

# Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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## This week

- PTA virtual balloon race
- Orchestra term 6
- Swimming helper guide
- Doodle spell competition
- Community activities
- Tokyo update
- Dinners menu



## A few words from Mrs Sage...

It is amazing to think that we are now moving into the final half term of this academic year! As always at this time of the year we are busy making sure we end the year as well as possible and that we are also preparing for September. We are really positive about the children's learning at the moment – given the challenges, they are in a really good place. We all want the children to have the best possible experiences next term but we also want everyone to be safe. As soon as we hear any updates with regard to changes in guidance for schools, we will let you know.

**Virtual balloon race:** we encourage you to have some fun with this, choosing balloon names and designs, before the race begins on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. There are some great prizes to be won. All details are on [the school website news page](#).

**Musical opportunity Y3 – 6:** this special opportunity to participate in a school orchestra next term is open to all KS2 children and is particularly suitable for those learning an instrument at home or at school. [Please read the letter](#) for details and respond today.

**Swimming guidelines:** as we are currently subject to extra safety considerations, we have summarised procedures for swimming helpers – or those wondering what is involved in helping – into one sheet. Please read [the guide for swimming helpers here](#).

**DoodleSpell competition:** this runs until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. The children can have a bit of fun with their spellings by logging in to DoodleSpell as often as they like... there are prizes to be won and they will be excellent spellers! See details in [this letter to parents](#).

**Community activities:** there is a variety of activities available to children over the half term and more regularly, sporting, creative and social. Please see [our Community notices page](#) for latest updates. Up & Under Sports are running a [fun multi-sports day](#) on the school site on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June. There are still some spaces available.

**Get Set Tokyo:** our school has completed over 3000 hours of activity and 180,000km distance. That's fantastic. So far, the PTA has raised £400 and sold over 60 medals. You can see the teams' progress and log your activity on [the school dashboard here](#).

**Term 6 dinners:** the menu is now [available on the school website here](#), ready for our return in June.

Have a lovely half term.



## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

### EYFS & KS1

**ED:** Freddie S for being kind, helpful and the friend that everyone wants and needs. Great work Freddie!

**GD:** Thomas R & Ellana W-H for super invitations to the bug ball! They worked hard and used their phonic knowledge.

**RH:** Isaac W for drawing an amazing picture of thistles in our science lesson.

**CE:** Nyla U for a fantastic and creative idea for her version of The Three Billy Goats Gruff and lovely story map. Well done Nyla!

**NJ:** Sienna O for super progress in reading. Well done!

**MN:** Billy B has been a superstar this week, he has put extra effort in with his spelling and worked brilliantly in maths. Well done Billy!

### KS2

**ESST:** Billy B for his super letter giving lots of detail about life as a WW2 evacuee.

**CM:** Eric W for a fantastic World War II letter home.

**RJ:** Mila W for her super work and problem solving of time in Maths. Well done Mila!

**PN:** Felix L for his beautiful gymnastic poses and work in PE.  
**JSB:** Jack W for creative work and interesting ideas within our Victorian dance project.

**AB:** Phoebe B for practising her suspense writing skills this week using adverbials, ellipses and similes. She has written sentences, full of tension, which make the reader...wait.

**NS:** Darcy W for supporting others with their learning during maths lessons.

**JG:** Barney B for an excellent attempt at writing a news article, including good use of dialogue to move the action on.



## PTA summer fair hampers & balloon race

Despite the obvious constraints on fundraising this year, [our PTA](#) has been very resourceful in finding new covid-safe ways to raise money. By participating in these activities and, we hope, having fun in the process, you are directly supporting the lovely extra activities and facilities, such as play equipment and Forest School sessions, that PTA funding provides for every child.

We wanted to make sure the children did not miss out on the summer fair this year, so it will be for children only, within school hours. As at Christmas, summer hampers will be raffled to raise money. Please send donations for these hampers in with your child on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, in exchange for wearing their own clothes. Suggested donations and summer fair news are [on the website here](#).

The [virtual balloon race](#) is due to lift off on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June so you still have time to enter and watch your balloon's progress over the half term holiday. Over 30 balloons have entered so far...

Everyone is welcome to the next PTA meeting on Mon 14<sup>th</sup> June.

## We celebrate

**Jackson R** in class RH who has been named Gymnast of the Week at Baskervilles for climbing the rope all the way to the ceiling and safely down.

**Ben W** who has been fund raising to support the PTA summer fair by making formula 1 racing driver cards. He has raised £6.20 so far. Great Work.

**Sophie T** in Bumblebees class for gaining her swimming stage 1 & 2 this week with Barracuda Swimming.

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## Letters sent and responses due:

### KS2 orchestra term 6

Respond by 27<sup>th</sup> May

### Forest School Y4

### Term 6 music tuition

### Term 1 music tuition interest

### Y5 Health Education

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## Could you park & stride?

Our location in the heart of the village is very convenient but it also means we must consider our neighbours when it comes to access to the school grounds. There are many benefits to the children and the community if families can do their best to [walk, scoot or cycle to school](#). However, we understand that driving is necessary for some families. If so, please consider using the 'park and stride' facility that is in place with The Crown pub. Parents may park at the pub, from where it is a short journey to school on foot. This facility is available for morning drop-off only. We thank Carl Say of The Crown for supporting the school.

## Calling all poets!

We are holding a Performance Poetry Slam across the Wellsway Trust. You can choose either to perform your favourite poem, one from a list, or your own poem! The competition and all details will go live on Seesaw on Thu 27<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm. Make sure you practise your poem and then ask an adult to video your performance and upload it to Seesaw. The deadline for entries is Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The competition will be judged by Mrs Sage and the best from all Trust schools will be judged by English and Drama students at Wellsway.

For inspiration, [see this video of Michael Rosen's performance of Chocolate Cake](#).  
Good luck and happy performing!

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



## Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)

### [Term Dates for 2021 – 2022 here](#)

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** [Up & Under Sports at school](#) 9.00am – 3pm.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** first day of term 6.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Reception vision screening

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June:** photographs of classes & Y6 leavers.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** PTA meeting 7.30pm via Zoom – all welcome.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Mufti Day in exchange for [summer hamper donations](#).

\* **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July:** provisional sports day FS/KS1 morning (start time not yet confirmed) and KS2 1.30pm

\* **This and some other dates for term 6 events are yet to be confirmed, subject to Government regulations.**

### **St Mary's update:**

St Mary's Church Connect services are family friendly, in the Church gardens at 10am: 27<sup>th</sup> June, Pet service.

### **Half term activities:**

See [the Community notices page](#) for half term opportunities.

Join the PTA Facebook group here!

Follow us on Twitter here!

# THIS TERM'S DOODLE CHAMPIONS

  
doodlemaths

## Top 3 Stars

Giorgio D-A – Class RJ

Nicola F – Class PN

Ilaria P-F – Class PN

## Top Class

Class RJ

  
doodletables

## Top 3 Stars

Jack B – Class MN

Emily P - Class CM

Scarlet J – Class CM

## Top Class

Class RH

  
doodlespell

## Top 3 Stars

Lily B – Class AB

Oliver G – Bumblebees

Mila J – Class RH

## Top Class

Class MN

  
doodleenglish

## Top 3 Stars

Arjan D – Class CM

Jack B – Class MN

Patrick S-C – Class JSB

## Top Class

Class MN