



WELCOME BACK to our new term! Here is our Launch Letter for term two that gives you a preview of all that will be happening this term. This is an exciting and varied term, including Remembrance day, Children in Need, and odd socks against bullying, all in the lead-up to Christmas. Newsletters will be back in the usual format next week, sent out each Thursday by email.

We are looking forward to tomorrow's PTA firework display. Tickets have now sold out. This is a highly enjoyable event and we are sure it will cheer up the November night. I'm sure many of you will be looking forward to bonfire night celebrations over the weekend. Please enjoy them safely, and remind yourself of these Bonfire night safety tips from Avon Fire & Rescue.

Our website is up to date and you can find our term dates calendar under the Office. Please see our communications poster here for a reminder of the many ways we can communicate with each other.

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 8:45am is recommended and please do space out at your pick up and drop off points. Please read this useful document that outlines pick up and drop off arrangements by year group. If you drive, do consider active travel by parking at The Crown in the morning and walking in.

Uniform: please send your child in full school uniform including footwear. A useful presentation showing our uniform requirements can be found on our website here.

Enjoy the rest of your week,
Mrs Sage.

News

We hope you have had a lovely half term break and have enjoyed our first week back at school.

Covid update for term 2: we still need to continue to be extremely vigilant with our control measures as we have since March 2020. All parents have received this important Covid update from B&NES Public Health. It covers current advice on Covid rates in our area, recommended safety practices, symptoms, PCR and lateral flow testing, vaccinations, and information about flu also. We will continue in school with all the safety procedures that are now well-established and I know you will support us in this matter. Please **remember not to send your child to school if they have any of the symptoms of Covid**. The following document outlines our contingency planning at a glance and how procedures have to change for pupils and staff in the case of escalating Covid numbers in school or in the community: Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan Sept 2021.

Flu vaccines for children: the nursing team has let us know that the planned flu vaccines have had to be postponed. They will now take place on **Monday 10th Jan**. Consent forms will be sent to parents in good time.

Consultation evenings: these take place on Thursday 18th and Monday 22nd November. All parents have received information about the format and how to book; all the information is also on our website here. If you were unable to book before the system closed, please contact the school office to arrange your appointment. This term's events: please read on for more detail on our plans for Remembrance and the poppy appeal, Anti-Bullying week, our Futura launch ceremony and our Christmas preview.

This term's focus

- School Council will be leading our Children in Need fundraising event on Friday 19th November. Children are allowed to wear spots or merchandise with their own clothes and bring in a £1 donation.
- Electing our PTA committee at our AGM on Monday 8th November on Zoom – all are welcome.
- Whole-school activities as part of national anti-bullying week beginning Monday 15th November.
- Holding our virtual consultation evenings on the 18th & 22nd November. All information is on our website here.

Continuing work on our School Improvement Priorities

- Implementing our curriculum planning on relationships, sex and health education as part of the new statutory guidance.
 - Working with curriculum leaders to develop their subject leadership roles.
 - Implementing new schemes of work in RE (Discovery RE) and PE (Complete PE).
- 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.

How you can get involved

PTA: the next PTA meeting is our AGM which will be held at 7.30pm via Zoom on **Monday 8th November**. ALL ARE WELCOME. *If you would like to put yourself forward to stand as a PTA committee member during the coming year, please email Mrs Sage by tomorrow, Friday 5th November, also copying Ali Williams, PTA Secretary using the email address pta@salfordschool.org.uk.*

To keep in touch and get involved [join the PTA Facebook group here](#). Please also continue to support PTA events such as the regular cake and uniform sales as they have a direct impact on your child's school experience.

Volunteering: we love having volunteers in school and there are so many roles you could take. At the moment these are all subject to our COVID visitor protocols which include taking a lateral flow test.

- Volunteer to help on a regular basis in class.
- Share your gardening skills and help look after the Secret Garden. Please call (01225 872185) or e-mail the school office (<mailto:contactus@salfordschool.org.uk>) if you can spare time to help all the children get the maximum 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 information.

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. To find out what is covered in governors' meetings, please follow [this link to this year's meeting planner](#) with details for each term.

Parent Voice Group

With parent representatives from each class, **the Parent Voice Group (PVG)** is an important means of communication between school and families. See [the PVG section of our website here](#) to see how it works, who your representative is and how you could become part of it. The rescheduled PVG meeting from last term will be taking place over Zoom this evening. You will be able to see the minutes [on the school website here](#).

This term's clubs

At Salford School we are pleased to be able to offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. The [clubs section](#) of our website provides full details of all the clubs we offer.

All clubs have their own Covid operating procedures
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](#).

Community news November & December

[Our Community notices page](#) is regularly updated with information from outside organisations that we think families might find useful. This can range from support for families to school holiday clubs and seasonal activities. Recent additions include:

- [Salford Santa Dash](#)
- [Christmas cricket camp from Keynsham Cricket Club](#)
- [Family-friendly Christmas activities in Bath](#)

We also keep in touch with [Salford Community Association](#) to pass on any news that might be of particular interest to families with school-age children.

Remembrance and poppy appeal

On Thursday 11th November the whole school will mark Remembrance Day with a live video assembly in our classrooms. We will also all go outside to observe a minute's silence at 11am. Mrs May will play the Last Post before we fall silent and she will mark the end of the silence by playing the Reveille.

In their classes, children will learn about Remembrance Day, why people wear poppies in November and why we are observing the silence. Remembrance can bring people of all ages and backgrounds together to reflect upon the service of the Armed Forces and join together in hoping for a peaceful future. We are supporting the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal in school all week. [See details here](#) of available items and suggested donations.



National Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying week will be taking place between Monday 15th and Friday 19th November. We are asking children to come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 15th to show their support for this important campaign. This year's theme is 'one kind word'. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. One of the reasons that 'one kind word' has been chosen is that the isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of



the people around us.

All classes will be participating in activities and discussions about bullying and thinking about ways to stop bullying from happening. All the children at Saltford School regularly discuss bullying in their classes throughout the year but the purpose of this week is to raise its profile even more. In class we look at different types of bullying, how to help if you think someone is being bullied or what to do if you think you are being bullied.

There are lots of useful resources online for parents with regard to Anti-Bullying. The Anti-Bullying Alliance has a particularly useful parent and carer pack which you can find here: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>.

Futura launch ceremony at Saltford



Our Futura launch ceremony will take place at school on Friday 19th November. Local councillors Duncan Hounsell and Alistair Singleton are invited as guests of honour, and they will be joined by representatives from the children, staff and Futura Learning Partnership. There will be a short service in the hall with singing from Y2 and Y5. Our school council and Mrs Arlidge will speak.

Guests and school council representatives will plant an oak tree and a time capsule at the front of school in a short ceremony, followed by refreshments.

Mrs Spincer worked with the school council to come up with the contents of our Saltford time capsule. Our "Saltford Stood Together" badge was included, as a symbol of the collaboration of the whole school community during 2021. Each child has confided their hopes and dreams for the future on slips of paper which should be an interesting read when our time capsule is unearthed in 2041.

Each of the schools in the Futura Learning Partnership has an individual improvement strategy, based on the 'Futura Way', to ensure consistency across the trust. This approach means that Saltford children can benefit from the expertise, opportunities and support afforded by being part of a larger organisation.

You can see the 'Introducing Futura Learning Partnership on YouTube here: <https://youtu.be/x32HYoM1zOg>

Christmas is coming...

We are already planning Christmas celebrations at school. Our hope is that we will be able to put sufficient COVID safety measures into place to allow us to invite parents in to school to share in the celebrations. However, all plans are necessarily subject to change depending on the number of COVID cases in school and in the community at the time. We will soon be sharing more details of individual events, how to obtain tickets where required, and how you can get involved.

For now, the important dates are previewed here:

- FS/KS1 Nativity at school 9.15am on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December
- Year 6 performance at the Lighting of the Christmas Tree event at Saltford Hall Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm
- School Christmas dinner on Friday 10th December. See the [special menu here](#)
- Year 3 – 5 Christingle service at school Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th December at 9.15am.



Key dates

All dates are on the [online calendar for parents here](#)

From Tuesday 2nd November: poppies and other items on sale at school

Thurs 4th Nov 7pm: rescheduled Parent Voice Group (PVG) via Zoom

Fri 5th Nov: PTA bonfire night event

Monday 8th November: PTA AGM, all welcome

Thursday 11th November: Remembrance service at school

Thursday 18th & Monday 22nd November: consultation evenings

Friday 19th November: Children in Need – please wear something spotty or Pudsey-themed accessories with your own clothes and bring in a £1 donation

Friday 26th November: Y3 cake sale outside Y4 classrooms

Friday 26th November 3.15pm: uniform sale, venue to be confirmed

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th December 9.15am: FS/KS1 Nativity at school

Thursday 9th December 7.30pm: Lighting of the Christmas tree at Saltford Hall featuring Y6 performance

Friday 10th December: Christmas lunch

Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th December 9.15am: Y3 – 5 Christingle service at school

Friday 17th December: end of term 2

Tuesday 4th January: beginning of term 3

Monday 10th January: flu vaccines for children.

Please note T6 now ends on Thurs 21st July. This is because the DfE has asked schools to adjust their term dates because of the extra bank holiday for the Queen's platinum jubilee falling in a school holiday. All information is up to date on our website: www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates.