

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Sunflower competition



Joint tallest were classes AB & NS at 139cm with class MN in third place at 130cm. There were some super flowers in ESST & JG particularly.



End of year message from Mrs Sage...

This academic year seems to have flown by and we can't quite believe the summer holidays are now upon us! This has certainly been a unique year and working in a school during these times has taught us all such a lot. Not least, how important it is to have a supportive team around you, whether at home or in school.

Our school values of kindness, respect and honesty will always prevail, and are essential in times of uncertainty and change. We look forward to the official opening in September of our fantastic new school mural which we feel encapsulates everything we stand for at Saltford – including those values. The mural itself was designed and drawn by Reverend Andy Cope and every child in the school sent him a drawing with their ideas. Many thanks to St Mary's church who have funded and coordinated the project with a special mention of Emma King – who is also our Foundation Governor – who has shown huge dedication in ensuring Andy's design was completed to such an amazing standard.

We cannot thank you enough for all of your support for the team and skills in home-learning, as we have charted this unfamiliar territory together once more this year. Our thanks must also go to our amazing teachers and teaching assistants who have continued to be passionate and committed to maintaining the links between home and school and showing huge resilience in the face of such extraordinary times.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our site manager, Andy Beckett, and his line manager from our trust, Steve Smith. Andy has kept us all smiling as he ensured we had everything we needed to keep the school site safe. Our cleaning team, Elizabeth, Lynne, Justine and Nicky and their line manager Tomasz have done a fantastic job cleaning the school; Elizabeth has come in every lunchtime for a year now to do our day time cleaning. Our kitchen team – Lynne, Candy, Lisa and Olivia and the Zest central team have done a great job ensuring the children receive the lunches. Our playworkers are also essential to a successful and happy lunchtime and we thank them all for their dedication. Our office team has also done an amazing job on communications and keeping the school running. Sue joined us in January and has had a huge learning curve, especially relaunching our swimming. Frances has been doing an excellent job in finance and Sue, Claire and Louise and our communication manager Laura all worked extra hours to make sure our front of house continued their high standards. A huge thank you also goes to our central trust team and my Headteacher colleagues in trust schools. The support from Andrea Arlidge (our CEO) Gary Schlick (Director of Education) Stephen Luke (Executive Primary Lead) Tim Howes (Chief operating officer) Julie Dyer (lead for SEND) and my line manager Margaret Simmons Bird (School improvement Lead) has ensured that we navigated the academic year smoothly and that we continued with our school improvement journey. We look forward to our relaunch in September as Futura Learning Partnership and celebrating this through some special whole trust events.

We know you will join with us in wishing the best for our staff who are moving on to new adventures. We held a socially distanced presentation on the school field to thank Sheila Tang, Fiona Smith & our Co-Chair of Governors Megan Jackson for all their hard work and support.

We would also like to say a fond farewell to all our Year 6 children. We have known most of the children for seven years; in fact, some we have known since they were bumps! It has been a real pleasure to be part of the children's lives for so many years and we are immensely proud of their achievements. Many of you will know that some of our Year Six children are self-isolating due to a positive Covid case and are not able to join us for the final three days of school. This is a huge disappointment for them and they are in our thoughts. We wish all our Year Six and their families every happiness in the years to come and look forward to hearing about their continuing successes at secondary school.

Lastly, we say thank you to all the fantastic children of the Saltford Primary family, who have excelled themselves in taking responsibility for their own learning at home and school and delighting us on a daily basis. What a wonderful school community we are!

Finally, we hope everyone has a lovely summer holiday, enjoys the break and stays healthy. See you in September for what we hope is the beginning of the normal running of Saltford Primary School! We have a Plan A and Plan B just in case!



Summer fair and PTA

Last Friday, all the children and staff enjoyed a scaled down version of our ever popular Salford School Summer Fair. Each year group had the opportunity to try their hand at some traditional fair games, win some prizes, take their pick from the tombola, enjoy their chosen snack and make some craft. 50 lucky raffle ticket holders won a selection of summer hampers made up from all the generous donations collected from our Mufti Day earlier in July.

Our Year 6 children offered ideas for the stalls, crafts and snacks and did a wonderful job of running all the stalls for the other year groups. They showed fantastic maturity, independence and leadership and should feel very proud of themselves.

Take a look at some lovely photos of the day [on our website here](#).

The annual school fair is traditionally our biggest PTA fund raiser and we would like to thank all our parents for supporting this event and for all the additional donations. We will share the final total with you once all the expenses have been counted, but the fair and raffle combined have raised around £4,000 which is an amazing amount.

This year's event was organised by a team of parent volunteers and we offer our thanks to Ciara Fraser, Ruth Presswood, Jody Sparey, Suzanne Young, Liz Sypko, Ali Williams, Emma Willett, Rebecca Knight, James and Amanda Hawkins, Becki Sumsion, Janet Allen, Amy Andrews, Rajinder Boucher, Laura Licata, Helen Sampson-Jones, Gemma Ker-Bridge, Amy Harvey, Miranda Gillard, Caroline Riddle and Samantha Mercer for their hard work in making the event such a success.

If you would like to get involved in the PTA activities next year please keep your eyes open for the date of our first meeting of the next academic year. Everyone is most welcome.



We celebrate

Our Spanish club learners for term 6 who persisted even if it meant using Zoom in the evening or at weekends:

Elodie M, Cora S and Esther W in Y3 have been awarded 'Fantastic Language Learner' medals and certificates.

Belle L, Isaac M, Sofia F, Frankie M, Farah H, Ethan D and Rosie B in Y1 & 2 have completed their course and been awarded certificates and medals.

Amila M, Ellie B, Ezra P, Oliver G, Sophie B, Tatenda M, Isabella H, Scarlett H and Henry P from Reception have completed their first full term of Spanish. They were all awarded their mariquitas (ladybirds), a certificate of attendance and an exclusive pin badge. See [more info on Spanish club at Salford here](#).

Year 6 Leavers

Our Year 6 leavers will be enjoying the traditional activities for their last few days of their school careers, albeit with a few concessions to the times. They will be sharing their memories and entertaining the school through video sketches and dances, before attending their special leavers' service and disco on Wednesday. You can share in some of their special moments [on our website here](#). Thanks to the Y6 staff and everyone who has supported them to have a lovely end of year.

Sports round-up

We have been delighted to be able to resume sports activities and what a bumper term it has been!

We have had great fun with specialist coaches visiting us at school and we have been able to take part in an exciting range of sports events outside school too. These have included basketball, pentathlon, football, cricket, cycling, field events... something for everyone in fact.



Do keep any eye on our [sports reports page](#) on the school website for Mrs Brook's post-match reports and pictures. They are always lively, even if they are not always neutral!



SUMMER HOLIDAYS



Summer reading challenge



Join the 'Wild World Heroes' for a summer of reading fun that will inspire you to stand up for our planet. The Reading Agency has teamed up with WWF to provide fun reading activities that are focused on environmental issues.

You can take part through the local library, or from home. See <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for more details.

10 summer activity ideas



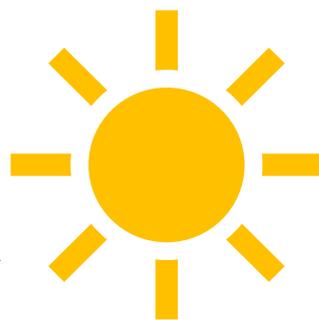
From the Diocese of Bath and Wells, these are ideas for activities for children and young people that take account of the pandemic:

[10-ideas-for-summer-2021.pdf](https://www.bathandwellsdiocese.org.uk/10-ideas-for-summer-2021.pdf)

Zest recipe competition Great prizes to be won!

Would you like to see your recipe on the school menu? There is an exciting new competition open for our children. Get creating and see [how to enter on the school website](#).

Marks and Spencer 20% off school uniform until 3rd August.



Why not check out the Summer of Play campaign for some ideas to get children playing outside?



See [our Community notices page](#) for lots of local activity ideas for children and families. There are including summer camps, varied sporting opportunities, cultural and simply fun choices.





DOODLE HOLIDAY COMPETITION

Between the 1st of July and the 31st of August, we invite learners to join one or both spectacular Doodle summer challenges — the DoodleMaths Challenge and the DoodleEnglish Challenge!

At a time when rebuilding confidence is more important than ever, the Summer Challenge helps children to maintain their learning over the holidays by encouraging daily Doodling.

Filled with fun exercises and games, Doodle automatically plugs gaps in knowledge and revises key areas, letting them enjoy stress-free summers without hours of studying.

Plus, all those who take part can earn a FREE in-app badge, pin badge and certificate to celebrate their hard work!

How to take part

1. From the 1st July, visit the [Parent Dashboard](#) and press **Register for the Challenge** next to your child's name
2. Encourage your child to earn 750 stars (or 600 if they were born on or after 01/09/13) and achieve a 14-day streak in DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish **before the 31st of August**
3. Once they've reached their goal, claim their reward by visiting the [Parent Dashboard](#) and press **Claim reward**





BACK TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER



Practical information for the return to school

We are very much hoping for the 'Plan A' return to school in September. (Of course, we have learned from the past months that a Plan B is always a good idea and we have one of those too!)

All the information you need for a smooth start to the new school year will be posted on the [news page of the school website](#).

Here is the key information you need regarding operating procedures and a reminder of where to find key school information:

- [Our operating procedures from September 2021](#)
- [An at-a-glance summary](#) of the changes and similarities to current operating procedures.
- [A guide to dropping your child/ren off and picking them up from school](#)
- [Information for new starters](#) in Reception from September
- [Uniform information](#)
- [School dinners information](#)
- [Swimming information](#)
- [Term dates for 2021-2022](#)

The year ahead

Building on the progress we have made this year, the whole school will be focusing on writing and outdoor education and play.

Writing includes the presentation and mechanics of children's writing, and the creative aspect of writing.

We are lucky to be surrounded by some lovely outdoor spaces and we have been very thankful for this over the past year. We have made good progress on re-opening the pond area and developing the Secret Garden. Watch out for news of more to come.



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SPORTS REPORTS



Dates for your diary

[Term Dates for 2021 –2022 here](#)

Wednesday 21st July: [Y6 leavers' service and celebrations](#).

Wednesday 21st July 7pm: leavers' disco

Wednesday 21st July: last day of term.

Thursday 22nd - Thursday 29th July: Up & Under [summer multi sports](#) at school.

Monday 16th – Friday 20th August: Mrs Browne's [summer theatre arts school](#).

Monday 6th September: first day back.
Monday 13th September: PTA meeting, all welcome.

Summer activities & more

See [the Community notices page](#) for more local opportunities.

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