



Issue no. 13 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

# Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter

## This week

- Thank you
- Lighting of Christmas tree
- Christingle
- Santa visits
- Christmas lunch & parties
- PTA raffle
- New year



All the latest news is on our website:  
[saltfordschool.org.uk/news](http://saltfordschool.org.uk/news)



[Click here for all our Christmas news!](#)



## A few words from Mrs Sage...



A huge thank you to our children, staff, governors and parents for an amazing term. It has been another challenging year and the support from our community is much appreciated - Saltford is a very special school.

**Performances:** I have really enjoyed attending all our Christmas performances and it has been lovely to have parents joining us for these, both in person and via the live stream. Parents have been sent the information to allow you to see the film of the Nativity. There are reports and pictures below of the Lighting of The Christmas Tree and the Christingle performances.

**Christmas celebrations:** the children have had a very exciting build up to the Christmas holiday. What excitement there was at school today as Santa turned up to visit us, calling in to each classroom with gifts for the children. They also enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner last Friday, pictures below, followed by their class parties.

**Mufti day and PTA Christmas raffle prize draw:** thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser so generously by sending hamper donations on mufti day and buying and selling tickets. The raffle has been a huge success and many winners will be enjoying the results over the festive season. Thanks to Amanda Hawkins and all the other PTA members who gave their time to organise and promote the raffle, sort donations and pack the hampers.

**New year:** thank you for your support on all of Covid safety measures which have helped this term to keep our children and families safe. We would advise that all children take a lateral flow test on Monday 3rd January, prior to returning to school on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Of course, we have [the panto](#) to look forward to on Friday of our first week back. After Christmas [the news page on our website](#) will be updated to give you information about and links to everything you need to know for a smooth and secure start to the new term. In the meantime, you still have time to catch Santa on his sleigh tour around Saltford. He will be out tonight and tomorrow; see [this SCA Facebook post](#) for maps and info.

My very best wishes to everyone for a merry, healthy and peaceful Christmas,

Mrs Sage.



## Christingle performance

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Years 3, 4 & 5 took part in their Christingle service which they were able to perform in front of an audience. The service was also 'live' streamed. Each year group recited a poem and then performed a song about Christmas. During the service, the children also lit Christingle candles, sang carols, listened to readings and prayers (which were read out by children in Year 5) and gave thanks to God for the birth of Jesus and for the gift of life. They were also able to reflect and think about all those people less fortunate than themselves at this time. Well done to all of Year 3, 4 & 5 for performing their songs/poems so beautifully and to the children from each year group who read so well. Thank you to all the staff for organising such a lovely concert - including Mrs Nethercott and Mr Jenkins who led on this event.

There are some lovely photos below on the "School Snapshot" page.

## Y6 at the Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Y6 gave a stunning performance last Thursday at the local Lighting of the Christmas Tree event, in conjunction with the village choir.



## Christmaths

Children across the school took part in a Maths Day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December, along with many other schools in the south west of England. During this day, children had to solve a range of Christmas themed puzzles to arrive at a final answer. In KS1, the activities included using more than and less than, finding digits between other numbers and doubling. In KS2 the activities included using prime numbers; odd and even numbers; square numbers and understanding different words for add, subtract, divide and multiply, along with using many other mathematical terms. Children took part in a Teams guided session led by outside teachers and then were given activities to complete for the rest of the session. We were very impressed with our children's ability to work through a problem and they showed a great deal of perseverance (especially when coping with technology problems!) Sometimes they worked independently and sometimes as a member of a small group or with an adult. Well done children for your hard work! Thank you to Mr Godwin for organising this opportunity for our children.

## Tree gift thanks

We would like to thank Aimee P from Willow class and her family for their kind donation of a rowan tree for Saltford School.

The tree is part of a special initiative "The Queen's Green Canopy" to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will be working with the Green Team to find a place on the school grounds to plant the tree.

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

### KS1

**Bumblebee:** Harry F for a brilliant Christmas candle.

**Butterfly:** Lorenz L for always working so hard in phonics.

**Apple:** Flora C for a beautiful description of her imaginary home.

**Pear:** Mea T for fantastic writing about the Nativity story.

**Palm:** Isla H for making a beautiful Victorian style Christmas card.

**Cherry:** Ellis M for working so hard on your Nativity Story Map and talking about the story in detail.

### KS2

**Lime:** Ayla S for a beautiful collage Christmas Card.

**Sycamore:** Alice B-B for beautiful singing in our Christingle service.

**Maple:** May H for working so hard with her Maths test this term and for always trying her absolute best. Well done!

**Willow:** Robyn H for her thoughtful work on the Christingle and what it means to Christians.

**Elm:** Charlotte T for great reading when introducing our year group song.

**Horse chestnut:** Jess B for great reading when introducing the song and poem for the concert.

**Ash:** Jack S for a super character diary entry based on The Tempest.

**Oak:** Isabella G for a good fact file about some of the main characters in The Tempest.



## We celebrate

Lilia D from Sycamore class for being named 'Gymnast of the day' by Baskervilles.

David S and Kimi W, both from Horse Chestnut class, for coming first and second in the Jack Robins Archery Competition in Keynsham. Both were representing 1st Salford cubs.



## Aladdin panto at school

The whole school will be watching a recorded version of 'Aladdin' at school within each child's class. We shall be watching this on Friday 7th January 2022. This is from Eva Long Productions.

This continues our school annual tradition of joining in with a pantomime or show in Term Three. This is a great experience that the children always enjoy, it also links well with our lessons on play scripts and drama. This will take place within the school day.

On this day, children are invited to come in fancy dress of their choice or dressed in their own clothes. There will be a costume competition for each year with a prize for the 'Best Dame' and 'Best of the Rest'.

## Quick links

[News](#)  
[The Office](#)  
[Curriculum](#)  
[Children](#)  
[Classes](#)  
[Our community](#)  
[Community notices](#)  
[Key information](#)  
[Christmas 2021](#)

## Letters sent

[Year 6 Transition letter](#)



## Santa's flying visits on Monday and Thursday

The Salford Community Association had kindly arranged for Santa to drop into School with his sleigh on Monday. The younger children lined up to see him on the playground and the excitement was clear to see and hear!

This raised £128.25 for the SCA's chosen charity this year which is [Mencap](#). The Community Association sends heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed.

On Thursday, thanks to the PTA and the support of parents, every child in school got to see Santa in their classroom and receive a gift. It has been a magical way to end the term and to celebrate all the joyful things about this time of year.



## Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CHRISTMAS IS ON OUR CHRISTMAS PAGE HERE**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** end of T2

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January:** first day of T3  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January:** 'Aladdin' at school. [Details in this letter](#).

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January:** [flu vaccines](#)

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January:** census day

*Remember the Doodle Winter Challenge through the holiday.*

**NB: T6 ends on Thurs 21st July.**

### Community Christmas dates

See [our Community notices page](#) for activities on offer locally over Christmas. These include sports holiday camps and creative, fun events.

### Community Association news

All the up-to-date news is on the [SCA Facebook page here](#) or the [SCA website here](#).



## THIS TERM'S DOODLE CHAMPIONS

### doodle**tables**

#### Top 3 Stars

Mila J – Cherry  
Jack B – Sycamore  
Oliver G – Pear

#### Top Class

Cherry

#### Top 3 Stars

Isla B – Bumblebees  
Oliver B – Butterflies  
Sam A – Ash

#### Top Class

Sycamore

### doodle**spell**

#### Top 3 Stars

Lily B – Oak  
Oliver G – Pear  
Mila J – Cherry

#### Top Class

Oak

### doodle**english**

#### Top 3 Stars

Mila J – Cherry  
Oliver G – Pear  
Lily B – Oak

#### Top Class

Cherry

# SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

