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A few words from Mrs Sage...

South West Carols: Well done to our Reception children who took part in a special Nativity event organised by South West Carols which was streamed live last weekend. If you missed this please click [here](#) to view. If you would like to view the entire Saltford part of the performance please click [here](#). Thank you to Mrs Browne and the EYFS staff for their hard work supporting this project.



The Hopeless Camel: The EYFS/ KS1 children have been working hard to practise their parts for our virtual Nativity 'The Hopeless Camel'. We will send parents the link to this before the end of term. There will be two nativities available, each starring one class from each infant year group. Well done to our Year 2 children who have led with their incredible acting but also look out for class songs, poems and dances from Year One and EYFS. Thank you to Miss Davis who wrote this nativity and to all the KS1 staff who supported the children.

Christmas around the World: Children in Key Stage 2 have been learning about [Christmas traditions around the world](#). Year 6 are your hosts on a magical Christmas journey around the world. Their incredible box of presents will transport you to Christmas traditions in a host of countries! The Year 6 children have enjoyed performing the script written by Mr Styles and will also be performing some cheery Christmas songs. Each class chose a different country and everyone has enjoyed learning a new song (in a new language in some cases) and making musical instruments to accompany their song. The performance will be available to view shortly – we will send a link. Thank you to Mr Styles who wrote the Year 6 script and to all the KS2 staff who supported their class in this production.

St Mary's Nature Advent Trail: The children have enjoyed getting out into the Secret Garden and taking part in the St Mary's Nature Advent Trail organised by Rev. Daile and our Foundation Governors. Prior to taking the trail the children watch a virtual Nativity assembly. The trail consists of 6 stations and at each station the children have the opportunity to reflect on the Nativity Story and how this can be linked with nature.

Saltford Santa Dash: Thank you to Richard Evans and the [Saltford Santa Dash](#) team for their very generous donation of Santa Hats for all our children, and for the Santa Suits for the staff! This year's virtual Santa Dash is still open for registrations until 8 pm on 19th December and you can run the virtual race any time between 5th & 19th December. Well done to all who have taken part so far.

Christmas Jumper Day: Tomorrow is Christmas Jumper Day in aid of [Save the Children](#). Children can wear their Christmas Jumper with their own clothes or a Christmas Party Outfit. Suggested donation £1 which will be collected and quarantined in a covid-secure way. We are all looking forward to our Christmas lunch and parties tomorrow. Have a lovely weekend.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS



EYFS

ED: Seth P & Fraser H – for super phonics work.

GD: Ezra P & Bella H – super dinosaur maps.

KS1

CE: Macy Q & Anna P – super snowman design for their Christmas party hats.

RH: Noah H & Niall T – for amazing writing about 'Our Imaginary Homes'.

NJ: Otilie G – thoughtful letter writing.

MN: Ayla S – very thoughtful diary account considering the bear's feelings.

KS2

CM: Rowan O – for some fantastic ideas in English.

ESST: Alex B & Verity SB – for their fantastic Christmas wooden ornament decorations.

RJ: David S – for his great understanding of what constitutes a balanced diet.

PN: Fred E – for his super contributions to our Stone Age work.

JSB: Elen D – a beautiful collaged cherry blossom.

AB: Peter W – used a range of different sentences and ambitious vocabulary in his study of the book Gorilla. Brilliant work.

NS: Fergus J – for a well planned and beautifully presented Science investigation with a scientific conclusion.

JG: Hannah TA – for excellent problem solving when using co-ordinates.

Books for Christmas

With the short days and chilly weather, Christmas is a great time to snuggle down with a good book.

Daily reading with your child, whether it is school books or books from home, has enormous benefit to your child's development. Just twenty minutes of reading every day of the Christmas break will equate to over 5 ½ hours of reading! Children will all bring their reading bags home with them over the holidays. However, school books are only the tip of the iceberg – please do let us know by recording in your child's reading record what other books they read over the festive period.

This December Libraries are offering the [Winter Mini Challenge](#) aimed at readers aged 4-14 (younger and older are welcome to join in too). This programme is totally digital and provided free from the Reading Agency.

Stuck for last minute gifts?

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/> and booksfortopic.com

have book recommendations for all ages, including extracts to download and read.

Have a wonderful Christmas break.

We celebrate

Congratulations to Oona in Class CM who has won the Keynsham Winter Festival writing competition with her story "Santa and the Penguins".

[Read more on our website here.](#)

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Salford Community Association



Please see the latest SCA newsletter [here](#) for the latest news and what's going on in the community over Christmas and into the New Year.



PTA news online

Christmas Dinner



A huge thank you to Lynne and her team of assistants who will be preparing over 400 Christmas lunches tomorrow. Also a special mention to our Playworkers, ably lead by Mrs Correna Jennings, for their support on Friday which will enable all the children to enjoy their Christmas lunch. Click [here](#) to read the menu.

Add all these dates direct to your online calendar!
[Click here](#)



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Dates for your diary

Inset Days for 2020 – 2021

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

[Term Dates for 2021 - 2022](#)

11th December: [Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Outfit Day](#). £1

donation to [Save the Children](#).

11th December: [Christmas lunch](#).

18th December: last day of term

8th January: Virtual Pantomime Day.

11th January: Virtual PTA Meeting, 7.30 pm. More information to follow.

13th January: Reception children

Height, Weight & Hearing Test.

w/c 11th January: For information on extra-curricular clubs restarting please

click [here](#).

Vacancies:

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime Playworker to join our team. For more information and application form please For more information and application form please see our website [here](#).

[Request to join the PTA Facebook page here!](#)

This week's house winners are Woodpeckers with 310!

Christmas Parties

Children from all classes will enjoy their Christmas parties tomorrow. This year, due to the bubble restrictions, children will remain in their classes and class teachers and teaching assistants will provide a wide range of Christmas themed activities and games following the Christmas lunch.

