Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter











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This week

- Y6 SATS
- Access afternoon
- Summer events
- PVG minutes
- Walk to school
- Ascension Day walk

See the latest news on our website here

A few words from Mrs Sage...

We are very proud of the resilience and determination shown by our Y6 children this week and throughout the year; thank you for all your hard work and thanks to Mr Godwin, Mr Styles, Mrs Hathaway and the Y6 team as well as the staff who have worked with them through their school careers. I hope they are looking forward to unwinding at their celebratory breakfast

tomorrow. Thank you to the kitchen team for providing this extra service. I am looking forward to welcoming parents and carers of our Y6 children to school

this afternoon for our camp and health education meetings from 4.15pm.

Access afternoons: I would like to flag the forthcoming access afternoons on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st May at 2.45pm. Parents and carers are invited to come into school to look through your child's work with them. Please let your child know on which day you will be coming. If you cannot attend on these dates, please contact the school office so that we can arrange a mutually convenient time.

Summer fun: for two weeks in June it is going to be great fun to be living in and around Saltford. We have our very own PTA summer fair on the afternoon of Saturday 15th June and the Saltford Festival will run from 7th – 16th June. Read on for more information and highlights.

PVG minutes: thank you again to everyone who was involved in the PVG meeting. You can now read the minutes online here to catch up on the news. Walk to school: next week we encourage the children to walk to school and will ask them how they travelled to school each day. The class with the most walkers at the end of the week will receive a prize! See more on why it matters below. In the meantime, I hope the KS2 children, staff and helpers are all looking forward to tomorrow's walk up Kelston Hill. Do say hello if you see us en route! Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Sage.

STAR PUPIL AWARDS

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Bumblebee: Finley H for brilliant effort all

round – you are a star!

Butterfly: Thomas T for amazing, independent

journal writing. Wow!

Apple: Ezra K for working really hard on your writing! You should be super proud of yourself

Ezra. Well done.

Pear: Marlowe D for working really hard on

reducing the size of her letters.

Palm: Ted O for a super monster grabber in DT! Ted worked independently and was very helpful to others.

Cherry: Leo S for fantastic sentences describing Captain Howl from Billy and the Pirates.

KS2

Sycamore: Thomas R for fantastic technique when throwing

Maple: Tatenda M for excellent technique when throwing a howler in PE. Well done Tatenda!

Lime: Poppy G for great discussion in PSHE on friendship

followed by a super poster. Well done Poppy!

of making 'one whole' with hundredths. Well done Halle! **Elm:** Jack B for working hard in Maths lessons and particularly during the Statistics topic last week. Good perseverance Jack. Horse chestnut: William K for being such a helpful member of resources for each lesson. Thank you William.

Ash: Emily P for confident grammar work in our English

Oak: Mikey M for excellent work when translating multiple points across 4 quadrants involving a change of direction.

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Key information

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Y3 Visit to Bristol Museum 20th June

Respond by 7th June







We celebrate ★ ★ ★



Baskervilles gymnastics awards for the following:

Harriet S, Bumblebee, Level 1 medal.

Sofia C, Butterfly, Level 2 medal.

Roseanna C, Palm, Level 8 medal.

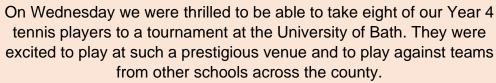
Erica CR, Butterfly, Level 2 medal.

Idris K, Bumblebee, Level 1 medal.

Katy K, Willow, Level 10 medal.

Lyla W, Apple, Level 5 medal.

Tennis tournament



Making up two teams, they played two exhausting hours of non-stop tennis and we were all excited when one of our teams was announced as the overall winner. Each member received a gold medal to recognise their achievement.

Many congratulations to all eight who represented Saltford School and all the other players. Thanks to all the staff & parents who helped with this event. See more pictures and a full report on our website.

Forest school feedback

We're delighted to say that the staff and children can't praise recent Forest School sessions too highly.

Mr Godwin said "It was amazing again - one of my class asked me if they could do this every week! There was so much excitement when a group caught a newt in their net while pond dipping! It's a brilliant mixture of learning new things (like the smell of different herbs, which plants are edible and which definitely are not) and being creative with some material and rope – which they loved. It is essential for children to have some time like this, just finding things out that make them go "wow" or even scream."

We thank Mrs Morgan for coordinating and the PTA for funding this.

Sports day on Wednesday 22nd May

We are holding sports day on Wednesday 22nd May this year. It takes place on the side field adjacent to the public play area. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit and should bring

a sun hat too.

EYFS/KS1 begins at approximately 10am, Key Stage 2 begins at 1.30pm. Parents should arrive from the Manor Road entrance or via the pedestrian paths rather than through the Claverton Road entrance. Do bring some change as the PTA will be selling refreshments throughout the day.

All the details are on our website here.

June dates for your diary - our Summer Fair and Saltford Festival



7th June: Children's disco at Saltford Sports Club with party games, dancing and prizes. Free entry.

7th & 8th June: Open gardens

8th June: Brass Mill open with exhibitions, tours

& demonstrations. Dog friendly.

9th June: breakfast and informal songs of

praise at St Mary's Church.

12th June 7pm: Saltford Parish walk

15th June: Saltford School Summer Fair 16th June: Saltford Sports Club Sunday Funday

Look out for the Saltford Village Festival brochure arriving on Saltford doormats soon. If you live a little further away, you can keep up to date with all the lovely events by checking the Saltford Community Association website at saltfordhall.co.uk/Festival.html and the SCA Facebook page here at www.facebook.com/SCACOMM/.

There will be a circus-themed scarecrow trail around the village which everyone can enjoy free of charge. Why not think about making your own scarecrow? The guidelines and form are here and you have until 2nd June to enter. There is also a fantastic raffle with prizes of up to £500!

Most events are free but some are ticketed.

Save a special date for **our own Summer Fair on Saturday June 15**th. From midday to 3pm, enjoy the fun at our Paris Olympic themed extravaganza! There'll be plenty of fun games, raffles, tombolas, stalls, BBQ, bars, music, and more.

Everyone is welcome, and we can't wait to see you all there!

Habitat competition results

Thank you to everyone who entered our Habitat Competition. It is clear that a lot of work went into the entries and, as a result, we know that there has been an increase in the amount of food and shelter available for birds and insects in our area!

It was difficult to choose the winners, but here they are:

Sophie B-L for her well-designed pool in a barrel

Alfie T for his integrated flower patch and bug house

Jack C for his handmade combined bird and bug house



Jesse B for creating a hedgehog house, mini pond for frogspawn and a bug hotel, along with collecting nesting materials and providing food for the birds.

A special mention goes to **Frank P** for his innovative and detailed work on a smart bird feeder and the quality of the descriptions and format of his entry.





Futura Eco Summit

Tomorrow we are looking forward to joining other Futura primary schools for our Eco Summit. We have already made a start on highlighting eco issues with a variety of activities including litter picking, thinking about waste, sowing seeds and identifying wildlife.

This Girl Can!

Mrs Brook writes- On Friday 10th May, Flo and Lauren from Y5 were chosen to represent the year 5 girls at an initiative set up by B&NES called 'This girl can' The aim of the day was to encourage more girls' participation in sport. Both Flo & Lauren loved using Bath University's Sports facilities and participated in many activities including: dodgeball, long jump, sprinting, javelin and throwing. They also said they enjoyed some inspiring speeches from some top women athletes who use the facilities at the Sports Village to train.

This Girl Can was launched to tackle the gender activity gap and change how women think and feel about exercise. It aims to inspire women and girls of all shapes, sizes, abilities and background to get active. We are very proud of Flo and Lauren for their participation,

Thank you to our school sports partner, Dave Burston, and Mrs Brook for organising this wonderful opportunity.



Football Festival Fun!

On Monday our Y5 girls' football team and two Y4 players were invited to play in a football festival organised by Bath City FC. The focus of the day was on fun, which we had in abundance over the course of 9 matches against other schools from the area.

Our team scored an incredible 18 goals along the way and didn't lose a single match. We also kept a clean sheet, conceding not a single goal! Congratulations to our fantastic girls, and thanks to Mr Burston, Mrs Brook, Bath City FC and the many parents who came along to support us.

See more pictures and a full report on our website here.



Walk to school week – why does it matter?

Walking is beneficial for relationships – it's a great time to connect with your child and focus on them. One Dad said 'sometimes our chats are deep, often they are trivial. But they are always important.' For some useful tips for stress-free walks and ideas for getting started,

see family-walk-to-school-kit-english.pdf (livingstreets.org.uk)



Online safety information for parents

For any parents who did not join the recent online safety briefing that we advertised recently, the recording and presentation from May are now available by following this link:

Parent Session May 2024 - Google Drive

We will also keep this link available for reference on our Online safety page here where you will also find a wealth of other useful links and tips on the subject.



Knife crime awareness event for parents & carers 6th June.

The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) knife crime awareness event takes place at Hayesfield School on 6th June, at 6pm. It is aimed at those who would like to know more about the dangers of knife crime or are concerned that their children are at risk. Guest speakers have lived experience and have been personally affected by knife crime. For queries, please email VRP_Events@bathnes.gov.uk or book your ticket now: using this link to Eventbrite.

See all dates on our online calendar for parents here!

Dates for your diary

Click here for term dates



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

Friday 17th May: Futura Eco Summit day

with special school dinner menu for EYFS/KS1.

Friday 17th May 8.30am: Year 6 celebration

breakfast in school hall.

Friday 17th May: Ascension Day walk for

KS2.

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

Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd May: walk to school week.

Wednesday 22nd May: sports day FS/KS1

morning and KS2 afternoon.

Thursday 23rd May: <u>author visit for EYFS/Y1</u>

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 WEEE workshop.

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

Monday 17th - Friday 21st June: Y6 camp in

Okehampton.

Friday 7th June: payment deadline for <u>EYFS</u>

visit to The Matthew.

Friday 7th June: Y5 WEE workshop

Monday 10th June 7.30pm: PTA meeting in

staffroom. All welcome.

Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th June: Y6

Bikeability.

Sat 15th June 12 – 3pm: PTA summer fair Thursday 20th June: Y3 visit to Bristol

Museum.

Thursday 27th June: Reception trip on The

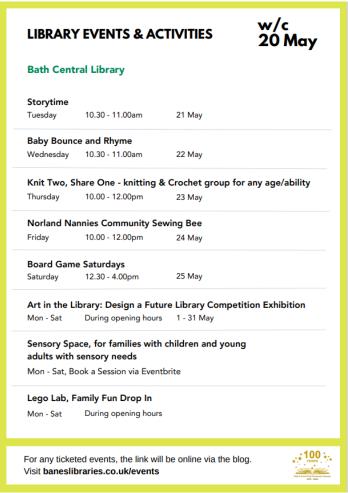
Matthew.

Thursday 11th July: KS2 singing & instrumental concert 7pm in school hall.

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

www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates. All dates are on the calendar for parents here.





LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES w/c 20 May **Keynsham Library Baby Bounce and Rhyme** 9.30 - 10.00am Tuesday 21 May 10.30 - 11.00am Storytime & Craft Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 23 May Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite **Board Game Saturdays** Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 25 May **Midsomer Norton Library Baby Bounce and Rhyme** Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 20 May Storytime 10.30 - 11.00am Wednesday 22 May Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite **Board Game Saturdays** 10.00 - 12.30pm 25 May .:100 :.. For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog. Visit baneslibraries.co.uk/events

MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

MAY HALF TEEM

at KEYNSHAM CRICKET CLUB

Tue 28th, Wed 29th, Thu 30th & Fri 31st May 9.00am-3.30pm

- Reception to Year 7
- Diverse Range of Sports & Activities
- Inclusive & Nuturing Environment
- Low Child to Coach Ratios
- £20 a Day











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Keynsham Cricket
Club are running their
multi-sport courses
during May half
term and throughout
the summer. It will run
from 9.00am - 3.30pm
on Tue 28th - Fri
31st May at Keynsham
Cricket Club

All school years from reception - year 7 are welcome to join the fun at £20 per day. Full information, summer holiday dates and online bookings are available at www.bookwhen/tombryancoaching

Family Holiday Activities

Seasonal fun for all the family in school holidays!

Peace and Harmony

Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 May 2024 in the Wells Cathedral Education Room 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. / 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Get stuck in with our creative workshops for children inspired by Peter Walker's stunning Peace Doves installation:



Construct a dove toy with moveable wings, and create a painting with fingerprints

Birds on the Wing Wednesday 29 May

Create bird art inspired by local artist, Caroline Byrne

Sensory Play and Mindful Crafts *Thursday 30 May* Make a windmill to take home – and breathe!

Before your craft session, pick up a free Activity Sheet and explore what peace means to you as you wander beneath thousands of paper doves in the Cathedral Nave.

Write a message to hang on our Peace Tree and go 'bird spotting' in Caroline Byrne's exhibition, 'Birds on the Wing'.



Find out more at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays

Admission: FREE*

No need to book—just turn up on the day!

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our family activities.

*Included with a valid Cathedral ticket or admission pass—all under 18s go free.

Contact the Governors via clerktogovernors@saltfor



MAY HALF-TERM!!

Elevate your football game 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!

30th and 31st of May DATES:

TIMES: 10am until 2pm

LOCATION: SBL Sports Centre, BS30 8TS

AGES: 6 to 14 years

£25 per day or £40 for 2 days! PRICE:





TO BOOK:

Please head to our website absportscoaching.com and select 'Sports Camps'. Alternatively please scan the QR code or follow this link to be taken directly to the booking page https://bookwhen.com/absportscoaching

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All Stars Cricket /www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars)

This takes place at cricket clubs around the country. It is a fantastic introduction to the game and is open to 5–8-year old boys and girls. Over 14,000 children in Somerset have been part of All Stars since it began in 2017, and there are already over 1,500 children signed up to take part this summer at one of over 60 centres/clubs across the county.

Along with 8 weeks of cricket, participants also get a personalised shirt.



Be calm and creative at our holiday club!

Thursday 30th May 10-3pm 6 - 11 years Includ Saltford Hall

£35

Includes sew a softie, yoga games and adventures, being creative and having fun!

Run by Laura and Adele who are fully trained primary school teachers



Scan the QR code to book or email info@gwtheflowyoga.co.uk for more details.





Theatre Arts Summer School with Jo Browne

Bookings are now open for this fun week for children aged 4 – 18. Children's theatre arts professionals, Lucy Ratnett, Jo Browne & Dan Winter, offer classes in drama, dance, singing, craft and prop making culminating in a fully costumed show performed on the big stage for family and friends to enjoy.

Book now to be part of our 22nd season as places are limited! We run from 12th – 16th August at Saltford Hall.

Email <u>Lucyratnettdance@live.com</u> for further info & booking.



Dynamos Cricket is back: www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket.

Dynamos is for girls and boys from 8-11 years old. There are 41 centres/clubs across Somerset running it this summer, including girls-only ones and there are already neatly 700 children signed up.

Along with 8 weeks of cricket, participants also get a personalised shirt.



