



WELCOME BACK to the final term of this school year. I hope you have all had a lovely half term break. With the focus of the current D-Day commemorations being very much on maintaining peace, our reflection tree in the library has the theme of 'praying for peace together' for this term.

There is lots to look forward to over the next couple of months when we can take advantage of the better weather and our fantastic outdoor spaces. This introduction to term six previews all the main events and themes of the coming term. The [class pages on our website](#) are up to date with your latest class letter and the relevant curriculum web that your child will be following this term.

Summer fair next Saturday 15th June

Our summer fair is soon upon us, a week on Saturday, from 12 noon – 3pm. Make a date in your diaries for this one because it's going to be a huge festival of fun and games. Please continue to support in any way you can – in these times of tightened budgets, the amount we raise directly translates into special experiences for the children. You can support right now by selling and buying raffle tickets and making your donations of soft toys & games, old keys and Olympic-themed decorations & bunting. There are boxes at the front of the school office to receive your donations. Please read on for the sign-up links and more information about the day.

Mufti Day tomorrow: on Friday 7th June, children can come to school wearing their own clothes and we would appreciate any donations of chocolates and/or bottles for the summer fair tombolas. Donations will be collected at the entrances to school. We thank you in advance for supporting the summer fair fundraising this way.

Sports day Monday 10th June

Our postponed sports day takes place on Monday. Starting times are 10am for EYFS/KS1 and 1.30pm for KS2. Parents have been sent messages containing the details and maps for the event relevant to you. [See our website news page here](#) for a reminder of the details you need to know for you and your child/ren to get the most out of sports day this year.

Swimming

We are delighted to see the pool back in action this week. Thank you to the contractors, Mr Lye and Mr Beckett for pulling out all the stops to make sure we were fully operational on time. Thank you to everyone who has made their contribution to lessons as outlined in [this letter to parents from April](#) which have allowed lessons to start. Also thanks to everyone who has signed up to help. [Sign-up links and information are still on our website here](#) if you find you have some availability, no matter how irregular.

You can check [this term's swimming timetable here](#) at any time.

Please make sure **all swimming kit is named**, and that your **children are not wearing any jewellery**.

Swimming kit should be taken home after use. The required kit is:

- A one-piece swimming costume or trunks – no bikinis
- A towel
- A swimming hat (use permanent marker to name)
- A waterproof bag to be sent in with the child's swimming kit weekly
- Goggles are not compulsory but may be worn if preferred. They must also be named.

Next PTA meeting: the next PTA meeting will be on Monday 24th June at 7.30pm in the staffroom. This is a revised date for the scheduled 10th June meeting which has been postponed to allow the PTA to concentrate on preparation for the summer fair. Every parent is always invited to come along to these meetings. I am always grateful to the PTA for the work they do in supporting the school experience, and never more so than at summer fair time when it is particularly busy.

Y5 cake sale postponed: please be advised that the Y5 cake sale that was scheduled for tomorrow, 7th, has been postponed until a new date can be found. We will let you know the date, of course, as soon as we have it.

Forest School in term 6: parents have been sent details of the Forest School sessions for this term. Please [see the letter here for a reminder](#). The dates for each year group are also included in the Dates for your diary section at the end of each weekly newsletter. See a report and photos below of the Year 3 session that has already been enjoyed this week.

Educational visits: this is traditionally the term where we can organise more visits for the children. We always strive to make sure these are good value for money and we know how valuable these experiences are for the children. Please make sure you make a note of any payment deadline so we know your child is attending and it avoids our office team having to make multiple phone calls.

Tree damage: you may have noticed that one of our new young trees has been snapped off next to the playground fence. This was planted as part of a project we undertook with B&NES during National Tree Week to enhance our green space and add pollinator-friendly plants. This is such a shame and highlights the delicacy of these young trees. We urge children playing ball games in the area to be careful around these plants and make sure they position themselves in the areas with more room for an uncontrolled ball or two. Thank you.

Musical treats: in July we will be looking forward to the FS/KS1 summer concert for parents and our traditional KS2 singing and instrumental concert which is an opportunity for those children who have voice or instrumental lessons to perform to their parents in a concert setting.

Transition time: at this time of the school year we are thinking about introducing the children to their new classrooms and teachers for September. Of course, for our Year 6 children this means transition to the secondary stage of their education also. We aim for this to be a special time for our Year 6 children, with highlights being the leavers' service and the leavers' disco on the last day of term. We also look forward to getting to know our new starters for the next school year, starting with our meeting for new parents and barbecue on 20th June.

Sun protection: children are in school at the hottest times of the day and we like to get outside as much as we can. Please make sure that your child is properly protected from the harmful effects of the sun by fully reading our sun protection policy here. Staff will not apply sun screen to any child. Children need to bring a hat/cap and can bring their own sun screen and apply it themselves; please ensure your children know how to use and apply these screens sensibly, label them clearly and ensure they are in your child's bag for their own use only.

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.

Vacancies: if you are interested in joining our team as a playworker, please contact the school on 01225 872185 to talk to us about the role. We offer flexible working arrangements and this is a term-time only position.

School dinners: the menu is up to date on MCAS and on the school website here. Please see our website here for details of who is entitled to free school meals and how to book your child's dinners.

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.

Uniform: please note that children should not be wearing a PE hoodie as part of their main uniform. If you are in doubt, please see the useful presentation on uniform requirements on our website here.

Change of footwear: we request that all children have a separate pair of outdoor shoes in school that can be used at playtime and lunchtime when children go onto the field areas. We have proper storage for the extra footwear and finds that it makes it easier and cheaper to keep the indoor classroom areas clean and well maintained.

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.

I encourage you all to participate in the Saltford Festival over the next couple of weeks. There are many highlights for children, including a children's disco at the Sports Club on 7th June, a wildlife trail for children at the Brass Mill on 8th June, a scarecrow trail around the village and a breakfast and informal songs of praise at St Mary's church on 9th June. There is lots of information about the festival from the SCA on its website here.

Have a good weekend,
Mrs Sage.

Headteacher awards

Bumblebee class: Etta O for being a brilliant speller which always shows in her work. Keep it up Etta!

Butterfly class: Rosie E for making a super flying butterfly. You were so careful when colouring and cutting it.

Apple class: Florence G for always working hard at whatever you do Flo! Amazing writing joining two sentences and focusing on your handwriting.

Pear class: Emilia A for working really hard on uplevelling your sentences and writing a great letter from Duncan as part of our work on The Day the Crayons Quit in English.

Palm class: Alfie H for working really hard on his times tables. Well done Alfie!

Cherry class: Isla B for a fantastic illustration of Nen and The Lonely Fisherman! Well done Isla!

Sycamore class: Arnaav N for behaving brilliantly during our Dojo afternoon and always sharing with others. Well done, Arnaav!

Maple class: Ben T for working well in a team during his performance of Perseus and Medusa. Well done, Ben!

Lime class: Jacob C for his super sentence work on our book, The Barnabus Project.

Willow class: Evelyn R for always being kind and considerate towards other members of the class and for being a great friend. Well done Evelyn!

Elm class: Tali C for working so hard on our recent Maths topic about shape and angles and for sharing this learning with others.

Horse chestnut classes: Henry W-G for earning his pen licence and working hard to improve his presentation. Well done Henry.

Ash class: Imogen R for always putting maximum effort into her writing work.

Oak class: Albie F for accurate work in Maths when drawing angles and straight lines to scale.

Congratulations to:

Hugo RP, Pear, End of Season Trophy for Football

Barnaby H, Pear, End of Season Trophy for Football

Hugo RP, Pear, Red award in Swimming

Emily P, Ash, 1st place Gross, 2nd place Stableford in the county girls 9 hole golf competition at Mendip Spring.

Arthur B, Pear, Keynsham Rugby Minis Player medal

Arthur B, Pear, All stars cricket medal

Arthur B, Pear, 10 metre badge

Oliver W, Pear, Keynsham Rugby Minis Player medal

Freddie W, Pear, three medals. PUMA English championship for Tawkwondo, Cricket allstars medal and Gymnastics medal.

Freddie R-L, Apple, for earning a medal for excellent participation in the Keynsham Rugby Football Club U6 season.

Louis R-P, Oscar R-P, Louis C & Harrison V, all Butterflies, for football medals won over half term.

This term's focus

- Term Six events such as the summer fair, sports day, class visits and Year Six camp.
- Working with our Green Team on our Sustainability Action Plan including a review of our pond and garden spaces.
- Continuing a whole school focus on writing.
- Working on our Travel Plan 23/24 which includes bikeability training for Year 6 and scooter training for Year 3 this term.

Continuing work on School Improvement Priorities

- Implementing our curriculum planning on relationships, sex and health education as part of the statutory guidance.

How you can get involved

PTA: to keep in touch and get involved [join the PTA Facebook group here](#). The next PTA meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 24th June** in the staffroom. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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.
- 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 [email the school office](#) if you can spare time to help the children benefit from this great resource.

- Working with curriculum leaders to develop their subject leadership roles and assessment in their subjects.
- Reviewing our schemes of work and medium-term planning in line with the Futura Curriculum. Find more detail on [the Curriculum page of our website](#).
- Our [weekly newsletter](#) will provide updates and links to information on our website. We will also continue to Tweet about life in our school [@SaltfordPrimary](#).

- 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

We are proud to offer a large range of extra-curricular clubs. Extra-curricular activities play a large part in the life of our pupils. The whole variety of sporting clubs includes football, tag rugby, basketball, cricket, netball and gymnastics. We also have a STEM club, art club, sewing club and recorder club. If your child is interested in learning a new language, Spanish club runs at lunchtime on Monday and Tuesday. For pupils who would like to learn to dance, Danni runs the dance club on Monday after school.

Some of the clubs we offer at Saltford Primary School are not available all year round so please check the website for details: www.saltfordschool.org.uk/clubs. The [current club timetable is also online here](#).

Thank you to Mrs Bond for running KS2 chess club this term. Thank you also to Miss Jacobs and Mrs Jones who have previously volunteered to provide this club.

Choir takes place on Wednesday lunchtimes for KS2. Years 5 & 6 are taken by Miss Benton and Years 3 & 4 by Mr George.

Coding club is run this term by Mrs White from this Friday lunchtime for Year 1.

If anyone is interested in running a club at the school please [contact the school office](#). For further information about all the clubs that run here please [see our school website](#).

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](#).

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/>

Coming up this term...

Summer fair on Saturday 15th June 12 – 3pm

The preparation evening is on Tuesday 11th June at 7pm. All families have received [the summer fair newsletter](#). Please do take a good look and support it in whichever way you can. Please use the following links to sign up to help on the day. Most slots are for 45 minutes only.

Reception class Bumblebee: volunteersignup.org/F47WW

Reception class Butterfly: volunteersignup.org/CH9ME

Y1 Apple & Pear: volunteersignup.org/4944F

Y2 Palm: volunteersignup.org/TC3BX

Y2 Cherry: volunteersignup.org/MMDJL

Y3 Sycamore: volunteersignup.org/43HAE

Y3 Maple: volunteersignup.org/PR4LR

Y4 Lime & Willow: volunteersignup.org/EP8EL

Y5 Elm: volunteersignup.org/LKPDE

Y5 Horse Chestnut: volunteersignup.org/PXJLJ

Y6 Oak & Ash: volunteersignup.org/XR47T

All: volunteersignup.org/BM4BK

All: volunteersignup.org/8KT3R

All: volunteersignup.org/9J8RA

Face painting: <https://volunteersignup.org/W8DCE>

Fantastic raffle prizes

There really are some superb prizes on offer in this year's raffle. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book. If you need more tickets to sell or buy, please ask at Reception. Who wouldn't want to win a brand new iPad or vouchers worth £100s for local attractions, restaurants, shops and services?

Remember to return your stubs to the office before Friday 14th June. More tickets will be on sale during the fair.

Donations needed

There are boxes at the front of the school Reception for your donations of used soft toys, children's games, old keys and Olympic-themed decorations & bunting. What a good time for a clear-out!

Get set, bake!

Children can let their creativity run wild for the Bake-Off 2024 competition along the Olympic theme. [See the school website for details](#). Categories are:

- Reception – Biscuits
- Years 1 – 2 Cupcakes
- Years 3 – 4 Tray Bake
- Years 5 – 6 Celebration Cake

Or bake to sell; cakes for the tea room are requested for Friday 14th June

All cakes sell really well in our tea room; we are grateful for home-made or shop-bought donations which should be brought to school on Friday 14th June.

School news reports...

Wellsway Striking and Fielding Festival

Well done to all the Y6 children who went to the Striking and Fielding Festival on Wednesday at Keynsham Cricket Club. The children had the opportunity to take part in a variety of games, led by the sports ambassadors from Wellsway school. Amongst other games, they took part in rounders, diamond cricket, and kwik cricket. We felt that the children represented the school brilliantly and were very enthusiastic when taking part. It also gave them the benefit of working with Y6 children from other local schools, which will build their confidence when moving onto secondary school. Thank you to all the staff who escorted the children to and from Keynsham and Mrs Burston, James Burston and the students from Wellsway who made this such a successful afternoon.

EYFS visit St Mary's in Saltford

St Mary's Church welcomed our EYFS children for a special visit this week. To support our RE focus on special places, Rev. Nigel told the children about six key features of the church and what they mean to Christians. The children were able to explore the church building, drawing these areas and discussing their uses. The children also had the opportunity to 'grill the vicar' to ask him about his work in the community and what is special to him. We are very grateful to Rev. Nigel for the time he gave us and to the parents who volunteered, ensuring we could run this visit.



We went Greek

Years 3 & 4 were transported back to Ancient Greece on Tuesday. They spent the day enjoying all things Greek, experiencing lots of enriching activities such as food tasting, learning all about Greek mythology and creating their own 'Greek' vases. We all had a great time. Thank you to Mrs Nethercott and the Y3 & 4 staff for arranging this interesting opportunity.

Netball match for Year 6

On Tuesday, Year 6 girls took part in a friendly match against Bathwick St Mary's. We had 2 teams and all played with enthusiasm and good team play. They rotated around so all girls from both schools played each other. It was a lovely afternoon and great to see so many participating. Many thanks to Mrs Hathaway and to the parents who came to support. Mrs Hathaway gives a special thank you to Roya H who played for the Bathwick team as they were a person down.

Forest school for Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed another session of Forest School this week. They warmed up in the slightly colder weather with some chaos tag, before tackling den building, slack lining, print making and nature crafts. They also had the chance to practise mindfulness while in nature. Thanks to Mrs Morgan for organising and Claire for running the amazing sessions.



Dates for your diary

Friday 7th June: MUFTI day. Own clothes to be worn in exchange for donations of bottles and/or chocolates for summer fair tombolas.

Friday 7th June: [Y5 WEEE workshop](#).

Friday 7th June postponed: [Y5 cake sale. Plus PTA uniform sale and book swap](#). As this is so close to the summer fair, it has been postponed until July. The new date will be confirmed ASAP.

Friday 7th June: payment deadline for [EYFS visit to The Matthew](#).

Friday 7th June: [Y5 WEE workshop](#)

Monday 10th June: [rescheduled sports day](#).

Monday 10th June postponed: PTA meeting. Rescheduled to Monday 24th June.

Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th June: Y6 Bikeability.

Wednesday 12th June: [Y6 Forest School](#).

Thursday 13th June: [Y6 leavers visit to Bath Abbey](#).

Sat 15th June 12 – 3pm: [PTA summer fair](#).

Monday 17th – Friday 21st June: Y6 camp in Okehampton.

Wednesday 19th June: [Y1 Forest School](#)

Thursday 20th June: [Y3 visit to Bristol Museum](#).

Thursday 20th June 5pm: welcome meeting for new Reception parents.

Monday 24th June 7.30pm: PTA meeting (rescheduled) in staff room. All welcome.

Wednesday 26th June: [Y4 Forest School](#)

Thursday 27th June: [Reception trip on The Matthew](#).

Monday 1st July 5pm: meeting for parents for new Y3 class.

Wednesday 3rd July: [Y5 Forest School](#)

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th July: FS/KS1 summer concert. Letter to follow.

Monday 8th July: INSET Day (Futura Conference)

Wednesday 10th July: [Y2 Forest School](#)

Thursday 11th July: [KS2 singing & instrumental concert 7pm in school hall](#).

Tuesday 23rd July: last day of term 6.

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