



Saltford
CofE Primary School

Launch Letter Term 2 • 2nd November 2023



WELCOME BACK to this new term! We hope you had a lovely break and are settling happily back into the school routine. This Launch Letter for term 2 highlights all the main themes and events of the coming term as we feel the season changing into autumn and then winter. This is a term for reflection and celebration; we will mark Remembrance Day, Children in Need, and enjoy the preparations for Christmas. We are looking forward to Friday's PTA Firework night already. You have been emailed all the details and a map for this event.

We are also looking forward to meeting parents and carers at one of the consultation evenings on **Thursday 16th & Monday 20th November**. These face-to-face appointments provide an opportunity to talk with the class teacher(s) directly and to take some time to view your child's work before going in. All parents have been emailed details of how to book and how the sessions run, along with an opportunity to book a crèche. These are recapped in this letter. Please go to <https://saltford.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book. **The deadline for booking your consultation appointment is next Wednesday 8th November at 4pm.** You will need to contact the school office to make any changes after this date.

The class pages on our website are up to date with your class letter and the relevant curriculum web that your child will be following this term.

Invitation to people looking after children with SEND: Mrs Saunders would like to invite you to come along to school from 2.30pm next Thursday (9th) for a cuppa, cake and chat. This is an opportunity to meet other parents and caregivers in a similar situation and to find out what is happening in school for your children. We are pleased to have booked a representative from the Specialist Autism Support Service to be on hand to help where needed. Please email the school office to let us know that you will be attending.

Remembrance service next Friday: on Friday 10th November, we will be holding our traditional Remembrance Day service. We are selling poppies and a choice of poppy appeal items in school. All the details of the service and the poppy appeal are on the news page of our website here.

School dinners: we are very grateful to all the families who are using our ordering system on MCAS for school lunches. Please remember to order ahead, particularly at the start of a new term. The new menu available from the start of this term is available on the school website here. Can we also please remind you that lunches must be ordered by 12 noon the day before otherwise the system will not accept your order.

Flu vaccinations for children on Tuesday 14th November – your consent is needed.

Your child's flu vaccination is now due. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. If you have not done so already, **please complete the consent form** using the following link: <https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2023/banes>

The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose. Vaccinations will take place on **Tuesday 14th November**. Information has already been shared with you, but if you have any queries, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team on **0300 247 0082** or email vcl.immunisations@nhs.net.

Monday 13th – Friday 17th November is Anti-Bullying Week: the theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week is 'Make a Noise About Bullying.' Children in all classes will be involved in anti-bullying activities in the classroom and through class assemblies. The E-team are working on an assembly for the whole school.

Monday 20th – Friday 24th November is Road Safety Week: there will be an interesting variety of activities for the children in the classroom and in assembly to raise their awareness of the importance of road safety.

Celebration of achievements: please remember that children are encouraged to share their achievements from outside school by bringing in their certificates, badges and trophies. We received a lovely email from the Salford Community Library Co-ordinator to congratulate those children who participated in this year's Summer Reading Challenge; Salford School had the most children starting and the most finishers of all the schools in B&NES.

Forest School: our Forest School project has already begun this term. During the year all classes will have three forest school sessions with Claire Pickman, a qualified Level 3 Forest School Leader who has her own Forest School company - [Yew, Me & the Trees](#). This is all funded by our PTA and we are enormously grateful for it. We aim to get out in all weathers so all children will need to wear suitable, warm clothing and bring waterproof clothing and wellies or walking boots. Many children have wellies in school so they can change into these before their session. Parents have been emailed all the details, including the dates for your year group. These are also available in the 'Key dates' section below.

School dinners ordering process: all parents have been emailed earlier this week with full information about how to order school dinners from now on. Using the MCAS system, please pre-order your child's meal choice after choosing with them. This is to avoid waste and ensure that specific dietary needs are met. The menu is up to date [on the school website here](#). Please [see our website here](#) for details of who is entitled to free school meals and how to order and pay for your child's dinners.

School uniform: please send your child to school in full uniform, including footwear and clothing that is suitable for the cold and wet weather. We request that all children have a separate pair of outdoor shoes in school that can be used at playtime and lunchtime. There are regular sales of very reasonably priced 'pre-loved' uniform at school on the same days as the cake sales. [See the dates here](#). Please note that trainers and PE hoodies are not part of the main uniform. If you are in doubt, please see the useful presentation on uniform requirements [on our website here](#).

Snacks and allergies reminder: your class letters for this term contain detailed information about our policy for healthy snacks and our requirements that, to protect those children with nut and seed allergies, nobody should send anything to school that contains nuts, lentils or sesame seeds. This includes things like houmous and Nutella. The information is also on the school website in full, [in the school notices section](#), under 'Healthy snacks' and 'Nut and seed life-threatening allergy awareness'. I would like to thank you for taking responsibility for your part in keeping all of our children healthy and safe at school.

Punctuality: please support us by making sure your child arrives at school at the correct time – all children should be in the classroom at 8:50am – arrival at 8:40am is recommended. If you drive, please consider trying [active travel](#) by parking at The Crown in the morning and finishing the journey on foot from there.

[Our website](#) is up to date and you can find our [term dates calendar](#) for this and next school year in [the Office section](#). Please [see our summary guide to communications here](#) for a reminder of the many ways we can communicate with each other. We have an open door policy and would always encourage parents and carers to contact the school directly with any concerns or suggestions.

Have a good weekend,
Mrs Sage.

We will continue to share updates and links to information on [the news page](#) of our website, in [our newsletters](#) and through our Twitter/X account [@SaltfordPrimary](#).

How you can get involved

PTA – meeting and AGM on Monday: on the 6th of November, we will be holding the annual AGM where committee members are elected. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. The PTA is made up of more people than the committee and I would encourage anyone who could offer any kind of support to the PTA to come along to one of the meetings to see what it is all about and get to know the school. Last term's school disco raised £740, the Y6 cake sale raised £208 and the last uniform sale raised 128, all thanks to PTA efforts. These sums add significantly to the year's takings and really benefit every single child in the school. I am always grateful to the PTA for the work they do in supporting the school experience. You can also keep in touch and get involved by [joining the PTA Facebook group here](#).

Parent Voice Group: the next PVG meeting will be held towards the end of Term 3. [Read all about the PVG here](#).

Volunteering: we love having volunteers in school. There are many roles a volunteer can take and help is welcomed on a regular or a one-off basis.

- Volunteer to help on a regular basis in class.
- Offer to become a [Reading Ranger \(details here\)](#) between 2.30 & 3.15pm to hear children reading and discuss their book.
- Talk to our KS2 children about your career in an assembly.
- Share your gardening skills and help look after the Secret Garden. Please call (01225 872185) or [e-mail the school office](#) if you can spare time to help the children benefit from this great resource.
- Become a Library volunteer and support our team.

See more about [what it's like to be a volunteer here](#), including [this lovely account](#) from the point of view of one parent volunteer who wrote to us about her experience.

Shopping choices: when you are buying online, please remember to check out [The Giving Machine](#) for links to the sites you would be using anyway. You can earn commission for the school funds at no extra cost to yourself. Please see our [Fundraising information here](#) for more details.

Our governing body

The school's [governing body](#) is responsible for the strategic direction of the school and for holding the Headteacher to account for the academic progress of the pupils, to name just two areas.

Our committed group of volunteers is led by Chair Paul Cummings. To find out more about the individual governors and their roles, minutes of past meetings and what it takes to be a governor, please [see our website here](#). Please also [see our meeting planner here](#) for this academic year to give you an idea of what is covered in our meetings.

This term's clubs update

Chess club for Years 1 & 2 started this week. Thank you to Miss Jacobs for offering this opportunity to our younger children.

Forest School Club will be open to Y5 and 6 this term. Parents have been emailed with all the details (see this letter for a reminder).

Tag Rugby Club on Thursdays after school has been replaced by **Up & Under Multisports Club for Years 1, 2 & 3**.

A new **Thursday lunchtime Art Club** run by Funky Art Club has also started this week.

Please check our website for up-to-date details on all clubs: www.saltfordschool.org.uk/clubs. Some of the clubs are not available all year round. If anyone is interested in running a club at the school please [contact the school office](#).

Chuckles Before and After School Club: all children who attend Saltford School are offered wrap around care provision. This means they have access to supervised before and after school care. This is run by [Tiddlers Day Nursery](#).

News

Free Cook It! courses for families in B&NES

Eating healthily and economically is so important for getting the most out of life. If you think you could benefit from these face-to-face or online courses, with support to buy the ingredients, [see more information online here](#) or check out the posters below.

Free 5 week cooking course for children and young people* aged 5-17

Learn how to make healthy recipes on a budget

Ingredients and equipment provided for f2f courses and a £30 supermarket voucher is given for online courses
*1 adult is required to attend per family

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Mon 6th Nov- Mon 4th Dec, 4-5.30pm, Oasis Church, Bath

Thurs 9th Nov- Thurs 7th Dec, 4-5.30pm, Somer Centre, Midsomer Norton

Wed 8th Nov- Wed 13th Dec, 4-5pm, online

Wed 15th Nov- 13th Dec, 4-5.30pm, Curo's Trinity Rd Community Room, Combe Down, Bath.

Well done to our Year 5 football team



Mrs Brook reports: at the end of last term, we welcomed Weston and All Saints Primary School to play our year 5 football team. We were fortunate to have a squad of 14 players for this 7 a side match which meant there were plenty of opportunities to demonstrate their skills. All of the boys were a pleasure to watch, worked well and never gave up despite facing a very strong WASPs team. James was superb in goal and saved many balls from seeing the back of the net with some incredible acrobatic skills! Tommy charged through the defence to score a fabulous goal which lifted the spirits of the whole team and the supporters on the side-lines.

Congratulations to WASPs who were worthy winners and demonstrated super sportsmanship throughout the whole match. Thank you to Mr Roberts who refereed, Mr Boyle for his leadership and all the staff who cheered on from the side.

Futura Learning Partnership

We are a Futura Learning Partnership school. You can



catch up on the Futura news by reading their monthly newsletters for parents [on our website here](#) or learn more by

visiting [the Futura website here](#).

Community news

Here are some useful links where you can keep informed about what is happening in our community:

Saltford Community Association:

www.saltfordhall.co.uk/

Saltford Parish Council:

www.saltfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/

Saltford Environment Group:

saltfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk

Saltford Sports Club:

<https://www.facebook.com/salt.fordsportsclub/>

St Mary's Church: www.stmaryssaltford.org.uk/

B&NES Council: beta.bathnes.gov.uk/

Keynsham Town Council: <http://www.keynsham-tc.gov.uk/>

Key dates

Friday 3rd November: PTA fireworks event; see email for details.

Monday 6th November 7.30pm: PTA meeting and AGM.

Wednesday 8th November: Forest School for Y2

Thursday 9th November from 2.30pm: coffee and cake afternoon with a focus on support for autism, for parents/caregivers of all children with special needs.

Friday 10th November: Remembrance service for children.

Monday 13th – Friday 17th November: Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise About Bullying.

Tuesday 14th November: [flu vaccinations for children Reception – Y6](#).

Wednesday 15th November: Forest School for Y5

Thursday 16th & Monday 20th November: parent consultation evenings.

Friday 17th November: Children in Need

Monday 20th – Friday 24th November: Road Safety Week.

Wednesday 22nd November: Forest School for Y6

Friday 24th November: [Y3 cake sale with uniform sale and book swap](#).

Wednesday 29th November: Forest School for Y3

Friday 1st December: PTA Christmas fair.

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th December mornings: Reception/KS1 Nativity performances.

Wednesday 6th December: Forest School for Y4

Thursday 7th December: the lighting of the Christmas tree at Saltford Hall for Years 5 & 6.

Friday 8th December: school Christmas dinner.

Wednesday 13th December: Forest School for Y1

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th December mornings: KS2 Christmas performances.

Friday 15th December: Christingle service.

Friday 15th December: last day of term 2.

Tuesday 2nd January 2024: INSET day

Wednesday 3rd January 2024: term 3 begins for children.

For term dates please see: www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates. All dates are on [the calendar for parents here](#).

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SEND
coffee and cake
afternoon
Thursday 9th
November
from 2:30pm

Come along and have a cup of tea or coffee, meet other parents/ caregivers and find out what is happening at our school.

A representative from the Specialist Autism Support Service (SASS) will be attending.

Please email the school office – enquires@saltfordschool.org.uk to let us know that you are able to attend.

Cook it

FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children

Join an in person or virtual group course to discover
how to make easy, healthy, budget friendly recipes.

- Free recipe booklet and links to our NEW video recipes
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Encouraging children to eat balanced meals
- Ingredients and equipment provided or funded up to £30 for virtual courses
- For families with children aged 5-17

Range of dates available:

- Mon 6th Nov - 4th Dec, Oasis Church, Bath, 4-5:30pm
- Thurs 9th Nov - 7th Dec, Somer Centre, Midsomer Norton, 4-5:30pm
- Wed 8th Nov- Wed 13th Dec, 4-5pm, online via Teams.
- Wed 15th Nov- Wed 13th Dec, 4-5.30pm, Curo's Trinity Rd Community Room, Combe Down, Bath, BA2 5AD

Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to find out more:

T: 0300 247 0050

E: BATHNES.thehub@hcrqcaregroup.com



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.