

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

- NB new dates
- Term-time holidays
- Welcome our new intake '24
- Parking
- Welcome to KS2
- Mrs Arlidge

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

A few words from Mrs Sage...

We're very pleased to have our Y6 children and staff back in school this week. They had a wonderful camp – see a lovely report below.

Please note some new dates that have been confirmed this week; the Y5 cake sale will happen on Friday 5th July after school and the PTA has managed to arrange a fun colour run event. You have been sent all the details but please be aware that the deadline for booking is 9pm tonight. [Order tickets here.](#)

Holidays in term time: please note that the official procedures on attendance are changing. An aspect I would draw your attention to is the increase in penalties for taking children out of school for holiday in term time. See below for more details.

2024 starters: it has been a pleasure to begin to get to know our new starters and families as we all prepare for September. They have enjoyed their stay and play sessions, and the children have had story time with their new class teachers this week. We met many new parents at our welcome meeting last Thursday. [See our website here for a reminder of the info you need if starting in September 2024.](#)

Parking: I hope you have noticed our smart new parking signs outside school. Unfortunately we still see unsafe parking at drop-off time so thank you to our three sponsors for enabling us to buy the new signs and encourage better habits.

Y3 next year: the Y3 staff team and I are looking forward to meeting our [current Year 2 parents at school on 1st July at 5pm](#) to discuss the transition to KS2.

Congratulations: I would like to add our congratulations to Mrs Arlidge for her recent Silver Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Pearson National Teaching Awards. Read more about this prestigious award [on the Futura website here.](#)

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Sage.



STAR PUPIL AWARDS

KS1

Bumblebee: Lucus D for independence when writing, considering spelling and spacing. Absolutely brilliant.

Butterfly: Noah B for making a super parrot pal! You worked hard to add the detail in your craft Noah, well done!

Apple: Betsy G for showing great improvement in swimming. Well done Betsy!

Pear: Freddie W for fabulous colour mixing, mixing our primary colours to make secondary colours and finding tints. Well done!

Palm: Bella O for amazing progress with her reading this year. Bella has worked so hard! Well done Bella!

Cherry: Blake S for working so hard on his writing – you have created a fantastic next part of the story for Nen and Ernest!

KS2

Sycamore: Arnaav N for showing respect and fantastic behaviour during our school trip to Bristol Museum. Great job Arnaav!

Maple: Gethin S for using accurate French adjectives to describe his monster.

Lime: Nyla U for her fabulous swimming progression! Well done Nyla, we are so proud of your achievement!

Willow: Seb W for his great understanding of how Ancient Greeks' belief in gods and the afterlife influenced their worship. Well done Seb!

Elm: Chloe W for always trying hard and for facing personal challenges in school calmly and with resilience. Well done!

Horse chestnut: Sasha K for his helpfulness every morning in class setting up chairs & collecting work. He is a superstar.

Ash & Oak: all of Year 6 for showing excellent resilience and teamwork skills during Year 6 camp.



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We celebrate

Max D, Palm, for earning a tennis medal.

Carrie R, Palm, for earning three swimming certificates including Water Safety Stage 2 and 5 metres.

Mia K, Bumblebees, for a water safety award

Harlow R, Bumblebees, for a gymnastics medal for handstand

Teddy ON, Bumblebees, for achieving Level 1 in swimming.

Emily P, Ash, for her 1st place Order of Merit in a Salford golf club competition and entry onto the world handicap system.

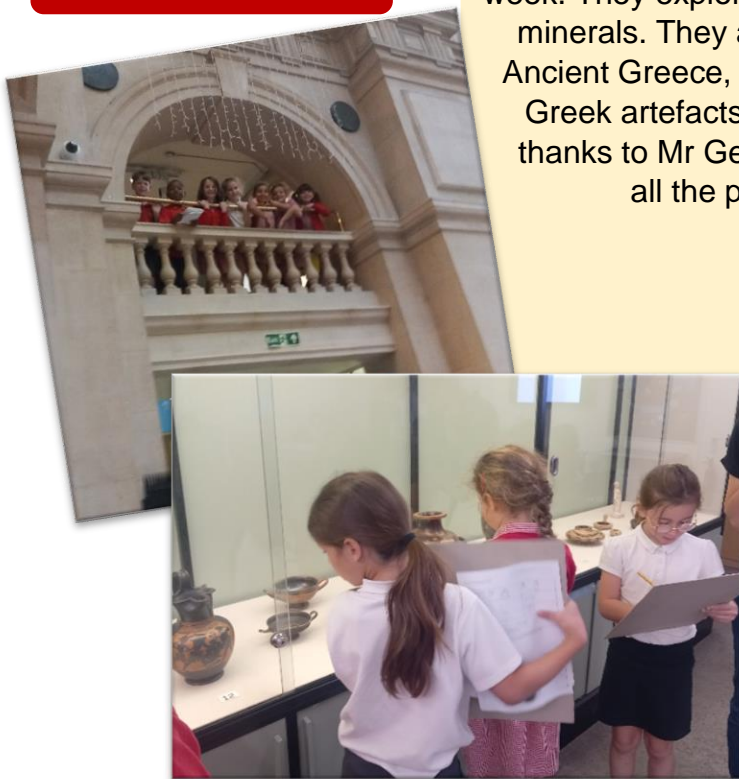
Kate P, Apple, for a gymnastics medal.

Rohan S, Apple, for earning a medal from the U6's Bath City youth football club.

Molly L, Lime, **Jayden N**, Willow, & **Aria B**, Willow, for all earning their 2-star certificates from West of England Music.

Y3 visit Bristol Museum

Year 3 really enjoyed their trip to Bristol Museum on Thursday last week. They explored the Ancient Egypt exhibit, rocks, fossils and minerals. They also experienced a fantastic workshop about Ancient Greece, where they got to handle and explore Ancient Greek artefacts and develop their skills as historians. Many thanks to Mr George and Miss Benton for organising, and to all the parent helpers who made it possible.



Wellsway singing festival

Choir children from Year 3, 4 and 5 attended the Futura Singing Festival on Monday this week, hosted at Wellsway School and run by Mrs McLean and Tim Parker from the West of England Music Alliance. It was a wonderful event where the children got to practice singing and music with choirs from other schools in the area. The Salford Choir performed 'Count On Me' by Bruno Mars and did so brilliantly. Many thanks to Mr George and the parent helpers for accompanying them, and to Mrs McLean and Tim Parker for an amazing day.

Doodle news

Due to the increase in costs, we have had to explore our options in the renewal of our Doodle software. All classes in the school use Doodle maths and Doodle tables as part of their homework expectations and we will therefore be continuing with this subscription for the next academic year. However, only a handful of children are accessing the Doodle English and as a staff, we do not currently use this as part of our daily teaching. Therefore, we have taken the decision not to renew the English or spelling element of the Doodle software. We apologise to those parents who do use this and recommend that you explore options to subscribe personally to Doodle English if you wish to continue using this with your child.

Quadkids

On Thursday 10 Y5 children took part in the annual Quadkids event at the Glass House playing fields in Bath. The children had to work together across 4 events to get a combined score. This included a 600m run, howler throw, standing long jump and 75-metre sprint. They all worked so hard, especially given the hot weather. The team placed 5th out of 8 and were competing against many Y6 teams, so an amazing achievement. A special mention to Florence who placed 3rd in the girls individual totals. Well done to all the children who took part, you showed great sportsmanship and represented the school amazingly.

From 19th August 2024, the new National Framework for issuing Penalty notices will apply.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a Penalty Notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.

The 10-school week period can span over different terms and school years.

Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent per child.

For example: 2 parents with 3 children would receive a total of 6 Penalty Notice Fines

Please note: For parents that are separated/ divorced each parent receives the Penalty Notice.

First Occurrence

The first time a Penalty Notice fine is issued for a term time holiday or intermittent school attendance* the penalty notice charge will be:

£160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days

(Unpaid Penalty Notices after 28 days may result in a prosecution)

Second Occurrence

(Within 3 years of the first occurrence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.

(Unpaid Penalty Notices after 28 days may result in a prosecution)

Third occurrence and any further occurrences

(Within 3 years of the first occurrence)

The third time that an occurrence is committed for either term time holiday and/or intermittent attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may be proceeded straight to prosecution under the single justice procedure.

If found guilty of the occurrence, 'failure to secure their child's regular attendance at a school', the magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 and you will have a criminal record.

PLEASE NOTE: If you take a leave of absence **PRIOR** to 19th August 2024 the Penalty Notice will be at the old rate of £60/£120. Any leave of absence taken from 1st September will be charged at the new rates above.

*The school and local authority would have identified concerns in patterns of attendance and held meetings to support improvement. An attendance action plan would be in place.



EYFS & KS1 summer concert reminder

This will take place on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July in the school hall at 9am.

There is an allocation of 2 tickets per family in these year groups. Tickets are available now after school, from the youngest child's class teacher.

Increase in penalties for absence from school

Please see the poster on the left for full information about changes to the rules around attendance and term-time holidays. Please [see our website here for full information on attendance.](#)

Y6 camp

Year 6 enjoyed an adventure in Dartmoor last week as they embarked on their residential trip to Okehampton. After a long journey filled with chats, card games and many sweets, they arrived in Devon ready for a week of new experiences and challenges. The very first challenge was making the beds, which most children battled with valiantly until seeking adult reinforcements. This was followed by team building games (won by the not-at-all-competitive Mr Styles's group) where the children did a brilliant job of working together to solve problems. One instructor said it was one of her best sessions ever - high praise for Year 6!

The week continued with a short cycle to Meldon, where the children enjoyed one of the highlights of camp: gorge scrambling. They were smiling from ear to ear after splashing, dashing and crawling up a beautiful moorland river. The next day was similarly water-based, as the children got out on a nearby lake for canoeing, kayaking and raft building. Impressive craft were constructed (and sunk), cannonballs were launched and a few ships were 'accidentally' abandoned by their occupants.

The rest of the week brought a variety of new adventures as well. The children (and some staff) faced their fears on the high ropes and climbing walls while a few rare bullseyes were spotted on the archery ranges. Weaselling tested the children's bravery and flexibility as they slipped and crawled (hence the name) between the impressive rocks on the North Dartmoor tors. All of this was underpinned by delicious and generous meals, some trips to the local park and a surprisingly healthy number of good night's sleeps!

The staff at the venue were so complimentary about the children and said that Saltford was one of their favourite schools to work with. We couldn't be more proud of the children for this - well done Y6! A huge thank you to all the adults involved during the week, but particularly to Mr Godwin, Mrs Godwin, Mrs Hathaway, Mrs Bowerman, Mrs Harding, Mrs Anderson-Jones and Mr Styles, who gave all or some of their week to make the trip as successful as it was. We know it was worth it to see the children enjoying themselves as much as they did.



Colour run event

Please note that the deadline for booking this event is **9pm today**, Thursday 27th June. [Please book here on the PTA events page](#) and find more information there too.

Smartphone Free Childhood – what the neuroscience is telling us

Technology is great – right? In the right hands and in the right moment it makes life so much easier – booking train tickets, checking details, accessing educational apps, updating friends and family if we are late – the list goes on.

But what happens when the technology starts to use us? Here are 5 interesting facts about what's going on in the brain.

1. Young people develop through having embodied, synchronous interactions with other people. They learn to pick up on cues in real-time, have disagreements and resolve them and connect with people. Interactions via a Smart device remove the synchronicity of communication (apart from live video calls) and stop the effective development of our brain, necessary for effective relationships. Messages are sent via messaging platforms with no real-time interaction or responding to the visual cues of the other person.
2. Children need embodied play – getting hands on – touching and feeling things, experimenting, climbing, failing. Use of phones is depriving our bodies of this necessary development – muscles aren't developing as they should be and children are not building up the resilience they need through pushing boundaries and taking risks. Children who experience the world through smartphones also don't develop the necessary ability to assess and manage risk and become more vulnerable as a result. "Smartphones are an experience blocker" (Jonathan Haidt 2024).
3. When children overuse technology, the constant stimulation of the brain causes the hormone cortisol to rise. Too much cortisol can inhibit a child from feeling calm. The loss of tranquillity can lead to sustained stress and anxiety disorders. A study in the UK shows social media use in teens correlates directly to rates of anxiety and depression. [[Click here](#)]
4. Children's brains are not fully developed and they are not able to adequately make decisions about what content is appropriate, or put appropriate boundaries in place about phone usage. The social-media algorithms are designed to be addictive and speak directly to the limbic part of the brain where our emotions are processed – the thinking part of the brain which allows us to make judgements and have rational, logical thought doesn't develop fully until early adult-hood.
5. Our brains change according to the experiences we have. Smartphones encourage us to not fully focus our attention – we are so overwhelmed with information that it prevents us from figuring out what we're interested in and limits our attention span ([click here](#)). Children have not yet acquired strategies for letting their brains recover and run the risk of never recovering their attention spans.

The sobering reality is that if we don't put some measures in place to protect our children from the impact of smartphone usage, their brains are unlikely ever to recover. Jonathan Haidt sets out the true cost in his book 'The Anxious Generation' for anyone interested in finding out more.

Tech companies have "rewired childhood and changed human development on an almost unimaginable scale", by designing a "firehose of addictive content" that has displaced physical play and in-person socialising. (Jonathan Haidt in The Standard, 2024).

If you're looking for inspiration about how to approach the conversation with your child, [Fleur Britten's article in The Times](#) this week is a great place to start.



Please think before you park!

A big thank you to our road sign sponsors [Eveleighs](#), [Davies and Way](#) and [Nick Sladek](#). Hopefully you have all noticed the new additions outside school. When we're rushed or running late it's easy to park on the zig zag yellow lines to speed up drop off. But did you know that every month 1200 children are injured in traffic related collisions that happen within 500m of a school (ROSPA)? Here at Saltford we've noticed an increased number of parents using the zig zag lines to park on, which significantly increases the risk of our children getting hurt. We hope that our new signs will remind you, even on those mornings when things haven't gone to plan, that the safety of our children must always come first. Please do take a moment to think before you park.



See all dates
on our online
calendar for
parents here!

Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)



Monday 1st July 5pm: [meeting for parents for new Y3 class.](#)

Wednesday 3rd July: [Y5 Forest School](#)

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th July 9am: FS/KS1 summer concert in school hall.

Thursday 4th July afternoon: children meet their new teacher.

Friday 5th July 3.15pm: [Y5 cake sale with PTA uniform sale and book swap.](#)

Monday 8th July: INSET Day

Tuesday 9th July: annual reports sent home.

Wednesday 10th July: [Y2 Forest School](#)

Thursday 11th July: [KS2 singing & instrumental concert 7pm in school hall.](#)

Friday 12th July: MUFTI day for colour run event. Wear old clothes if participating.

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Thursday 18th July: booking deadline for [Matt Analts summer holiday sports fun days.](#)

Tuesday 23rd July: Year 6 leavers' service, letter to follow.

Tuesday 23rd July: last day of term 6.

Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August 9-3pm: [Matt Analts summer holiday sports fun days](#) based at Saltford School.

Monday 2nd September: INSET day.

Tuesday 3rd September: INSET day.

Wednesday 4th September: back to school for children.

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.](#)

Matt Analts Summer Holiday Multi Sport Fun Days at Saltford School

This camp 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 have an enormous amount of fun! There will be plenty of competitions and prizes to be won!!

The days are open for all pupils currently in Year 2-6
Venue – Saltford Primary Playground
Dates – Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August 9-3pm.
Cost - £30 per day or £140 for all 5 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.

Typical Breakdown of a day -
8.50 – 9.10am Registration, 9.10 – Warm up games, 9.30 – First Sport, 10.30- Break, 10.45 - Gameplay 11.50 – Lunch, 12.10 Fun games, 12.40 – Second Sport 2pm – Water Break, 2.05pm – Gameplay, 2.55pm – Cool Down. (Sports will be decided on each day once Weather/Playing Surfaces have been assessed).

Please use [the booking form and payment information on this letter to parents here](#)

Please return the slip to the school office along with payment by 18th July 2024.

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 an exciting week of drama, dance and singing. Including classes in craft and prop making, the week culminates in a fully costumed show performed on the big stage for family and friends to enjoy.

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- DATES:** 25th, 26th July, 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd August
- TIMES:** 10am until 2pm
- VENUE:** Camp entrance is next to 129 Forest Road, Fishponds, BS16 3ST
- AGES:** 6 to 14 years
- PRICE:** **Early-bird:** £20 + 10% off using 'SUMMER10' (Ends 10am, 1st July)
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Childhood is too short to be spent on a smartphone...

If you agree or would like to find out more about a Smartphone Free Childhood, join the **Salford School WhatsApp Group** - simply scan the QR code below.



Smartphone Free Childhood is a parent-led movement on a mission to protect millions of children from the dangers of using smartphones too young. Visit the full website for all the details: www.smartphonefreechildhood.com.



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