well so please look out for reminders about uniform nearer the time.

Swimming pool: work is progressing well on the pool repairs, as you can probably see. We will be in touch soon about a start date for lessons and contributions towards the cost of the lessons and the pool. Please [refer to this letter that we sent in March](#) or [our school website here](#) for a reminder of the way we operate swimming provision and how you can help.

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.

If your child is absent from school due to illness, their dinner will be cancelled, but you must cancel the order before 12 noon the day before for any other circumstances such as a health appointment or a school trip.

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 3rd May. [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.

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](#).

Have a good weekend,
Mrs Sage.

Summer Fair colouring competition



Well done to everyone who entered the colouring competition for a design for use on the summer fair poster. The brief was to create an exciting drawing reflecting Paris or the summer Olympics. Out of many high quality entries, Otto and Toby were judged winners. Mrs Sage presented them with their arty prizes this week. Look out for the winning entry on the summer fair posters and in the May edition of The Keynsham Voice.

Forest school

In school: last term we welcomed Claire Pickman from Yew, Me and the Trees back to Saltford School to continue our Forest School sessions. So far EYFS, Year 2 and Year 3 have had a second session with Claire.

EYFS loved their session in which they spotted the signs of spring, made painting with natural objects, made nests for the birds and drank hot chocolate around the fire pit.

A particularly lovely feature of spacing these sessions out over the course of the year is that they have been seasonal and has meant the children can focus in on the changes going on in the natural world. All classes will have a third and final session with Claire in Term 6.

Thank you to the PTA for funding this special opportunity for all the children, and to Mrs Morgan and Claire Pickman for delivering it.

After school club: there is also the opportunity children to participate in Forest School Club after school, also run by Claire Pickman. Claire writes: "this term spring brings new growth and with it a host of craft activities, nature spotting opportunities and more fun and games. At forest school club we will be trying some camp fire cooking with delicious elderflower fritters, having a look at what is developing in the pond and making magic string, catapults and nature prints. We will also be playing games, cooking up a storm in the mud kitchen and relaxing in the hammocks".

Forest School Club is available to different year groups in different terms. Next term (Term 6) the Tuesday club will be for Reception and the Wednesday club will be for years 1 and 2. Places are limited. Please contact Claire on pickmanclaire@gmail.com if you're interested in your child joining the club or if you have any questions.

This one's for the grown-ups – quiz and disco Friday 26th April, 7.30 – 11pm

For this year's theme it's back to the 1990's! This is your decade to draw inspiration from! Tickets are on sale now from www.pta-events.co.uk/saltfordschoolpta. Tickets are £10 each and you can also pre-order drinks. There will also be drinks available on the night.

Book soon as this is always a popular and fun evening and you know that the money raised all goes towards those lovely additional extras Saltford Children enjoy at school!



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 next PTA meeting is on Monday 22nd April at 7.30pm in the staffroom.** 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](#).

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

Please refer to the timetable on our website which is always up to date with the dates of each club: www.saltfordschool.org.uk/assets/uploads/documents/clubs/club%20timetable.pdf.

Please check our website for up-to-date information on all clubs: www.saltfordschool.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 Saltford 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](#).

Headteacher awards

Bumblebee class: Toby M for making a brilliant weather reporting device during busy time.

Butterfly class: Zoe L for using oil pastels to create a beautiful and detailed 'starry night' picture. You worked so independently Zoe, well done!

Apple class: Heath D E for carefully painting a pebble friend linked to our new book, Lubna and Pebble.

Pear class: Dorothea C for a super pebble design to launch our new story of Lubna and Pebble in English.

Palm class: Carrie R for a super book cover design for Billy and the Beast.

Cherry class: Omarion U for fantastic reading out loud to the class in VIPERS! Well done Omarion!

Sycamore class: Toby W for fantastic effort in maths with fractions. Well done Toby!

Maple class: Belle B for creating an excellent and detailed dream tower! Well done Belle!

Lime class: Christina C, we were so impressed with your participation in our class assembly and for showing your initiative. Well done Christina.

Willow class: Elliott M for his excellent narration (knowing his words 'off by heart') in our Year Assembly to the whole school, about the Easter Story. Well done Elliott!

Elm class: Alice B, we were so impressed with how Alice faced her fears on School Camp and earnt 2 WOWs.

Horse chestnut class: Seb G for challenging himself, demonstrating excellent team skills and encouraging other children in his group on year 5 camp.

Ash class: Bertie G for excellent questions about human and physical geography.

Oak class: Sophie V for good understanding and presentation in science when looking at reversible and irreversible changes.

We celebrate

Ethan B D – Lime – for achieving 2nd Place in a street dance competition.

Florence G – Apple – for earning her certificate from Rainbows.

Rose H-F – Butterflies – for earning a medal for her confidence in Gymnastics.

Key dates

Thursday 18th – Friday 19th April: Y4 camp at Barton Camp.

Friday 19th April: Year 2 visit Chepstow Castle.

Monday 22nd April 7.30pm: PTA meeting in staffroom, everyone is welcome.

Wednesday 24th April: Wonder Dome in school for EYFS.

Wednesday 24th April afternoon: Y3 multi-activity festival at Wellsway School.

Friday 26th April: PTA quiz and disco night for the grown-ups.

Thursday 2nd May 7pm: Parent Voice Group meeting over Zoom

Friday 3rd May: Reception cake sale. Plus PTA uniform sale and book swap.

Tuesday 7th May: class photographs.

Monday 13th – Friday 17th May: **KS2 SATS week.**

Thursday 16th May: census day with special school lunch menu.

Thursday 16th May: 4.15pm Y6 health education meeting and 5pm camp meeting.

Friday 17th May: Ascension Day walk for KS2.

Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st May 2.45pm: access afternoons.

Wednesday 22nd May: sports day FS/KS1 morning and KS2 afternoon.

Thursday 23rd May: last day of term 5.

Friday 24th May: INSET day.

Monday 3rd June: first day of term 6.

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th June: Y6 Bikeability.

Friday 7th June: Y5 cake sale. Plus PTA uniform sale and book swap. Last sale of the school year.

Monday 17th – Friday 21st June: Y6 camp in Okehampton.

Monday 10th June 7.30pm: PTA meeting in staffroom. All welcome.

Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th June: Y6 Bikeability.

Saturday 15th June: PTA summer fair 12 – 3pm

Thursday 20th June: Y3 visit to Bristol Museum.

Thursday 27th June: Reception trip on The Matthew.

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

Futura Learning Partnership

We are a Futura Learning Partnership school.

The logo for Futura Learning Partnership features the word "Futura" in a large, teal, sans-serif font. Above the letter 'u' is a small globe icon. Below "Futura" is the text "Learning Partnership" in a smaller, pink, sans-serif font.

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

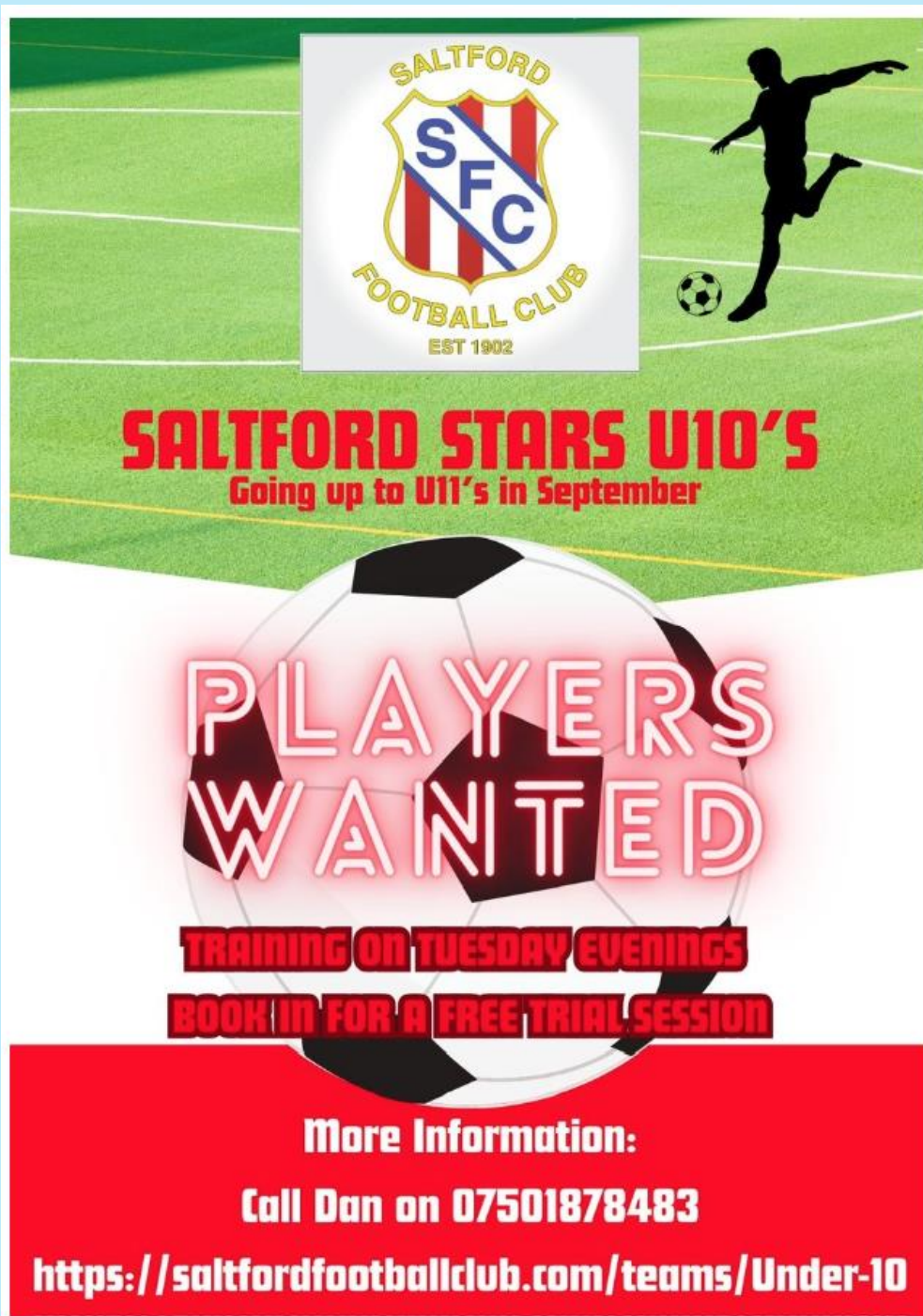
Salford Sports Club:

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

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

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

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

A recruitment poster for Salford Stars U10's. The top half features a green football pitch background. On the left is the Salford Football Club crest, which is a shield with red and white vertical stripes, a blue diagonal stripe with 'SFC' in white, and the text 'SALTFORD FOOTBALL CLUB' and 'EST 1902'. On the right is a black silhouette of a player kicking a ball. Below the pitch, the text 'SALTFORD STARS U10'S' is written in large, bold, red letters, with 'Going up to U11's in September' in smaller red text below it. The bottom half of the poster has a white background with a large, glowing soccer ball in the center. Overlaid on the ball is the text 'PLAYERS WANTED' in large, white, outlined letters. Below this, in red, bold, outlined letters, is 'TRAINING ON TUESDAY EVENINGS' and 'BOOK IN FOR A FREE TRIAL SESSION'. At the very bottom, a red banner contains the text 'More Information: Call Dan on 07501878483' and the URL 'https://saltfordfootballclub.com/teams/Under-10' in white.

MIDLIFE WORK REVIEW

Information and advice on work, wealth and wellbeing for 45+

Wednesday 24th April

Apex Hotel, Bath

10am-3pm

FREE

Are you over 45 and looking for support for the next stage of your employment?

Are you looking to support your 45+ workforce?

THEN THIS EVENT IS FOR YOU

Keynote Speeches:

Lucy Standing from Brave Starts

The Age of Opportunity

Anthony Davies from 3 ADAPT

Lifelong Learning

Simon Jones from Unividual

Preparing for the Third Act - financial strategies for midlife transition

Short talks from:

Cool Ventures

Employment and Skills Pod

Dorothy House

Royal United Hospital

Organisations attending include:

HCRG; Job Centre; Clean Slate; Bath

Spa; Great Western Credit Union;

EmploymentSkills_Pod@bathnes.gov.uk

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DETAILS.**



**Drop in on the
day or prebook.**

LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c
22 April

Bath Central Library

Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 23 April

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 24 April

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

Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 25 April

Mermaid Storytime

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30am 27 April

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 27 April

Art in the Library: with Bath Open Studios

Mon - Sat during opening hours 3 - 27 April

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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22 April

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 23 April
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 25 April

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Midsomer Norton Library

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Midsomer Norton Library 40th Birthday Celebrations

We have an amazing programme of 20 - 27 April
events - see separate poster