



Saltford
CofE Primary School

Launch Letter Term 4 • 22nd February 2024



WELCOME BACK to school! We hope you had a lovely half term break. This is a lovely time of year when we look forward to the extra opportunities that come with better weather and longer days. One such opportunity is Year 5 camp at Mill on the Brue which gets under way on March 26th. The children have been settling back nicely into the school routine and we are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers of Year 1 children into school this afternoon at 2.30pm for our meeting about supporting Year 1 children with their learning. I am also looking forward to meeting Y4 parents/carers for the meetings on Monday, beginning at 4.15pm, to discuss the health education curriculum and then the Year 4 camp.

This term we will be using World Book Day as inspiration to explore all that we love about reading, and British Science Week as a focus for celebrating science, technology, engineering and maths.

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. Outside school, if your child achieves something they are proud to share, please let us know so that we can also celebrate their achievements in school. They should bring their certificates, badges and trophies into school for recognition.

Play worker vacancy: we are looking for a play worker to join our fantastic lunchtime team to provide care, guidance and support for the children during the lunch break. This would include promoting and supporting play opportunities and assisting in preparation, serving and clearing of refreshments. This is a part-time position and the number of days to work is negotiable. Please see the full advert and how to apply here.

Consultation evenings: these will be taking place on Thursday 21st March and Monday 25th March this term. Please keep your eye on messages from school with booking details and deadlines. The consultation evenings for Elm class are different, because of Mrs Gordon's maternity leave, and parents have been sent this letter with all the details of the changes.

World Book Day and related activities: all the information you need to know is on our website news page here. Friday 1st March is the deadline for entering the school poetry competition. Children should give their entries to their class teacher. See the website for the guidelines and inspiration.

Dressing up day: this is on Thursday 7th March, which is World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Creative, simple and inexpensive costumes are encouraged!

Themed lunch: there is a special menu for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Please see the menu here and book your child's school lunch in the usual fashion.

Book signing and author visit: the deadline for ordering books to be signed by visiting author PG Bell is Friday 8th March. He will be coming to school on Thursday 19th March for a special assembly and some workshops.

Travelling Book Fair: the book fair will be coming to school between Thursday 14th & Wednesday 20th March. It will be available for browsing and buying between 3.15pm and 4.15pm on each of these days.

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief: this falls on Friday 15th March this year. If you would like to support this cause, children may wear their red noses to school if they have them and bring a suggested donation of £1 to school. The School Council will provide some fun activities for the children on the day. If you prefer to donate online, please see our JustGiving page here: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-saltford-cofe-primary-school. There will be a special pudding served with school lunch for that day, red nose shortbread jammie dodgers! See the menu here.

Church visits: in the approach to Easter, we will be visiting St Mary's Church in turns between Wednesday 13th and Friday 15th March. We greatly value our status as a Church of England school and our close links with

St Mary's. [Parents have received this letter](#) about the visits and if you can offer to help accompany the visit, including walking to and from St Mary's, please sign up using the links in the letter.

Bikeability for Years 3 & 4: [these sessions](#) will be taking place on Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th March. The course teaches bike handling skills through B&NES.

Could your child get Benefit-Related Free School meals? If your household earned income/take home pay is below £616.67 per month, (equivalent to £7,400 per year) and your child attends Salford school, you could be entitled to Benefit Related Free School Meals. Your household income is the figure that Universal Credit use to work out how much Universal Credit to pay you, not your actual Universal Credit payment.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1, or 2 and receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, you can also register for Benefit Related Free School Meals. We encourage you to do so because this attracts extra funding for the school. The team in the school office are happy to offer support if you would like some help with making an application. Please read the B&NES sheet later in this newsletter for more details.

School dinners ordering process: all school meals must be ordered in advance using the MCAS system. The system will only accept orders up to 12 noon the day before the meal is required. Please involve your child when making their choices from the menu. 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. The next sale will be on Friday 8th March. [See all the sale 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 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 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 a little further away from school in the morning and finishing the journey on foot.

[Our website](#) is up to date and you can find our [term dates calendar](#) for this 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: 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. The PTA events that run through the year each 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](#).

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.

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

Please refer to the timetable on our website which is always up to date with the dates of each club: www.salfordschool.org.uk/assets/uploads/documents/clubs/club%20timetable.pdf.

Please check our website for up-to-date information on all clubs: www.salfordschool.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 Salford 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](#).

Headteacher awards

Bumblebee class: Herbert D for an amazing drawing of a king and queen using a tutorial to follow.

Butterfly class: Clara G for putting so much effort into drawing your King and Queen for our Fairytale topic. What an amazing picture!

Apple class: Cameron C for careful Aboriginal art work. Well done Cam, you took a lot of care and attention over it.

Pear class: Arthur F for super aboriginal artwork that carefully followed the pattern and style of aboriginal art.

Palm class: Lily T for a fantastic information page about endangered animals. Well done Lily!

Cherry class: Leon S for a fantastic information page about endangered animals. Well done Leon!

Sycamore class: Ryan G for always being ready during lessons and always respectful. Good job Ryan!

Maple class: Charlie K for writing an interesting and informative report about the animals on Noah's ark. Well done Charlie!

Lime class: Martina B for always trying her best in every subject, especially her new reading books. Well done Martina!

Willow class: Fred A for his super interpretation of aerial photographs of a settlement in Japan in order to explain what has happened before and after a tsunami. Well done Fred!

Elm class: Zach H done to Zach for his valiant efforts in DT! He successfully learnt how to make a moving mechanical toy and it looked outstanding!

Horse chestnut class: Belle L for her fantastic contributions in maths which helped her classmates to understand how to multiply fractions. What a super mathematician you are!

Ash class: Eric W for always working hard in maths lessons and getting on to challenges.

Oak class: Thea S for showing good understanding of powerful short sentences and rhetorical questions when writing a speech.


We celebrate

Bella O, Palm class, for achieving her Water Safety Certificate 1.

Jax C, Butterfly class, for earning a Bikeability Certificate.

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:

Salford Community Association: www.salfordhall.co.uk/

Salford Parish Council: www.salfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/

Salford Environment Group: salfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk

Salford Sports Club:

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

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

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

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

Key dates

Thursday 22nd February 2.30pm: meeting for parents, [supporting your Y1 children](#).

Monday 26th February 7.30pm: PTA meeting in staffroom. All are welcome.

Monday 26th Feb 5pm: [Y4 camp and health education meeting](#)

Friday 1st March: deadline for entries for the school poetry competition. [See details here](#).

Thursday 7th March: [World Book Day and WBD dress up day](#).

Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th March 2.40 – 5.50 pm: [consultation evenings for Elm class only](#).

Friday 8th March: [Year 4 cake sale](#)

Friday 8th March: [deadline for ordering books](#) to be signed by our visiting author PG Bell.

Monday 11th – Friday 15th March: [British Science Week](#)

Wednesday 13th March: [Lifeskills Centre visit Y6](#)

Thursday 13th March: Y1 & 2 [visit to St Mary's church](#).

Thursday 14th March: Y3 & 4 [visit to St Mary's church](#).

Friday 15th March: Y5 & 6 [visit to St Mary's church](#).

Friday 15th March: [Red Nose Day](#) for Comic Relief with [special themed pudding at school dinner](#).

Friday 15th – Wednesday 20th March 3.15pm – 4.15pm: Travelling Book Fair at school.

Tuesday 19th March: [author visit to school](#)

Tuesday 19th March: [Dance Umbrella](#) for Y2 and Y6 at the Bath Forum.

Wednesday 20th March: [Y4 invasion games](#).

Thursday 21st March: consultation evening.

Friday 22nd March: PTA film night. Details to follow.

Monday 25th March: consultation evening.

Tuesday 26th – Thursday 28th March: Year 5 away on camp.

Thursday 28th March: end of term 4, Easter holiday.

Monday 15th April: beginning of term 5, summer term.

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



Bath & North East Somerset

**Violence
Reduction
Partnership**

Knife Crime Awareness Event for Parents and Carers

The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) are running a series of knife crime awareness events throughout February and March.

These events will take place in schools across the area. The first event will be held at Writhlington School on February 22nd (17.30 to 19.30), followed by Hayesfield Girls School on February 29th (18.00 to 20.00) and Cameley CEVC Primary School on March 18th (18.00 to 20.00).

The events are aimed at parents and carers who would like to know more about the dangers of knife crime or are concerned that their children are at risk. They aim to increase awareness of key issues surrounding knife crime, empowering you and your children to make informed and positive decisions to stay safe.

You will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers with lived experience who have been personally affected by knife crime. There will also be a presentation by Street Doctors followed by a panel discussion with the opportunity to ask questions.

For queries, please email VRU_Events@bathnes.gov.uk

Or book your ticket now on Eventbrite:

Writhlington School, 22nd February, 17.30 to 19.30

<https://KnifeCrimeAwareEventWrithlington.eventbrite.co.uk>

Hayesfield Girls School, 29th February, 18.00 to 20.00

<https://KnifeCrimeAwareHayesfield.eventbrite.co.uk>

Cameley Primary School, 18th March, 18.00 to 20.00

<https://KnifeCrimeAwarenessCameley.eventbrite.co.uk>

Bath & North Somerset VRP

<https://bcssp.bathnes.gov.uk/vru>



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Benefit Related Free School Meals - All School Years

**Is your household earned income/take home pay below £616.67 per month?
Is your child missing out on Benefit Related Free School Meals?**

If your household earned income/take home pay is below £616.67 per month, (which is equivalent to £7,400 per year) and your child attends a Bath & North East Somerset academy or maintained school, you could be entitled to Benefit Related Free School Meals.

Your household income is the figure that Universal Credit use to work out how much Universal Credit to pay you, **not** your actual Universal Credit payment.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1, or 2 and receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, you can also register for Benefit Related Free School Meals.

Your registration could attract Pupil Premium for your school of £1,455. Please contact the team at: freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

Please do not reapply if your child is already in receipt of Benefit Related Free School Meals.

Ways to apply:

- Online via the following link: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
- You can ask your child's school for an application form
- You can make a telephone application by calling 01225 394317. If you reach our answerphone, please leave a message and we will call you back.

For more details, please visit our website at: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Qualifying benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit **Run-on** which is **only paid for 4 weeks** after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

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