

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

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- SCAN magazine
- Mini Santa Dash
- Emergency school closure
- Dogs on site
- Consultation evenings
- Children in need



All the latest news is on our website:
saltfordschool.org.uk/news

A few words from Mrs Sage...



I would like to thank all those parents who engaged with the access afternoons by coming into school to be shown some of the lovely work by the children themselves. If you were unable to attend at those times, please arrange an alternative by liaising with the class teacher, either in person or by [emailing the school](#). It was great to see many items of interest to families in the latest SCAN newsletter from the Saltford Community Association. For those who live outside the village and may not receive a copy through your door, you can see it [on the SCA website here](#). The [SCA Facebook page](#) is also up to date with news of events and local opportunities for children.

Mini Santa Dash: one of the forthcoming Christmas events that your children might be interested in is the Santa Dash for children on Sunday 5th December. Anyone under 12 years old is welcome on the 1 mile "mini" Dash and families can also join in with the associated scarecrow trail. For details and to join in, see [the Santa Dash website](#).

Emergency school closure: as the weather forecast worsens, we would remind parents that our procedures in the event of a school closure are on [The office section of the school website](#), in **School notices, Closure of school**. Please make sure you notify the school of any changes to your mobile number, as school will contact parents by text and post an update on the website news page if the school should have to close.

Dogs on site: the number of dogs around the school site was raised as a concern in the recent [PVG](#) meeting, so I would remind everyone that we do not allow dogs on site, including those being carried. We also ask that dogs are not left tied to our school gates as there are often large numbers of people in these areas and it is distressing for the dogs to be left on their own, often barking. Please contact the school office with any concerns.

Consultation evenings: we are looking forward to the first of our consultation evenings over School Cloud today. If, for any reason, we cannot connect, class teachers will call you on the number provided. Please note that this will show as a withheld number. We are also looking forward to seeing the children come to school tomorrow showing their support for [Children in Need](#). They are welcome to wear something spotty or Pudsey-themed, with their own clothes, in exchange for a £1 donation to this good cause.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

KS1

- Bumblebee:** Tilly M & Yasmin R for amazing helicopter pictures inspired by our visit from the Great Western Air Ambulance.
- Butterfly:** Max D & Samuel W for really careful writing about a dinosaur! Great factfiles.
- Apple:** Joss S for a brilliant understanding of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores when categorising animals.
- Pear:** Jade D & JJ P for working really well together when sequencing the story of 'The Train Ride'.
- Palm:** Sofia F for super science work sorting food into different food groups.
- Cherry:** Piper-Willow L for really thoughtful writing, describing the Savannah in the morning and evening.

KS2

- Lime:** Sienna O'B & Owen G for great cooperation planning a route through the Magic Kingdom in Florida in Geography.
- Sycamore:** Summer-Louise K for always being a kind and helpful member of the class.
- Maple:** Osian L for his super effort at working out where the Megacities are located around the world. Well done!
- Willow:** Jacob & Imogen R for their super home learning whilst they were away from school.
- Elm:** Harry K for super researching skills using a variety of primary and secondary resources in History.
- Horse chestnut:** Joshie K for his dedicated effort to improve his handwriting this week. Your pen licence is imminent Joshie.
- Ash:** Seb G for showing a good understanding of solubility in Science.
- Oak:** Sofia A for good understanding of controlling variables when conducting a science experiment on solubility.

Cross country event

Mrs Brook & Mr Bowkett took 22 hopeful runners to the B&NES schools cross country competition. In the Y5 boys' race, Harry and Fred got us off to a flying start, staying in the front pack throughout. Harry came home in gold medal position and Fred narrowly missed a podium place, coming home an incredible 4th! The Y5 girls' team made an incredible start with Souad sprinting to lead the race from start to finish and claim the gold. With an amazing sprint finish, Nicole was next over the line from Saltford to claim bronze. Y6 boys were up next and they did not disappoint; William bided his time in 2nd through the race and then powered through to finish 1st. With the pressure firmly on the Y6 girls to complete the set of golds, they made a controlled start with the whole team running in a tight pack and encouraging each other as they started to move away from the rest of the field. They all finished very strongly, with a top 4 to Saltford: well done Megan, Ava, Lila and Amelia who finished 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively. Everybody ran brilliantly showing great resilience. A special thank you to Mr Burston, Miss Wilson and Mr Banahan for organising and hosting us. Please see our happy photos below.

We celebrate

Former pupil **Billy Tucker** who has been selected to play the lead part of Fritz in The Royal Ballet's production of The Nutcracker at the Royal Opera House this Christmas from 23rd Nov to 8th Jan. Only 3 children from the school are selected for this role. He has done radio interviews, appeared in The Bath Chronicle and is also being filmed on Saturday for ITV news which should go out on Monday. Well done to Billy and his supportive family. We are always pleased to hear about our former pupils' progress.

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Letters sent

Lighting of the Christmas tree for Y6

Response due Mon 29th Nov

Year 1 Costume letter

Response due Mon 29th Nov

EYFS Costume letter

Response due Mon 29th Nov

Esme's fundraising

Esmè from Apple class did a fantastic 2km park run with her cousins last weekend (picture below), in memory of her grandad who passed away aged 56 from a condition called Fabry. She got a PB of 13 minutes and 27 seconds, aiming to raise funds and awareness for the [MPS society](#) which supports people affected by Mucopolysaccharide diseases and related conditions like Fabry. This was the second of 59 events to raise money for the charity. If you would like to support the family's fundraising effort, go to justgiving.com/fundraising/steven-gill7

See all dates on our [online calendar for parents here!](#)

Anti-bullying week

This week started with everyone attending school in odd socks (pictures below) and some classes designing their own odd socks! Many of us have listened to Andy and the Odd Socks perform 'One Kind Word' and enjoyed singing along! We learnt lots with Mrs King in our Monday assembly about anti-bullying also. EYFS and KS1 have focussed on kindness and had lots of discussions in class about what kindness is and how we can be kinder to one another. Some classes also played games about belonging and kindness. KS2 watched a live PSHE lesson from the BBC all about anti-bullying and designed anti-bullying posters. Some classes focussed on the positives by creating a kindness box, writing down something kind someone had done for them and then sharing with the class. What a lovely idea to share the kindness!



Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)

Thursday 18th & Monday 22nd November: [consultation evenings](#)
Friday 19th November: [Children in Need](#) – please wear something spotty or Pudsey-themed 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
Thursday 9th December 7.30pm: Y6 Lighting of the Christmas tree at Saltford Hall.
Friday 10th Dec: [Christmas lunch](#)

Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th December 9.15am: Y3 – 5 Christingle service at school
Friday 17th December: end of T2
Tuesday 4th January: first day of T3
Monday 10th January: flu vaccines
NB: T6 ends on Thurs 21st July.
[OUR CHRISTMAS PAGE IS NOW LIVE](#)

Community dates

Saturday 20th November: [Bath City FC community day](#) – entry by donation.
27th November - 5th December: Saltford [Christmas scarecrow trail](#) in conjunction with the [Santa Dash](#)
See [our community notices page](#) for other opportunities.

 Join the PTA Facebook group here!



SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

