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Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter

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204 points

Woodpeckers are house winners!

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



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

A few words from Mrs Sage...

I'm very much looking forward to the Lighting of the Christmas Tree at Saltford Hall this evening. Year 6 are well rehearsed and in good voice so I'm sure we are in for a treat. You can have a preview of the SCA's [order of service here](#). There is so much going on as we near the end of term. Our Christmas news page has all the details in order of events saltfordschool.org.uk/christmas-2021.



FS/KS1 Nativity: it was delightful to see the corridors full of angels, shepherds and sheep at the beginning of the week. Please see below for a full report and lots of pictures.

Role models for all children through careers talks: we seek to inspire our whole school to love learning and to complement this we look to provide exciting opportunities for our pupils. To support this aim, we would like to invite visitors from both our parent and wider community, to talk to the pupils about their careers. When taking part in a lesson, we encourage children to think about the skills they would need to be a scientist, a historian, an artist etc. By inviting visitors, we hope to promote equality of opportunity, where all our pupils are fully aware of careers they could have in the future and how they are already developing their skills and knowledge towards achieving this. If you are available to offer some of your time to talk to the pupils within an assembly, please [fill out this form by clicking this link](#). It will ask you to indicate whether you would be happy to talk to the whole school or smaller phase groups. We would ask that you are prepared to deliver a short presentation about what you do and answer some questions from the pupils. Alternatively, it may be that due to availability, you would prefer to pre-record your talk instead.

Mufti day and PTA Christmas raffle collection tomorrow: children can come into school dressed in their own clothes, with a Christmas or party theme. Please send [your donation for the Christmas raffle](#) to school with your child in the morning. Raffle tickets have been sent home in book bags. If you would like more to sell, please ask the school office.

Christmas lunch and parties tomorrow: we will be feeling very festive when everyone comes to school dressed for their Christmas lunch and parties.

Santa visit: there just one week to go until Santa comes to school to add to the excitement. The PTA would very much appreciate a small contribution to this special event. Please see further information in the article below.

PTA Christmas activity pack: these popular kits will be delivered on Monday. Many thanks to everyone who has bought a kit and to the PTA, for giving us this fun option, particularly Laura Tallo for organising everything. We also thank Asda for their generous support in providing ingredients.

Online safety newsletter: December's issue comes with some practical little reminders about how you can set up appropriate parental controls – including location settings – for any new phones, consoles or games your child may receive. There is a section about chatting online through games, which is something many parents worry about. Please find [December's newsletter](#) and all the back issues on [our Online safety page here](#).

Shhh, Santa Claus is coming to school...

Santa's flying visit on Mon 13th

We would like to keep this quiet as an exciting surprise for the children of Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2. The Salford Community Association has kindly arranged with Santa that he will drop into Salford School with his sleigh on Monday. The younger children will be able to see him on the playground.

As the SCA will be showing Santa round Salford, we ask parents to send their children with a £1 donation for a mystery reason on Monday which will go to supporting the SCA's chosen charity this year which is [Mencap](#). Representatives of the Community Association will bring collection buckets.



Santa's surprise visit to the whole school on Thu 16th

The PTA has also had a special word and Santa & the elves will be dropping in to school next Thursday! Santa will be visiting each class, surprising every child with a lovely present.

We would appreciate your support for the PTA to host this event; you can purchase Santa ticket/s on the PTA events page below. There is a suggested donation of £2.50 per child, however larger donations are gratefully received, which will help the PTA continue to provide the much-needed funds that support the school: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/saltfordschoolpta>.

Christmas dinner and parties

Our staff always make a special effort to make this day memorable for the children. A huge thank you must go to Lynne and her team in the kitchen who will be preparing very many Christmas dinners tomorrow, and to our playworkers, led by Mrs Jennings, for all their support in helping all children to join in the fun.



After lunch, staff will be laying on Christmas games and activities for the children's parties which will take place in their classrooms this year. Thanks to all staff for continuing to do their very best to give the children a particularly lovely time at Christmas.

The gift of books

The [library service is calling for donations](#) of new or good condition second-hand books which will be distributed through local charities and organisations as gifts for people in the community who may not otherwise receive a Christmas present.

If you have any books to offer, you can take them to Keynsham library up until December 11th.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

KS1

Bumblebee: Blake S for working his socks off in maths this week.

Butterfly: Bella O & Thomas M for super concentration making Christmas party hats!

Apple: Ronnie A for taking great care when making his Christmas pot.

Pear: Seth P & Lola H for incredible mehndi designs in art. You both added so much detail. Great job!

Palm: Elsie B for beautiful Landlord's Cat art work. Elsie painted the background using watercolours.

Cherry: Mila J For a beautifully illustrated story map innovating her version of the story of The Bear and the Piano.

KS2

Lime: Grace K & Zara H for super artwork in the style of Romero Britto.

Sycamore: Lilia D for a beautiful retelling of 'Sprout Boy'.

Maple: Alex B for working so well as part of a team looking at sound as part of his Christmas Science investigation.

Willow: Sid K for accurate measuring of his megacity skyscraper in Design Technology.

Elm: Nicole F & Kai T for beautiful and considerate Christmas prayers.

Horse chestnut: Anabela N for her beautifully illustrated storyboard for the Hungry Caterpillar which we are learning in French.

Ash: Claudia T for her beautiful winter scene with a collage frame.

Oak: Oliver K for writing an excellent speech about climate change, using many Year 6 features in his writing.



We celebrate

All our Santa Dash participants

- Felicity R from horse chestnut class
- Jessica T from maple class
- Sophie V from maple class

Mikey M from maple class who was selected to represent his Wednesday Wolves cub pack in the Jack Robbins Archery competition and did really well.

Sophie V of maple class for her Baskervilles gymnast of the day award.

Santa in Saltford

Thanks to the [Saltford Community Association](#), Santa has started his flying tour around Saltford.

Santa and his sleigh will be touring the streets of Saltford on 4 consecutive nights from Tuesday 14th December starting at 6pm and finishing around 8pm each evening.

Details are as follows:

Tue 14th: Claverton Rd, Grange Rd & Manor Rd area

Wed 15th: Rodney Rd, Tynning Rd & Uplands Rd area

Thu 16th: Norman Rd, Stratton Rd & Wedmore Rd area

Fri 17th: Beech Rd, High St & The Shallows area.

Please [see our website here](#) for links to the particular map for your area and then listen out on the evening to the sounds of Santa & his Sleigh arriving in your part of Saltford.

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See all dates on our online calendar for parents here!



Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)

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

Thu 9th Dec 7.30pm: [Y6 Lighting of the Christmas tree](#) at Saltford Hall.

Friday 10th Dec: [Christmas lunch](#)

Friday 10th Dec: wear own Christmas clothes in exchange for [raffle donations](#).

Friday 10th Dec: class Christmas parties

Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th

December 9.15am: [Y3 – 5](#)

[Christingle services](#) at school

Thursday 16th December: [PTA raffle](#) prize draw.

Friday 17th December: end of T2

Tuesday 4th January: first day of T3
Friday 7th January: 'Aladdin' at school. Details to follow

Monday 10th January: [flu vaccines](#)

Thursday 20th January: census day

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.



SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

