



SALTERSGATE INFANTS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

What a very busy Spring Term it has been at Saltersgate!

We look forward to celebrating our latest SUPER Citizens when we return to school with a special assembly on Wednesday 16th April. If your child has been nominated this term they will be bringing home a letter today.

A reminder that access to the staff car park will be changing after the holidays. **From Monday, 14th April the car park gates will be closed at the following times. There will be no vehicle access to and from the site during these closure times.**

- **Morning: 8:30 am to 9:00 am**
- **Afternoon: 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm**

This decision has been made to minimise traffic during peak times when families are arriving for the school day and when children are being collected at the end of the day. Thank you to those who have been in touch so that we can make arrangements to support you. Please note that access for those requiring disabled parking will still be permitted outside of the specified closure times.

Now the weather is starting to improve please ensure that children are well prepared for being outdoors. Please apply sunscreen before the start of the school day and if possible bring a hat to protect their head and eyes. For some children a thin long sleeved top will also give added protection.

Although forest school days will continue to be the same as this half term after Easter, there are some slight changes to collections for those having sessions in the afternoons. Children in Year 1 will be collected directly from Forest School at the end of the day and Year 2s released from their normal classrooms. See the timetable for more detailed information.

Mrs Wolfe, our Deputy Headteacher, will be leaving Saltersgate in May to move to a new school. Mrs Wolfe will be missed greatly at Saltersgate and I know you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future.

Wishing you all a fabulous Easter holidays and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 14th April.

Mrs Anderson

Our Golden Citizens for the first two weeks (14.04.25)

Parents will be invited to attend a celebration assembly on 25 April 2025

Class	Golden Citizen
Superworms	Jacob T
Smartest Giants	Erin B
Gruffalos	Evie N
Fantastic Foxes	Holly A
BFGs	Liam H
Enormous Crocodiles	Jacob W-B
Hungry Caterpillars	Bobby A
Busy Bugs	Ada-Mae C
Honey Bees	Lucas M

Nursery Dinners

If you have a debt showing against your child's dinner money account on ParentPay, we should be grateful if this could be cleared before the start of next term.

Non-payment for school meals affects the quality of service we are able to offer to the children therefore we need to ensure that all accounts are up-to-date. Once the debt is cleared please ensure the account remains in credit.

Thank you



Please see later item for pick up changes for Years 1 and 2 on Forest School/PE days



D I A R Y

March

28th Last day of term

April

14th School re-opens

16th Year Two Mosque Trip

17th Class/Group Photographs

18th School closed – Good Friday

21st School closed – Easter Monday

22nd School re-opens

23rd Nursery Charley's Play Barn Visit

May

5th School closed – Bank Holiday

15th Nursery and Reception - Scribble and Drawing Club workshop (9.00 am and 3.20 pm) booking via <https://saltersgate.schoolcloud.co.uk>

22nd Last day of term

23rd School Closed – Training Day

June

2nd School re-opens

July

2nd Reception visit to William's Den

8th-

10th Transition to new Year Groups

15th/

16th Year 2 Residential

21st Last day of term



Ensuring childcare is affordable

The following schemes are available to help with childcare costs:

Scheme name	Who is eligible?	What % of fees is saved?
Tax-Free Childcare (TFC)	Anyone earning over "16 hours x Min Wage" per week	20%
Universal Credit reclaim (UC)	Existing Universal Credit claimants currently in work (or due to start)	Up to 85%
Childcare Grant (CCG/CGPS)	Any full-time students earning under a set threshold	85%
MOD Wraparound Care Scheme	Any military families with 1 parent in active service	100%
Childcare Vouchers (CCV)	Families already registered to a CCV scheme	20%

More information: <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

Attendance this week

Class	Number of days absence
Nursery	27
Superworms	1
Smartest Giants	6
Gruffalos	9
Fantastic Foxes	12.5
BFGs	11
Enormous Crocodiles	15
Hungry Caterpillars	7
Busy Bugs	5
Honey Bees	7.5

Class/Group Photographs

The photographer will be in school taking Class/Group photographs on

Thursday 17 April 2025

Children who are due to have Forest School/PE on this day should wear their school uniform and bring forest school/PE clothes to change into.



Nursery Request

Nursery staff would be grateful for the donation of any plants, bulbs or vegetable seeds.

Thank you.

Easter Art for Pickfords Pharmacy

Pickfords Pharmacy (4 Barnsley Rd, DN5 8QE) would like to receive Easter pictures to display in their window.

Prizes will be given.



Year 1 and Year 2 changes to Forest School from Monday 14th April

From Monday 14th April we are making some changes to Forest School sessions.

For children in Year 1, sessions will take place at the end of the school day and children will be collected directly from Forest School

For children in Year 2, sessions will take place after lunch and children should be collected from their normal pick up points at the end of the school day.



Forest School Timetable Summer 2025

Day	AM	PM
Monday	Gruffalos	Honey Bees (12.30-1.50) Enormous Crocodiles (1.50-3.15)
Tuesday	Smartest Giants	Busy Bugs (12.30-1.50) BFGs (1.50-3.15)
Thursday	Superworms	Hungry Caterpillars (12.30-1.50) Fantastic Foxes (1.50-3.15)



Thank you to all the wonderful entries we had for our Science Week competition. There were so many different ways to show 'Change and Adapt' and both Mrs Anderson and I enjoyed taking time to look at them all, and we learnt things along the way too!



Mrs Anderson has chosen a winning entry from each year group. Well done to Robyn in Nursery, Mabel in Reception, Jack in Year One and Archie in Year Two.



RED NOSE DAY



A huge thank you to YOU - our incredible parents, carers and children for making Red Nose Day 2025 such a HUGE success! DRUM ROLL PLEASE... in total we raised a staggering **£583.75** for Comic Relief! **WOW** - thank you for your continued support, you are amazing!

'Design a Nose' Competition

Our 'Design a Nose' competition was hugely successful with over 60 entries across school. Our KS1 School Councillors and Mrs Anderson had the almost impossible job of choosing the winning designs. After lots of umm-ing and ahh-ing they all finally agreed that the winning design belonged to **Isabella W** in Honey Bees (Year 2), **Henry N** in BFGs (Year 1) and **Alzaelle S** (EYFS) - congratulations! All children who entered the competition were awarded with a certificate and a packet of sweets.



Just look at how **INCREDIBLE** all of the children's Red Nose designs are! The KS1 School Councillors and Mrs Anderson had a very difficult job of choosing the winning

Non-uniform Day - Theme: Birthday Party Vibe

Our 'Birthday Party Vibe' non-uniform day was also hugely successful. The children and staff looked absolutely fantastic! Our KS1 School Councillors and EYFS Golden Citizens had a very important job of helping staff choose one child per class to be awarded the prestigious accolade of 'The Best Dressed'. The winners were:

Y. N	Nursery (AM)	Rana K
	Nursery (PM)	Ivyaan G
	Nursery (Full Time)	Raya M
Y. R	Superworms	Rae W
	Smartest Giants	
	Gruffalos	Evie N
Y. 1	Enormous Crocodiles	Aubree C
	BFGs	Dolcie-Mae R
	Fantastic Foxes	Evelyn B
Y. 2	Hungry Caterpillars	Evan T
	Busy Bugs	Melody H
	Honey Bees	Nora W

Here are some of our fabulous winners...

(L-R) Rana K (N), Ivyaan G (N), Raya M (N), Rae W (R), Evelyn B (Y1) & Aubree C (Y1).





This week our KS1 School Councillors participated in a litter pick, at Barnsley Road Playing Field, in support of the 'Great British Spring Clean 2025', the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. Our very own #LITTERHEROES were incredible and managed to pick up a huge amount of litter in a relatively short amount of time! A BIG well done to all of the children involved and a BIG thank you to Miss Wills and Mrs Burland for supporting them on the litter pick.



Scribble and Drawing Club workshop – Reception and Nursery

This week we have circulated an invitation to parents/carers of Nursery and Reception children to our Scribble and Drawing Club workshop, a wonderful opportunity for you to join your child in a creative exploration of storytelling through art! This engaging workshop is designed not only to spark imagination but also to strengthen the bond between you and your child as you work together to bring a story to life.

During the session, we will embark on an exciting journey, beginning with the early stages of mark-making, where we will explore how those first scribbles evolve into meaningful drawings and eventually lead to writing sentences by the end of Reception. This progression is essential for the development of literacy skills, and we believe that creativity plays a vital role in this process. Through interactive activities, you and your child will create artwork inspired by a chosen story, making it a memorable experience you can cherish together.

The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, 15th May, and will be offered at two convenient times: 9:00 am and 3:20 pm. We warmly welcome all children and parents from both Nursery and Reception classes to attend. It promises to be a fun-filled and enriching experience for everyone involved!

Please do not miss this chance to support your child's learning journey while relishing a delightful time together. To ensure that we can accommodate everyone, we kindly ask you to sign up by clicking the link below:

<https://saltersgate.schoolcloud.co.uk>

We hope to see you there, ready to unleash your creativity alongside your little ones! Should you have any questions or require further details, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to an inspiring workshop together!

Junk Modelling Materials

After half term we will continue making cars in Reception using junk modelling materials.

Please can you send in any of the following materials into school:



Lids (milk, bottles or jam)
Cardboard tubes (kitchen roll or foil)
Cardboard boxes no bigger than a cereal box
Wool/string
Corks
Egg Cartons
Yoghurt/jelly pots



The more materials provided the more fun we can have. We request that all items are clean before you send them in.

We are also happy to accept flowers that you may have in your house once you have finished enjoying them. They will make an excellent addition to our mud kitchen.

Please give any donations to a Reception class teacher.



Thank you.

After School Clubs

The clubs available after half term are:

Day	Club	Total Cost
Monday	Cricket (Year 1 and Year 2 only)	£10.00
Tuesday	Football (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)	£15.00
Tuesday	Drawing (Reception only)	£15.00
Wednesday	Gymnastics (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)	£15.00
Thursday	Marvellous Maths Games/Times Tables Rock Stars (Year 1 and Year 2) (for this club only - interest will be sought before a payment item appears on ParentPay)	£15.00
Thursday	Well-being (Year 1 and Year 2 only)	£15.00

All clubs will run half-terminally, starting week commencing 14 April 2025 and finishing week commencing 19 May 2025. The sports clubs will run from the end of the school day to 4.15 pm.

Payments for clubs are through ParentPay. Please note that it will not be possible to offer refunds if children are withdrawn from clubs once these have started.

Drawing Club

Mr Howse will be offering a Drawing Club for children in Reception. The club will run from the end of the school day on Tuesdays, commencing on 15 April 2025. Pick up will be from main reception at 4.00 pm.



Marvellous Maths Club

Miss Laben will be running a Marvellous Maths club for children in Years 1 and 2. Children will practice some of the key skills needed in a fun and engaging way to become confident mathematicians.

The club will run in BFGs classroom each Thursday after school commencing on 17 April 2025. Please collect your child from main reception at 4.15 pm.



If your child is interested in attending this club please complete the online form by Monday 14 April 2025 <https://forms.office.com/e/cySC4vqBkf>

If a place is allocated a text will be sent on Tuesday 15 April 2025 and a payment item added to your ParentPay account.

Well-being Club

Miss MacGillivray will be running a Well-being Club - yoga, mindfulness, colouring – for children in Year 1 and Year 2.

The club will run from the end of the school day on Thursdays, commencing on 17 April 2025. Pick up will be from main reception at 4.15 pm.



Saltersgate Easter Competition

All our pupils are invited to decorate an Egg or Easter Hat

PRIZES TO BE WON!



All entries should be brought to the school hall to display on


Thursday 17th April

There will be a table to display entries from each Class and winners will be announced the same day!

Only one entry per child. Please make sure that your name and Class are clearly marked on your entry.




Conisbrough Library, Conisbrough
Civic Office, Waterdale
Vermuyden Centre, Thorne
Woodlands Library, Woodlands



Your Place

We know every family is different and we want to provide support and information that is right for you.



Your Place for Your Family

www.yourlifedoncaster.co.uk/family

What can you expect from the local team at Your Place?

The team are on hand to chat with you about what is concerning you or what you feel you need support with.



Here are a few of the things that you can chat to the team about:

- Benefits
- Family support
- Local groups and activities
- Childcare
- Anti-social behaviour
- Housing support
- Employment
- Debt and financial concerns
- Education support for your child as well as information for adults wanting to access adult learning courses.





Drop in and see us soon!



Your Place

Conisbrough Library: 01302 736644
Civic Office: 01302 736409
Vermuyden Centre: 01302 736336
Woodlands Library: 01302 736787

Conisbrough Library: LocalSolutionSouth@doncaster.gov.uk
Civic Office: LocalSolutionCentral@doncaster.gov.uk
Vermuyden Centre: LocalSolutionEast@doncaster.gov.uk
Woodlands Library: LocalSolutionNorth@doncaster.gov.uk



New Beginnings
Marshall Ave, Doncaster DN4 0QP
Telephone 03000 212242

BEATING ADDICTION IN COMMUNITIES

Come and join us for our Easter Open Day

17 April 2025 1.30 to 4.30pm

The event will include:

- Tombola with great prizes ● Easter Egg Hunt
- Tours of the building ● Light refreshments
- Games ● Stalls ● Children's craft corner

This is a drop-in Open Day for all



NHS
Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust

Aspire Drug and Alcohol Services are provided in partnership by Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (RDASH) and The Alcohol and Drug Service (ADS).



Community Engagement Meeting (CEM)

There will be a CEM on:
Monday 31st March 2025

Time: 6pm-7.30pm
Venue: Town End Community Hub, Conyers Road, Bentley, DN5 9SU

The Doncaster North CEM is for all members of the public to discuss any concerns and issues with South Yorkshire Police, DMBC Communities Team, St Leger Homes of Doncaster and local ward members in Bentley, Roman Ridge, Sprotbrough, Adwick and Carcroft, and Norton and Askern wards.

Doncaster Parents Voice and Doncaster Autism Service Events for April and the Spring Holiday/Easter Bank Holidays

Below are the links to flyers and the Events Calendar for April for Doncaster Parents' Voice events, including those over the Spring holiday and the Easter Bank Holidays.

Dungeons & Dragons:

[2025 Dates D&D Generic Flyer](#)

Parent Carer Coffee Mornings:

[2025 Dates Parent Carer Coffee morning](#)

The Voice of SEND Young People Meetings:

[The Voice of SEND Young People meeting dates 2025](#)

Current Workshops can be found here:

[Workshops | dpvo](#)

Workshops we have running in April are:

Beginning Your Childs Autism Journey & Strategies to Manage Anxiety for parents/carers

Making A Difference Meetings about:

[All about Making A Difference Group Dates 2025](#)

Making A Difference Meeting dates flyer:

[Making A Difference Group Dates 2025](#)

Online Parent/Carer Coffee & Chat Session:

[2025 Dates for Online Parent Carer Coffee & Chat Generic Flyer](#)

Benefits Sessions:

[Therapies, Benefits and Counselling Sessions Flyer](#)

Trans Pennine Trail Half Term Activity Pack

Download it here: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>

The pack contains lots of exciting holiday activities that will keep young minds entertained during the Spring half term break.

Bursting with fun and engaging activities, they will be encouraged to embark on a Spring Scavenger Hunt and take part in a Great British Spring Clean litter pick challenge.

They'll be able to get creative by making Spring Lamb cupcakes and creating their own Easter Egg decorations while solving the Easter Word search and bringing vibrant colours to life with picture colouring before diving into the next instalment of Mandy Mole's exciting adventure along the Trans Pennine Trail.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. To receive a printed copy contact details are shown below.



 <p>Trans Pennine Trail*</p> <p>A national coast to coast route for recreation and transport - for walking, cycling, horse riding and wheeling</p> 	<p>Robert Drummond Technical Assistant - National Trans Pennine Trail Office Hosted by: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Westgate Plaza One, PO Box 597, S70 2DR Telephone: 01226 772574</p>	
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Email: info@transpenninetrail.org.uk

Website: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/>

Week 1**Week Commencing 14 April 2025**

Options	Red	Vegetarian	Yellow	Blue	Green	Orange	Purple	Served with	Dessert
Monday	All Day Breakfast	Vegetarian Breakfast	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Tinned Tomatoes	Banana Toffee Muffin Yoghurt Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Savoury Beef Mince, Yorkshire Pudding & Mashed Potato	Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Slice	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Carrots and Broccoli	Ice Cream & Peaches Yoghurt Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Chicken Pasta Bake & Garlic Slice	Veggie Hot Dog & Oven Baked Wedges	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Mixed Salad & Sweetcorn	Crackle Cookie Yoghurt Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Fish Fingers	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Crunchy Chips, Baked Beans & Garden Peas	Iced Sprinkle Sponge Fresh Fruit
Friday	GOOD FRIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED								

Week 2									
Week Commencing 21.04.25									
Options	Red	Vegetarian	Yellow	Blue	Green	Orange	Purple	Served with	Dessert
Monday	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED								
Tuesday	Calzone	Quorn Pizza Burger & Tomato Ketchup	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Oven Baked Wedges, Sweetcorn & Garden Peas	Ice Cream Roll Yoghurt Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Spaghetti Bolognese & Garlic Slice	Vegan Roll & Oven Baked Wedges	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Mixed Salad	Apple Flapjack Yoghurt Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Chicken Goujons	Cheese Flan	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Mini Potato Crunchies, Baked Beans & Homemade Coleslaw	Butterscotch Cookie & Apple Wedge Yoghurt Fresh Fruit
Friday	Fish Portion	Garlic Slice Pizza	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Crunchy Chips, & Garden Peas	Chocolate Crunch Fresh Fruit