

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

- End of year wishes from Mrs Sage



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saltfordschool.org.uk/news

Letters sent

[Reading books for Reception & KS1](#)

[Weather letter from Futura](#)

End of year message from Mrs Sage...

The academic year has flown by once again and it's time to look forward to the summer holidays.

We cannot thank parents enough for all of your support for our school as we have begun re-establishing normal routines. It has been particularly important to bring back the feeling of community and fun that is so important in children's school lives. The PTA has been magnificent and thoughtful in supporting the school and the children's daily experience. I thank you all, and special thanks go to longstanding members whose children are leaving this year: Anita Bignell, Amanda Hawkins, Becca Knight and Emma Willett. You have raised thousands of pounds for the school and your hard work leading on and organising events is much appreciated.

I also thank our amazing teachers and teaching assistants who have continued to be passionate about and committed to their work.

Thanks also to the wider team; our site manager, Andy Beckett, has kept the school site safe, our cleaning team managed by Lucy have done a superb and essential job and our five-star kitchen team led by Lynne have won the award but also served the children day in and day out with smiles on their faces. Our playworkers are also key to a successful and happy lunchtime for the children and we thank them for their dedication. Our office team has done a great job on keeping the school running, the communications flowing and the finances in good order.

I would also like to thank the central Futura team and my Headteacher colleagues in trust schools for their support. They have supported our school improvement journey as we continue to take advantage of new opportunities and developments. We look forward to our Year Five and Six children performing in the Futura Oratorio in September.

We know you would like to join us in wishing all the best to Mrs Morgan who will be starting her maternity leave.

We say a fond farewell to our Year 6 leavers. We have known most of them for 7 years (or more) and we are immensely proud of all of them and the way they have blossomed in that time. We wish them well in their next stages. You can read below about the special activities they have enjoyed this week (including a water fight as I write!) and I do encourage you to send them off with some applause as they take their traditional bus ride around the village this evening from 6pm. The bus route map is shown below.

Last but not least, thank you to all our fantastic children who make our lovely school what it is. You amaze and impress us on a daily basis. There are some messages from your class teachers later in the newsletter...

Do have a lovely summer holiday, cherish the fun and recharge the batteries!

Looking forward to the new academic year, there will be a recap from next week of all the information you need to know [on the news page of our website](#).

My very best wishes to all our families,
Mrs Sage.



Parental controls for online safety

Keeping your child safe online and setting controls to allow them freedom in a safe way is really important. [Please see this guide](#) to help you set up parental controls to provide your child/ren with a safer online environment. It will have to protect your children from seeing something that they shouldn't. It will take you through setting up controls on different operating systems, home internet, games consoles, social media, streaming apps, search engines and mobile phones. We hope you find this useful over the summer.



A guide to Parental Controls

What the teachers say...



FS/KS1

Bumblebee: all the class for the most amazing start to their school adventure and for letting me to be part of it with them.

Butterfly: all the class for settling into school life so well. You have had a super year in Reception and I will miss you lots.

Apple: all the class for being such an amazing group. You are all lovely and hard working. You have made me laugh every day. I will miss you all!

Pear: Mea T & Sophie T for making such super suggestions for our Pinocchio writing & the whole class for always giving 100% in our lessons. You have worked so hard this year! We will miss your smiley faces and super dance moves!!

Palm: the whole class for being so fantastic. You are such a kind, enthusiastic and hardworking group and I will miss you loads!

Cherry: thank you to the whole class for such an amazing year. You are all super stars. You work hard and make me smile every day. I'll miss you all.

KS2

Lime: thank you Lovely Limes for being such a wonderful class to teach this year. We will miss you all.

Sycamore: for being such a fantastic class – I'll miss you all lots.

Maple: all the class for all your hard work, enthusiasm and for making it a fun year to teach. I will definitely miss you all. Thank you for putting up with my 'bad' jokes!

Willow: to all the class, thank you for your spark! You have been super stars and made my year a thoroughly enjoyable one and I will miss your smiley faces!

Elm: the whole class for being my first year with 0 lockdowns. It's been a pleasure to teach you all.

Horse chestnut: well done to all the Horse Chestnuts! Thank you for your enthusiasm, kindness, hard work and lots of fun. Keep enjoying life and have lots of adventures in the summer holiday. Woohoo!

Ash: the whole class for an amazing year. We are so proud of you. Good luck!

Oak: the entire class for being a great class, you have been such good fun to teach. Your secondary schools are very lucky to be getting such amazing children. Good luck!



Forest school

Over the past term, all year groups have had a forest school experience with Tim and Jane from SG Forest School. Some year groups visited Manor Woods and some had their sessions based in the school grounds. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions with Tim and Jane. The children did lots of activities such as toasting marshmallows to make s'mores, den building, necklace making, pond dipping and playing in hammocks. They also enjoyed listening to a story around the fire. Oscar B from year 4 said he loved the forest school session and his favourite activity was den building. A huge thank you to Tim and Jane from SG Forest for leading these amazing sessions for the children.

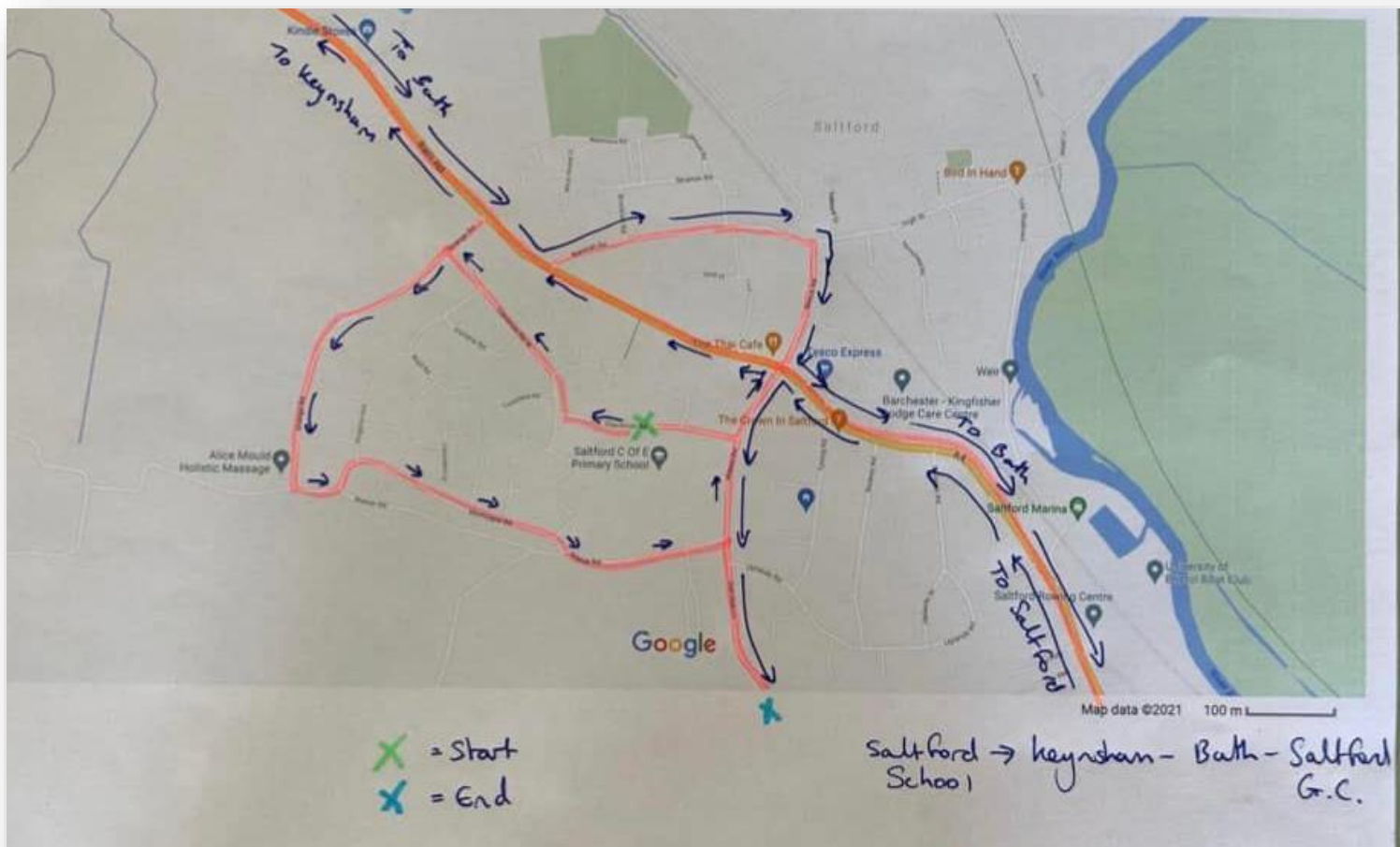


Good luck and best wishes to our Y6 leavers

It has been a school tradition to clap and cheer the Y6 leavers as they make their way around the village in an open top bus. The bus will be at the front gates of school at 5.45pm and will set off at 6pm prompt. They do the route twice to allow all the children a view from the top deck, to arrive at the Golf Club by 6.40pm. See the map pictured below.

Mr Godwin writes: last Friday, Y6 went to St Mary's Church, as one of the events to mark the end of their time at the school. The children were able to explore the church and the churchyard, and investigated a building that many of them have visited often, but to look at things they may not have noticed before. They had a brilliant time noting the features of the church, noticing the carvings and they all had great time climbing up and standing in the pulpit! Well done to all of the children for behaving so well. We say a massive thank you to Emma King for organising the visit and speaking beautifully about what Saltford means to us all, and the wonderful contribution the children have made during their last seven years here. They ended the service by writing one of the many memories that they have from their time here, which Mrs King made into a cross.

To mark their time at school, Y6 have been preparing for their leavers' service today. They have spent the past few weeks writing memories of the past seven years at the school, thinking about the teachers they have had, the trips they have been on and the amazing array of events they have had while at the school. They have thought really hard about how the experiences they have been through have shaped their time at Saltford, and how much a part of their life Saltford has become. It is always a privilege to teach Year 6 during their final year. They have had a tough couple of years, as have so many of the children at school, but have shown amazing resilience, especially when taking part in their SATs in May. We have all been impressed with how hard they have worked throughout their time here, both when working at school and at home during lockdowns, and I know that they have done everything that they possibly can to get themselves ready to start on the next stage of their lives at secondary school. I have loved seeing the fun you have had with each other and the way that you have grabbed every opportunity that was going; a brilliant attitude to have, your secondary schools will be very lucky to be getting you! We would also like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful parents, who have supported them through the challenging times of covid, and their support to the school has been valuable over the years. Please make sure you drop by and see us soon, it would be lovely to see you at Christmas and summer fairs, so we can find out how you are getting on.



We celebrate

Isla B in Bumblebees for her first Razzamataz show at the Redgrave Theatre in Clifton.

Morwenna & Elowen B in willow class for passing their British Gymnastics Proficiency level 2.



Sporting round-up

Last Friday the Bath & District Schools' annual swimming gala returned after a two-year pause and we were excited that our KS2 swimmers could participate. We are thrilled to say we came second overall. Well done to all our swimmers – we are very proud you all. See [the full report and photos in our online sports reports here](#).

Well done also to all of the children who wrote and delivered a speech for our Y6 athlete of the year award. After a very close vote, Ellouise M of Oak class and Megan W of Ash class were declared winners. Sport is a major part of school life at Saltford, so congratulations to all the children involved for taking all the opportunities that are available. Thanks to Mrs Brook and Mr Bowkett for providing the trophies and such opportunities for our children.



Do keep any eye on our [sports reports page](#) on the school website for Mrs Brook's post-match reports and pictures. They are always lively but we cannot guarantee that they will always be neutral!

Oratorio for Futura schools

On Monday, children from Y4 and 5 travelled to Bristol Grammar School and joined schools from all over the trust to rehearse for the Oratorio performance. The children have been rehearsing their part for the last few weeks in school but this was the first time they had had the opportunity to hear the whole composition put together with the orchestra, choir and other schools. It was a fantastic sound and the children sang their part brilliantly. The original plan was for a performance at the Bath Forum earlier this week but this had to be postponed because of the extreme heat. The new date is September 13th and we know the performance is going to be a real treat for those going to see it then! Hold on to any original tickets as they will still be valid in September. Thanks to Mrs Hayden and Mr George who have been leading the project and all the staff and children who have worked so hard.



Instrumental music opportunities

For those pupils who are already learning an instrument, there is great value in furthering skills by playing in an ensemble. Amongst numerous benefits, pupils have the opportunity to meet other like-minded musicians and have the opportunity to perform in concerts throughout the year.

B&NES Music Service runs a number of different Music Centres, providing access to many different types of ensemble playing, across the county. For further information on the ensembles and centres on offer, please view [B&NES ensembles brochure](#) or [see the B&NES Music Hub information online here](#).

New KS2 choir opportunity

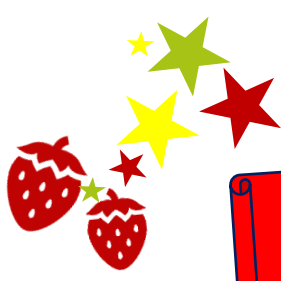
B&NES Music Service is working together with Voices for Life to form a new KS2 choir in Bath.

The choir is for ages 7-12 and will meet on Wednesdays during term time, 4.15pm-.515pm at The Church of the Ascension, Claude Avenue, Bath.

To register your child, [please complete the online registration form here](#).

B&NES Music Education Hub will be funding this choir which means that Voices for Life are asking for a small fee of £30 per term per child per term.

You can watch [a short video about Voices for Life here](#).



SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Summer reading suggestions



Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

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Join the 'Gadgeteers' for a summer of reading fun from the Summer Reading Challenge which offers FREE access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, library staff and young volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading. See <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for more details. Miss Davis and Mrs Newark also suggest [Love Reading 4 Kids](#) or [Booktrust](#) for some good book recommendations.

Sporting ideas for the holidays from Mrs Brook & Mr Bowkett

As Birmingham gears up to host this year's [Commonwealth Games](#), here are some fun activity sheets you can try at home:

- [Active activities](#)
- [Baton and music activity](#)
- [Athletes' diet](#)
- [One World, One Planet Pledge](#)

And, don't forget,

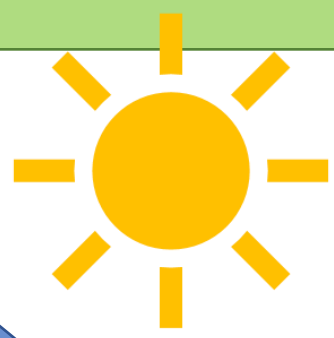
Socklympics are back!

Follow Mr Bowkett's lead by watching his video here: <https://vimeo.com/430262867>



Futura summer sports
Check out [the Wellway Sports website](#) here for lots of activities and offers over the summer holidays

Discovery card from **B&NES** gives you **free entry and offers for many local visits.**



See [our Community notices page](#) for lots of local activity ideas for children and families. There are including summer camps, sporting opportunities, cultural and simply fun choices.



DOODLE HOLIDAY CHALLENGE



This year take part in the Doodle Maths and English challenge between 1st July and 31st August. You can earn a free pin badge, an in-app badge and certificate by taking part.

First you need to register for the challenge. You can do this by [visiting the parent dashboard here](#) and press **Register for the Challenge** next to your child's name for one or both challenges.

You need to use Doodle 'little and often' and earn 750 stars (or 600 if born on or after 01/09/14) and achieve a 14-day streak on DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish by 31st August.

Once their goal is reached, claim a reward on the [Parent Dashboard](#) by selecting **Claim reward**.

DOODLE CHAMPIONS

Maths Top 3 Stars

Zach U

Austin S

Louisa

Top Class

Maple

Tables Top 3 Stars

Freddie G

Jack B

Emily P

Top Class

Maple

Spell Top 3 Stars

Austin S

Jack B

Emily P

Top Class

Pear

English Top 3 Stars

Edmund S-C

Scarlet J

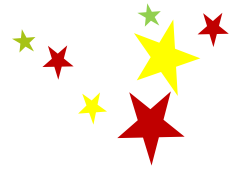
Jack B

Top Class

Maple



BACK TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER



Practical information for the return to school in September

All the information you need for a smooth start to the new school year will be posted on the [news page of the school website](#).

Here is a reminder of where to find key school information:

- [A plan of the school site from September](#)
- [Information for new starters](#) in Reception from September
- [Uniform information](#)
- [School dinners information](#) is on our website and the menu for the autumn term is [already available here](#).
- [Term dates for 2022-2023](#) on our website or [a PDF document to print and view here](#).

Quick website links

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[Join the PTA Facebook group here!](#)


[Follow us on Twitter here!](#)

[See all dates on our online calendar for parents here!](#)



Dates for your diary

[Term Dates for 2022 –2023 here](#)

Thursday 21st July: [Y6 leavers' service and celebrations](#).

Thursday 21st July: leavers' disco

Thursday 21st July: last day of term.

Monday 1st – Thursday 4th August: Up & Under [summer multi sports](#) at school.

Monday 15th – Friday 19th August: Mrs Browne's [summer theatre arts school](#).

Monday 5th September: first day back.
Monday 12th September: PTA meeting, all welcome.

Tuesday 13th September: Roald Dahl day with [special themed school dinner](#).

Tuesday 13th September: Y5 & 6 Oratorio new date

[Summer activities & more](#)

See [the Community notices page](#) for more local opportunities.

SPORTS REPORTS

