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News page

All the latest news can be found on our website News Page

This week

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Vacancies:

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



A few words from Mrs Sage...

The children have been having a great week. All the Christmas decorations are now up – including our lovely tree and it is looking really festive.

Despite all the challenges, we are determined to have a fantastic, exciting build-up to the end of this term. Thank you for all the encouragement and appreciation that the school is receiving - we have a fantastic staff and they appreciate your understanding of the additional pressures that they are under at this busy time.



South West Carols: Children in our Reception classes were invited by Bath & Wells Church Diocese to take part in a special nativity event organised by South West Carols. Our Reception children were ready, willing and able to act out part of the nativity story to a narration. This was produced and filmed in the school hall led by Mrs Browne and the Reception teachers and staff. To read more and get a link to watch this streamed live on Saturday and Sunday please see our [news article here](#).

PTA Christmas Raffle: Thank you for your generosity in donating items for the PTA Christmas Raffle. Our usual Christmas fundraising cannot take place this year, so please support the raffle by buying raffle tickets which were sent home in book bags on Monday 30th November. We have a small number of spare raffle tickets left – if you would like another book, please e-mail the school office. Please ensure you return your stubs and money (in an envelope clearly marked for the PTA) to the classroom or school office (via the post box) by Friday 11th December. The children will bring home the prizes on the last day of this term.

Parent Voice Group: Following the meeting of our Academy Governing Committee we would like to launch a new Parent Voice Group. [This letter](#) will provide you with the details. The letter also contains the link to the electronic form to express your interest. We hope that every class has at least one if not two representatives that come forward to support our next steps, [working together](#) to keep improving our school. Your continued support - is as always - much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS



EYFS

ED: Indiana C-B & Ryan G – Super phonics in writing.

GD: George B & Sophie B – Working really hard during a writing job.

KS1

CE: Jack B – Super ideas in a discussion about animals.

RH: Carvel G-M & Florence B – For brilliant work with 3D shapes.

NJ: Milo B – Lovely pastel picture of the Hopeless Camel.

MN: Hannah S – Beautiful description of the bear, including conjunctions and commas.

KS2

CM: Sophie V – For a beautiful story map of The Jolly Postman.

ESST: Louie-Lee H & Sam B – For super investigating of arrays of multiplication.

RJ: Jessica B – For her fabulous understanding of dividing by 10.

PN: Kai T – For a fabulous stone age story full of description.

JSB: Jack S – Super understanding to break down numbers to their prime factors.

AB: Isabella G – Has designed a Russian Doll with a Christmas theme – beautifully designed and coloured.

NS: Pippa S – For a well written and beautifully presented informal diary.

JG: Luke M – For great work in writing an informal diary entry.

Parent Governor Election

Thank you very much to our parents who have sent us their governor nomination forms. We have an excellent governing body, acknowledged by Ofsted during our inspection in May 2019 as a "skilled Governing Body" led by our Chairs Richard Rowland and Megan Jackson. We recently asked for expressions of interest for the 3 vacancies for parent governors and we have had five parents who would like to stand for election. This means we must now hold a ballot. All parents have been sent statements from each of the parents who are willing to stand, together with [this document to support you in your decision making](#) about what a parent governor role actually entails. Please cast your ballot by midday on Wednesday 9th December.

Useful Covid-19 information

The "[Keeping Healthy](#)" section on our website provides up to date useful information and links.

Some useful websites:

[General Government information](#)

[Symptoms & testing](#)

[Meeting with others safely](#)

[Covid guidance for parents and carers](#)

[School operating procedures October 2020](#)



Click on the picture to read the Government's Hands Face Space campaign this autumn:

Wash your hands,
Cover your face,
Make space.

Quick links

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Letters sent this week

[KS1 Maths Competition](#)

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Saltford Community Association



Please see the latest SCA newsletter [here](#) for details of Lockdown 2 in the community, the Saltford Santa Dash, the Shoebox Appeal and other community news.



PTA news online

St Mary's Advent Trail

St Mary's Church has organised an Advent windows trail. 24 houses in Saltford will be decorated with an 'Advent' window to be opened every day between 1st and 24th December to tell the Christmas Story. The trail finishes with a special scene created by the children of Saltford School in St Mary's church on Christmas Eve. St Mary's hopes that other houses will join in with filling their windows with pictures and messages at this festive time of year. To find out more and see [the map](#) please click [here](#).

This week's house winners are Woodpeckers with 392!

Reverse Advent Calendar

This afternoon, representatives from the Keynsham Foodbank collected the donations from our [Reverse Advent Calendar](#) to take them to Keynsham Foodbank for quarantine and subsequent distribution. The idea behind the calendar was that instead of counting down to Christmas with a treat for ourselves each day, children from Saltford School would bring in a treat from home each day for 25 days. These donations will now be given to those in need over the festive period. On behalf of Keynsham Food bank Mrs Nethercott would like to thank you all for your generosity this Christmas and wish you all a very Merry Christmas when it arrives. Keynsham Food bank are very grateful to all of the parents, children and staff who participated. Thank you to Mrs Nethercott for co-ordinating our project and to all for your generosity this Christmas 2020.

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



[Click here for term dates](#)

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](#).

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](#).

Christmas button



Please click on the picture to see what is going on in school and at St Mary's Church over the festive period.

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