# Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter











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# A personal plea from Mrs Sage... urgent pool update

Due to current financial pressures on schools, we simply must raise enough money through your contributions to ensure that the pool can be self-funding so that we can continue to keep our children swimming.

We are extremely grateful for the contributions and pledges to help that we have received so far but we are a long way from the total needed to be fully operational. Therefore I must repeat my request for your contributions to be made as soon as possible through MCAS. We feel that £3 per lesson gives excellent value. Please use this link to the MCAS login or use your app. You can also find more information and the volunteering links in the letter here.

As soon as the weather improves, it is a sad inevitability that there will be a news report of another fatality from playing in a river. Our pool was built in response to one such incident locally, and we remain passionate about being able to provide such a valuable life skill to every one of our children equally, independent from what their family may be able to provide.

Please do all you feel you can to keep your child, and all our children, swimming here at school.

Thank you.

# This week

- Access afternoon
- 24/25 class structure
- Class photos
- PTA minutes
- Mufti Day
- Half term

See the latest news on our website here

# A few words from Mrs Sage...

I hope everyone who came to our access afternoons enjoyed being able to focus on your child and their work. It is such a pleasure to see how much pride the children take in what they have produced. If you could not attend, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative time. Class structure: this week I am pleased to have been able to share with you the class structure and staffing arrangements for the next school year. You can see the class structure letter here and the Y2 class letter here. Current Year 2 parents are reminded to please respond to the Y2 Friendship Form by Monday 3rd June. Class photos: the deadline for ordering your class photos with free delivery is tomorrow, Friday 24th May. Please find your personalised link in your envelope. PTA news and thanks: you can now read the meeting minutes online here to catch up on the last meeting. I would like to reiterate our thanks to Saltford Library for their kind support of the Easter Trail which only added to the enjoyment. Mufti Day Friday 7th June: on the first Friday back, children are invited to wear their own clothes to school. In exchange, we ask for donations of bottles and/or chocolate for the summer fair tombolas. Thank you in advance for your donations. The summer fair is our major fundraiser and your help with these is invaluable. Holiday ideas: we have included lots of information about half term activities in this and recent newsletters which we hope you find useful. Why not consider making a family scarecrow for the Saltford festival? See the SCA website for info. I hope all the children will have enjoyed their class dojo treats this afternoon as a fun end to this term. It's hard to believe that next term will be our final one of this school year.

We are looking forward to seeing the children back to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Do have a lovely break, Mrs Sage.

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Y3 & 4 Greek Day

**EYFS** visit St Mary's

Year 2 Class letter

Class structure for 2024-25







# We celebrate 🗼 🦊 🔾



Stanley R, Apple, for winning a rugby medal. Isla H, Lime, for winning gold in for floor, vault and trampette which gave her gold overall in the Under 9's level 2 at the Baskerville's gym competition. Harper R, Lime, for coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in trampette, 2<sup>nd</sup> in vault, 6<sup>th</sup> in floor and 4th overall at the Baskerville's gym competition. Emily P, Ash, for winning two junior golf competitions; the stableford golf championship and the Texas scramble gold team championship.

Bethany C, Palm, for achieving Swim England Level 3.



Jade in Year 3 competed at an international competition in Bucharest, Romania last week and achieved 3rd place.

We congratulate her on this achievement and her dedication. She practises after school 3 times a week and then again on Saturdays, getting 5.15am. Despite being in a new country, in a new rink and very nervous, she showed great strength of character to participate.



### Walk to school week

Thank you everyone who made the additional effort to walk to school this week. We hope you enjoyed being outside (in a variety of weather) and that it will be the beginning of a new, healthy habit. Congratulations to Maple Class who were the winners with the most walkers this week!

Thanks to Mrs Spincer and Mrs Hardy for coordinating our participation in this national campaign.

# Sports day on Monday 10th June

Sports day is rescheduled for Monday 10th June. All the other arrangements remain the same.

It takes place on the side field adjacent to the public play area. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit and a sun hat. See details on our website news page here.

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 for the PTA refreshments on sale.

# STAR PUPIL AWARDS

# KS<sub>1</sub>

**Bumblebee:** Arabella E for really working hard with her physical development and generally incredibly helpful in class.

**Butterfly:** Gracie G for joining in beautifully with the activities at Forest School and making a lovely 'journey stick'.

**Apple:** Leo T for working so hard to improve your writing. A super response to the crayons from Duncan. Lovely ideas. Well done Leo.

**Pear:** Ella F for a fabulous letter linked to our work on The Day the Crayons Quit.

**Palm:** Rosanna C for a super poster about looking after our planet on our Futura Eco Summit day. Well done Rosanna!

**Cherry:** Heidi A for a fantastic start to her job advert for a pirate!

\*\* Correction: last week's star pupil award for Butterfly class went to Teddy T for amazing, independent journal writing. Wow!

### KS2

**Sycamore:** George B for constantly giving every activity your absolute best effort and challenging yourself. Great iob George!

**Maple:** Henry P for making a fantastic improvement in his handwriting and maintaining it in every piece of work! Well done, Henry!

**Lime:** Otis B, well done Otis for your improved concentration in class- this is reflected in the progress you are making.

**Willow:** Joshua B for being a great team player in all aspects of school life. Well done Josh!

**Elm:** James W, well done for having such a positive attitude to school. You did well last week even after having some time off.

**Horse chestnut:** Emily-Joy S for being such a lovely, polite member of our class. Emily tries her best in everything we do.

**Ash:** Imogen R for always having a polite and hardworking attitude in the classroom.

**Oak:** Belle M for showing good understanding when looking at how to stay safe with technology.

### **Futura Eco Summit**

On Friday last week we enjoyed taking part in the Futura Eco-Summit. All classes watched a live assembly led by Tom Walmsley from the Ministry of Eco-Education and then took part in activities to highlight the part we can all play in taking responsibility for the world around us.

In EYFS and KS1 children made bug houses, bird feeders and weather measuring equipment, as well as doing some artwork inspired by the book 'Billy Conker's Nature-Spotting Adventure'.

In KS2, classes took part in litter picking, storytelling, wildlife spotting, designing posters to encourage us all to think about how much 'stuff' we buy and designing sustainable cities. KS2 children were also encouraged to appreciate the wonder of our natural word as they walked up Kelston Round Hill.

Mrs Sage and a group of children also met up online with a team from All Saints School in Clevedon to share some of the activities we had been involved with. for Ascension Day. The day ended with a message from Andrea Arlidge celebrating the work across all Futura Primary Schools and encouraging us to continue with this important work.

Thank you to Mrs Spincer for coordinating this throughout the school.







# **Ascension Day walk**

On Friday, our Key Stage Two children made their annual pilgrimage up Kelston Roundhill to remember the events of Ascension Day. This day, forty days after Easter, commemorates Jesus leaving his disciples to take his rightful place with God in heaven. The children set off with a spring in their step and all made excellent progress towards the summit, stopping on the way to refuel with a drink and a mid-morning snack. Once everyone had assembled at the top of the hill, Rev Nigel led a talk and prayer to mark the significance of the event. The children were then able to tuck into a well-deserved picnic lunch before they spent some time playing in the fresh air before retracing their steps back to school. This memorable day also gave the children a chance to chat with their friends. teachers and other adults, enjoy the scenery and observe nature. Well done to all the children for participating so well. A Saltford resident who happened to be out as we enjoyed our walk contacted us to comment that "It was so lovely see such a genuine sense of community, warmth and excitement between the children and staff."

Thank you to Mr Jenkins for coordinating this event and to Rev Nigel and all the staff and parent helpers who accompanied the children.

We also thank the landowners, William Heath & Hugh

Padfield, for once again extending an invitation to us to use the site for this event.







# Summer Fair Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 12 – 3pm

There is lots of activity going on behind the scenes in preparation for a fantastic summer fair.

Thank you to the PTA and all the helpers for all your work on the preparation.

### How can you help?

- If you fancy a clear-out over half term, please pass on your unwanted soft toys and games for our collection for the fair. We are also collecting your old keys... at last, somewhere for them to go! There will be donation boxes at the front of the school office.
- Have your bottles and / or chocolates ready for bringing in on the first Friday back when children can come to school in their own clothes (Mufti Day) in exchange for a contribution.
  - Start brainstorming your Great Olympic Bake-Off ideas (practising even during the holiday). See the Summer Fair Lowdown for a reminder of the categories and entry info.
    - Get buying and selling your raffle tickets to friends, family and neighbours too!
- Please volunteer to do your bit on the day. It's great fun and vital help. See the Summer Fair Lowdown for the sign-up links.

# Online safety news for parents

Please visit <u>our Online safety page here</u> for the latest online safety newsletters for April and May. They really are full of useful information for parents. They cover subjects such as gaming safety, online challenges that come and go, misinformation and mental health related to online activity. There is also topical discussion and guidance about popular apps and games such as TikTok and WhatsApp.

In addition to these newsletters, there are links to trusted sites for further information and advice about how to make sure you, as a parent, stay informed, and how you can best continue to protect your child in the online space.

Online Safety Newsletter April 2024

Online Safety Newsletter May 2024

See all dates
on our online
calendar for
parents here!

# Dates for your diary



<u>Click here for term dates</u>

Thursday 23rd May: last day of term 5.

Friday 24th May: INSET day.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** first day of term 6.

Tuesday 4th June: EYFS visit to St Mary's

Church

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th June: Y6

Bikeability.

Tuesday 4th June: Greek Day Years 3 & 4

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Church

Wednesday 5th June: Year 3 Forest School

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** MUFTI day. Own clothes to be worn in exchange for donations of bottles and/or chocolates for summer fair tombolas.

Friday 7th June: Y5 WEEE workshop.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 cake sale. Plus PTA

uniform sale and book swap. Last sale of the

school year.

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

visit to The Matthew.

Friday 7th June: Y5 WEE workshop

Monday 10th June: rescheduled sports day.

Monday 10th June 7.30pm: PTA meeting in

staffroom. All welcome.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June: Y6

Bikeability.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June: <u>Y6 Forest School</u>
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June 12 – 3pm: PTA summer fair
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Y6 camp in

Okehampton.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June: <u>Y1 Forest School</u> Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June: Y3 visit to Bristol

Museum.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 5pm: welcome meeting

for new Reception parents.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June: <u>Y4 Forest School</u>
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June: Reception trip on The

Matthew.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 5pm:** meeting for parents

for new Y3 class.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: <u>Y5 Forest School</u>
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July:

FS/KS1 summer concert. Letter to follow.

Monday 8th July: INSET Day (Futura

Conference)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July: <u>Y2 Forest School</u>

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

Tuesday 23rd July: last day of term 6.

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.



# THIS TERM'S DOODLE CHAMPIONS





# **Top 3 Stars**

Tatenda M – Maple

Rosie B – Lime

Halle O – Willow

**Top Class** 

Lime



# **Top 3 Stars**

Tilly S – Bumblebees

Tatenda M - Maple

Jack B - Elm

**Top Class** 

Maple



# **Top 3 Stars**

Tayif S - Pear

Tatenda M - Maple

Emily P - Ash

**Top Class** 

Elm





# **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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Contact - tombryan@live.co.uk - 07891918722

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 28<sup>th</sup> - Fri
31<sup>st</sup> 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 <a href="https://www.bookwhen/tombryancoaching">www.bookwhen/tombryancoaching</a>

# 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



# GIRLS FOOTBALL CAMP

# 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

PRICE: £25 per day or £40 for 2 days!





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Please head to our website <u>absportscoaching.com</u> 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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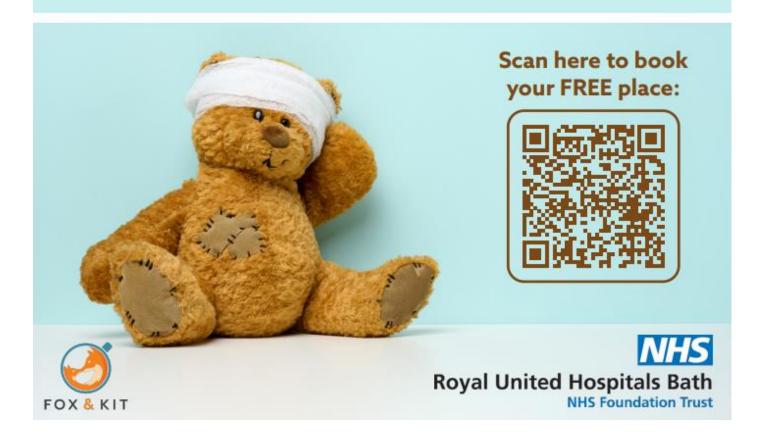
# Teddy Bear Hospital

Saturday 15th June at our Children's Outpatient Department B11 RUH Morning session: 10:00 - 12:00 | Afternoon session: 13:30 - 15:30

Bring your child and their teddy to join us for a series of fun workshops to show them what we do at hospital! The workshops are suitable for all primary school aged children.

- Dental check ups
- Handwashing
- Plastering sessions
- Preparing teddy for 'surgery'
- Meeting the ambulance team
- Arts and crafts







All Stars Cricket <a href="https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars">/www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars</a>)

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 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August at Saltford Hall.

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



Dynamos Cricket is back: <a href="www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket">www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket</a>.

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.



