



WELCOME BACK to our new school term! Here is our Launch Letter for term six, giving you a flavour of all that is happening this term. Newsletters will be back next week as usual – sent out each Thursday by email. Our newsletter has also been sent to our new families who will be starting with us in September – a warm welcome to you all and we are looking forward to meeting you as soon as government restrictions are lifted. 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 communicate with you.

Punctuality: please support us by making sure your child arrives at school at the correct time – Year One and Year Three REGISTERS START AT 8:45am so please be five minutes before this and Reception, Year Two, Year Four, Year Five and Year Six REGISTERS START AT 9am so please be five minutes before this.

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

Enjoy the rest of the week,
Mrs Sage.

News

We hope you have had a lovely half term and we have enjoyed our first week back at school. Our operational plan which we shared with you last term will run until further notice and we need to continue to be extremely vigilant with our control measures as we have since March 2020. We will continue 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 or if there is anyone in their household waiting for the outcome of test.

Planning transition: as we approach the final half term of the academic year this is a very busy time for us. We are working on transition for all our pupils – including liaising with the secondary schools for our Year Six children moving into Year Seven. Children will spend the morning with their new teacher on Thursday 1st July and we will email you on this date to let you know the name of their new teacher. We have already contacted you with details of who is teaching each year group and this map for September 2021 shows you the position of the room and the name of each class which, from September, will take the name of the room they occupy.

Class photos: a final reminder for everyone that class photos are being taken on Friday 11th June – please ensure the children are wearing their school uniform and correct footwear.

This term

- Continuing to develop the zoning of our school site for developing play and outdoor education.
- Working with St Mary's Church and our school council on a new mural in the infant corridor linked to our school values.
- All year groups experiencing our Forest School project.

We will share updates and links to information on the news page of our school website and in our weekly newsletters. We will also continue to Tweet about life in our school @SaltfordPrimary.

Continuing work on our School Improvement Priorities

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

Working with the team from SARI (Stand Against Racism and Inequality) to deliver training to the staff.

Moving forwards with new schemes of work in RE (Discovery RE) and PE (Complete PE).

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 via Zoom on **Monday 14th June**. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Please support the mufti day on **Friday 2nd July** by sending your child to school in their own clothes, bringing a donation for the summer hampers that will be raffled to raise funds. See suggestions for donations here.

Volunteering: we love having volunteers in school and there are so many roles a volunteer can take:

- Volunteer to help on a regular basis in class or with swimming.
- Share your gardening skills and help look after the Secret Garden and pond area. Please call (01225 872185) or e-mail the school office (<mailto:contactus@saltfordschool.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.

Headteacher awards

ED: Ryan G for amazing independent writing.
GD: Joss S & Martha A for great detail in their magic bean story!
RH: Harrison M for writing an amazing journal about his holiday.
CE: Seb S for amazing progress in his reading and phonics knowledge.
NJ: Thomas N for super behaviour and effort in English.
MN: Polly B for her super effort with both her maths and her writing this week.

ESST: Bertie G & May H for fantastic contributions to our 'Happy Prince' story writing lessons.

CM: Claudia G for always working so hard in our maths lessons.

RJ: Charlie R for his enthusiasm and contribution to the English comprehension lesson on mythical creatures.

PN: Ava L for super effort working on her times tables.

JSB: Luke D for bone chilling suspenseful description within English.

AB: Reuben N for his use of metaphors, similes and adverbials to describe his story setting and character description. Reuben has also improved his presentation.

NS: Ben W for working hard to improve writing and showing this in an entertaining story.

JG: Ewan S for good understanding when showing how Muslims try to lead a good life.

A special mention for...

Lola H from Bumblebees for getting her stage 1 swimming and Puffin award.

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, [click here](#) to see this year's meeting planner with details for each term.

This term the Governors will be issuing a pupil questionnaire (written by the pupils themselves) and a staff and parent questionnaire as well as chairing our Parent Voice Group.

Arty opportunity to help paint our mural

We are very excited at the prospect of creating a mural on the wall outside of the school hall this term. With the help of an amazing illustrator, Andy Gray, we will illustrate our school, its values and the community. Painting will take place between Monday 28th June and Friday July 9th. Once the drawing has been done, we are offering parents the chance to get involved in the painting of this one-off work of art. Please read the letter that has been sent to parents for details and email our foundation governor, Emma King, by Monday 14th June if you would like to get involved: emma@scnbenefice.org.uk

This term's clubs

At Saltford School we offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. The clubs section of our website provides full details of all the clubs we offer. We will contact you as and when more clubs are able to run. All clubs have their own Covid operating procedures

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.

Community events

Sunday 27th June 10am: St Mary's Church family friendly pet service in the Church garden. You are invited to bring your special family members (AKA your pets)... all are welcome, big and small. If you can't bring your pet, bring a photo so they can still be included.

24th July – 7th August: Julian House is challenging you to get outdoors, get searching and find the secret riddles to unlock the treasure in its Big Summer Scavenger Hunt. for children, families and adults. See [more details and how to book on our website here](#).

Swimming

It was a delight to see children back in our swimming pool this week and to know that we can provide equal access for all children to those essential water safety skills. We are extremely grateful to all our volunteer helpers who make this possible.

In order to continue providing this facility on site, we do have to ask for a financial contribution towards swimming each academic year. Parents will have received a letter explaining why this is the case and how you can contribute. To make sure that the costs and benefits of having our own pool are proportionate, we have researched the possibility of taking our children to a local leisure centre for swimming. We found that it would not be viable as it would mean that we could only offer swimming to one year group and for only six weeks during the year. Please see [the school website here](#) for more details on costings, volunteering and the current timetable. There are also quick links for volunteer sign-up [on the website here](#).



Summer sun safety

We would like children and staff to be able to enjoy the sun safely, especially as there are so many benefits to getting outdoors during the school day. We know that sun exposure in the first 15 years of life contributes significantly to the lifetime risk of skin cancer and therefore there is enormous potential for schools to prevent skin cancer in future generations.

Our approach is to work with staff, pupils and parents to raise awareness so that children can be safe in the sun and develop good habits for the rest of their lives.

We ask that you send children to school with suitable sun hats and sunscreen products that are clearly labelled and kept in your child's bag. Parents should make sure their children know how to use and apply their own sunscreens sensibly and safely as staff do not apply sunscreen to any child and children may only use their own sunscreen. Some families, especially where there are younger children, find it can work well to apply 24-hour sunscreen before children come to school.



Use of sunscreen is encouraged on educational visits and for outdoor PE. Please see the full [sun protection policy here](#).



New term kicks off with a friendly for Year 5



We were delighted to welcome Oldfield Park Junior School to play some friendly football on Monday 7th June. Finally the players' commitment to training was justified when they could get together for this competitive and exciting match in the June sunshine. See [the full match report](#) here on the school website.

Key dates

We anticipate with the pandemic roadmap schedule that we might be able to hold some of our final term events. There may need to be some adjustments or cancellations but provisional dates are shown below:

Thursday 10th June 7pm: via Zoom [Parent Voice Group](#)

Friday 11th June: class photographs.

Monday 14th June 7.30pm: PTA meeting via Zoom. All welcome.

Friday 18th June: Forest School Y4.

Friday 25th June: Forest School Y6.

Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th June: Bikeability Y6.

Thursday 1st July: up to Y5 meeting new teachers.

Friday 2nd July: [mufti day in exchange for donations](#) for summer hampers.

Friday 2nd July: Forest School Y1.

Monday 5th July: Bikeability Y6.

Monday 5th July: Forest School Y3, revised date from last term.

Tuesday 6th July: Bikeability Y6.

Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th July: [Y6 activity days](#).

To be confirmed, Friday 9th July: Sports day FS/KS1 10am, KS2 1.30 pm.

Friday 16th July: Forest School Y5.

To be confirmed, Wednesday 21st July: Y6 leavers' service 9.05am and Y6 leavers' disco 7.00 – 9.00pm.