



Saltford  
CofE Primary School

Launch Letter Term 6 • 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022



Almost unbelievably, we have already reached the final term of the school year. I hope you had an enjoyable and memorable Jubilee bank holiday. Looking forward, **I ask again for your continuing support in ensuring the highest possible attendance for your child until the end of the school year and a punctual start to each school day. This is the best way for us to work together to reduce any impact from the disruptions that the children experienced earlier in the year.**

There is plenty for children and families to participate in this term, as we join with our larger communities in exciting events such as the Futura Oratorio performance at the Forum in Bath for our Y4 and Y5 children and our traditional summer fair, a key event in the Saltford calendar which this year kicks off the Saltford Festival fun. The first Forest School sessions started this week in Manor Woods – thank you to all parents and carers who have signed up to support these. We know the children always have a great time.

Tomorrow will be a busy day at school, including class photos, a visit from HM Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset, Mrs Annie Maw, and the long-awaited school disco. The PTA will be organising another disco in October at the end of term 1. Please find the details you need for the disco [on our website here](#).

For the class photos, please make sure your child is wearing full school uniform, including their red sweatshirts. Please no leavers' hoodies or jewellery, hairbands and accessories that do not conform to [uniform guidelines](#).

**Mufti day for summer fair tombola donations:** we will hold mufti day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for bringing a donation of a bottle and/or something nice for summer hampers that will be made up as raffle prizes by our PTA. Suggestions include Pimms, soft drinks, snacks, fizz and preserves.

**Year 6 camp in Okehampton:** our Year 6s will be setting off for their week-long camp in Devon later this month. We will be reporting back in the weekly newsletter and posting regular updates [on Twitter here](#).

**School visits:** it is exciting to be able to take the children out and about on some interesting visits once again this term. These include The Matthew in Bristol, Technquest in Cardiff and a variety of sporting opportunities in a multi-activity festival in Keynsham.

**Bugsy Malone:** year 6s are currently in intensive rehearsal for next week's performances of Bugsy Malone. All the rest of the children in school will be treated to a seat for the dress rehearsal next Thursday! Many thanks to Mr Baker who has volunteered his time to work with the children on this.

**The school website:** the [news page](#) is up to date. Elsewhere on the website there is lots of useful information. You can find our [term dates calendar](#) under the Office.

**Twitter:** we recommend you follow us [@SaltfordPrimary](#) for instant updates and photos of what is happening in school day-to-day. Our Twitter account is restricted to the school community. Please [see our communications poster here](#) for a reminder of the many ways we can communicate with each other.

**Punctuality:** please support us by making sure your child arrives at school at the correct time – all children should be in the classroom at 8:50am as the register starts at this time. Arrival at 8:45am is recommended. Please [read this useful document](#) that outlines pick up and drop off arrangements by year group. If you drive, do consider [active travel](#) by parking at The Crown in the morning and walking in. If you really need to park near the school, please be considerate towards our neighbours and observe the zig zags outside school gates which indicate that no parking is allowed. These zig zags are in place for the safety of our children who are on foot.

**Uniform:** please send your child in full school uniform including footwear. Our uniform policy ensures that uniform is practical, inclusive and good value. [Please read through the policy here](#) and note that, for example, hair accessories should be kept to an absolute minimum and in our school colours.

Newsletters will be back in the usual format next week, sent out each Thursday by email.

Enjoy the rest of your week,  
Mrs Sage.

## Sports day Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June

We are holding sports day on a single day this year, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Key Stage 2 begins at approximately 10am and EYFS/Key Stage 1 begins at 1.30pm. It takes place on the side field adjacent to the public play area. We expect each event to last up to 2 hours. In all other respects, the school timetable remains the same for before and after school clubs and for usual lunch arrangements.

**Children:** children should come to school at the usual time in their uniform and will change into their red Salford PE kit when required. Please make sure they have their water bottle, and well-fitting trainers! Children should also bring sunhats and we encourage you to apply sunscreen before school in line with our usual policy. The children can look forward to their usual lolly treat on the day.

**Parents:** please arrive from the Manor Road entrance or via the pedestrian paths rather than through the school grounds. Bring some change as the PTA will be offering reasonably-priced refreshments throughout the day. We encourage you to stay seated and give your full support to your children as they participate.

### This term's focus

- Residential camp for Year 6.
- Forest school for all
- School orchestra
- Transition within school
- Queen's Green Canopy/Green Team
- Y6 Transition
- Year Six show – Buggy Malone!
- FS/KS1 summer concert, details to follow.

### Continuing work on School Improvement Priorities

- Staff training on our new phonics & reading programme called Read Write Inc in FS/KS and Vipers in KS2.
- Working with curriculum leaders to develop their subject leadership roles and assessment in their subjects.
- Reviewing our schemes of work and medium-term planning in line with the Futura Curriculum. Please see more detail in this Futura Curriculum document.
- Keeping in touch via our weekly newsletters, our school website and tweeting about school life @SalfordPrimary.

### News for parents

**Free information webinar for parents on the COVID-19 vaccination for children:** the COVID-19 vaccine is available for all children from 5 years-old. To help carers, guardians and parents decide what's best for their children, B&NES public health is partnering with the NHS in London and the National Network of Parent Carer Forums to answer questions and give expert advice on the COVID-19 vaccines for children and teens. The webinar will take place on Friday 10 June from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. Follow this link to attend.

**Free cook-it course for families:** Cook It is a five week cook along programme that aims to motivate and provide families with the skills and confidence to plan, prepare and cook healthy budget friendly family meals. Upon completion of the online course you get a £30 supermarket voucher and certificate. Ingredients are provided at face to face courses. The next courses are Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July (online) and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at Westfield Primary School in Radstock. Contact the B&NES Community Wellbeing Hub to book on 0300 247 0050 or email BATHNES.thehub@hrcgcaregroup.com.



### Summer fair Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

All parents have been emailed the first summer fair newsletter from the PTA which details the plans so far and how you can help. Please do try to find an hour that you could offer to help with the running of the fair. It is our major fundraiser and every child benefits from the proceeds. Please find a copy the PTA newsletter here.

Please note that the **mufti day date has been brought forward to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June**. Children are asked to bring in donations of bottles and/or items for summer hampers which the PTA will make up as prizes in the raffle.

The following donations of your unwanted items will also help raise money for the school. Thank you for:

**Soft toys (clean and dry) • Empty & clean screw top wine bottles • Children's books (older fiction especially) • unwanted Jubilee decorations, bunting & Queen cardboard cut outs • Seasoned dry wood suitable for campfires.**

Please place donations ASAP in the boxes allocated in front of the school reception, except firewood. Please email Amy Andrews at the PTA to arrange dropping off of firewood at the school.

Please sign up here to help the fair run smoothly. It can be good fun on a stall and is a great opportunity to meet other parents. All summer fair news is here on the school website.

There are still a few spaces available for stalls at the fair. If you would like to hold a stall, please contact the PTA by email or through the PTA Facebook group. The fair will run from 2pm to 5.30pm.

## How you can get involved

**PTA:** the next PTA meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June** in the staffroom. EVERYBODY IS WELCOME. Please support the PTA in whichever way you can to make this year's summer fair a successful event for everyone. See [the school website here](#) and [the PTA Facebook posts here](#) and get involved! To keep in touch and get involved [join the PTA Facebook group here](#). Please also continue to support all PTA events as they have a direct impact on your child's school experience.

**Volunteering:** we love having volunteers in school and there are so many roles you could take.

- Volunteer to help on a regular basis in class or in the school library
  - Share your gardening skills and help look after the Secret Garden. 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.
  - Volunteer at one-off events arranged by the PTA. It's fun and many hands always make light work!
- See more about [what it's like to be a volunteer here](#), including [this lovely account](#) from the point of view of one parent volunteer who wrote to us about her experience.

**Shopping:** when you are buying online, please remember to check out [The Giving Machine](#) for links to the sites you would be using anyway. You can earn commission for the school funds at no extra cost to yourself.

## 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, please follow [this link to this year's meeting planner](#) with details for each term.

## Parent Voice Group

With parent representatives from each class, **the Parent Voice Group** (PVG) is an important means of communication between school and families. See [the PVG section of our website here](#) to see how it works, who your representative is and how you could become part of it. You can see the minutes of each meeting [on the school website here](#). Next meeting is on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

## This term's clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. The [clubs section](#) of our website provides full details of all the clubs we offer and the timetables they are running to.

**Chuckles Before and After School Club:** all our children are offered wrap around care provision by [Tiddlers Day Nursery](#). This is supervised before and after school care

## Community news

[Our Community notices page](#) is regularly updated with information from outside organisations that we think families might find useful. This can range from support for families to school holiday clubs and seasonal activities. We also keep in touch with [Saltford Community Association](#) to pass on any news that might be of particular interest to families with school-age children. This July the Saltford Festival offers lots of activities and opportunities for families. [See details from the SCA here](#).

## Garden update

We are very thankful for our enthusiastic gardeners from school and the volunteer helpers who came in last term to work their magic in the school garden, tidying up and refreshing what was there and introducing more wild flowers to encourage pollinators. Here's an extract from a report written by Aimee in Y4:

"First of all, my lovely friends and I, we would like to say: Thank You to our wonderful School. We are so blessed to have a lovely School... Yesterday, After School, we: Elowen, Morwenna, Scarlet, Verity, Mariella, Martina and I, we watered all the plants and herbs. We planted some more wildlife flowers for our pollinators and designed signs for our lovely Sensory/Secret Garden... Afterwards we all enjoyed using our senses... We smelled flowers, touched tree bark and herbs coriander, mint, thyme. We listened to bird songs, we looked for pollinators and tasted strawberries."





## KS1 Headteacher awards KS2

### KS1

- Bumblebee:** Omarion U for a super effort for writing.
- Butterfly:** Jessica H and Rex R for super writing about their holiday. Great use of phonics.
- Apple:** William B for making a massive effort to improve his listening skills and his writing in class. Amazing William, keep it up!
- Pear:** Larissa.T and Frank.D for writing super facts about the sun in our science lesson.
- Palm:** Harriet H for lovely writing about her half term holiday.
- Cherry:** Evelyn R for super work on o'clock and half past to start our topic on time.

### KS2

- Lime:** Benji M for his great work on telling the time over the last two weeks.
- Sycamore:** Lauren P for working really hard on handwriting..
- Maple:** Roya H for her great contribution, enthusiasm and singing in our music lesson. Well done Roya!
- Willow:** Oona A for super science work.
- Elm:** Beau H Super research on WW2 rations.
- Horse chestnut:** David S for giving a very convincing and well thought-out argument in our debate about WW2.
- Ash:** Paddy SC for always producing interesting and thoughtful pieces of writing.
- Oak:** Seb K for excellent writing, displaying a range of Y6 writing skills.

## Congratulations to...



- Alice and Ava D for baking a big batch of cupcakes for their neighbours during their street party and raising £94 for Dementia UK.
- Rosie B from palm class for her Baskerville's 'Gymnast of the Day' award.
- Lois A from willow class for her Distinction in her Ballet Grade 1.



This week's house point winners are **Robins** with 184 points



## Key dates

All dates are on the [online calendar for parents here](#)

**Week of 6<sup>th</sup> June:** Y1 phonics check.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June:** PTA children's disco.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm:** PTA meeting in staff room. ALL WELCOME.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June:** sports day. KS2 morning at 10am, FS/KS1 afternoon at 1.30pm.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 6pm:** Y6 Bugsy Malone show

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June:** mufti day for bottle or summer hamper donations for the summer fair. *NB this is a change from the previously advertised date.*

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Y6 camp in Okehampton.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:** Y3 visit to Techniquet

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 7pm:** Parent Voice Group meeting

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June:** sign-up deadline for volunteering for summer fair.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June:** children meet their new teacher.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July:** deadline for entries for the Great Saltford Bake Off and bringing cakes for the tea room.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July:** deadline for returning raffle tickets and money. Class prize to be won!

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** PTA summer fair 2 – 5.30pm.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Welcome to KS2 meeting for parents. Details to follow.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July:** EYFS visit to The Matthew.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Y6 church service.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** orchestra concert.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** end of term 6.



Term dates for this and next academic year are on our website: [www.salfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates](http://www.salfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates). **Please note that term 6 ends on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July** because the DfE has asked schools to adjust their term dates because of the extra bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

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THURSDAY 16TH JUNE

## MENU

**CHICKEN FAJITA TACOS**  
*Chicken in Mild Fajita Seasoning served in Taco Shells*

or

**CHEESE & BEAN QUESADILLAS (V)**  
*Melted Cheese and Baked Beans Sandwiched between Tortilla Wraps*

Served with

Vegetable Rice  
and Mini Corn on the Cob

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**CHURRO APPLE PIE**

SPECIAL DIETS WILL BE CATERED FOR AS USUAL.  
FRESH BREAD, SALAD BAR, YOGURTS &  
WHOLE FRUIT PIECES AVAILABLE.

*Special menu: please book as a normal school dinner.*