



SALTERSGATE INFANTS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have fully embraced our learning across the whole curriculum. In Reception pupils learnt about the Chinese New Year and created some wonderful dragons and willow pattern designs. Across both Reception and Year 1 children have also enjoyed sampling a range of Chinese food! Year 1 also enjoyed their local walk and found out lots about the environment that they did not know before. Our Year 2s are also becoming very knowledgeable about history and events that led up to the Great Fire of London! We cannot wait to re-enact the Great Fire in a couple of weeks' time.

A huge well done to the Year 2 children that represented Saltersgate at the Legacy Basketball Tournament in Doncaster. They displayed amazing teamwork and basketball skills making it all the way to the semi-finals. A huge thank you to Miss Brown and Mr Gadd for accompanying the children.

Today we have welcomed Miss MacGillivray to Saltersgate. She has spent some time getting to know the children in Enormous Crocodiles class, who she will be teaching after the February half term break. Miss MacGillivray will be having more days with the class over the next two weeks to ensure a smooth transition.

A final reminder that Storytelling Week takes place next week which includes our family after school reading sessions. Please see the dates for these on the next page! It was also lovely to see some of you at our Coffee Morning today.

Have a relaxing weekend,

Mrs Anderson

Our Golden Citizens for Next Week (03.02.25)

Class	Golden Citizen
Superworms	Jacob T
Smartest Giants	Poppy R
Gruffalos	Tommy W
Fantastic Foxes	Leo H
BFGs	Freddie T
Enormous Crocodiles	Matilda L
Hungry Caterpillars	Alex C
Busy Bugs	Jensen K
Honey Bees	Emma C



Information about applying for the Parent Governor vacancies at our school has been distributed through ParentPay today and has been included on the website

<https://shorturl.at/ytmjM>

If you would like to stand for election please contact the school for a nomination form.

Nomination forms must be completed in full and returned to the school office no later than **10.00 am on Monday 3 February 2025.**



D I A R Y

February

- 3rd-9th** National Storytelling Week
- 4th** Parent reading session - 11.30 am (AM Nursery children)
- 4th** Parent reading session – 2.45 pm (PM Nursery and Full-Time Nursery children)
- 4th** Parent reading session – 3.20 pm (Year 1 children)
- 5th** Parent reading session – 3.15 pm (Year 2 children)
- 6th** Parent reading session – 3.10 pm (Reception children)
- 6th** Year 1 celebrate the United Kingdom
Fantastic Foxes – Scotland
BFGs – Wales
Enormous Crocodiles - England
- 10th** Year 2 Great Fire of London Show
- 12th** Hungry Caterpillars Great Fire of London re-enactment – (8.45 - 9.30 am at Forest School)
- 13th** Busy Bugs Great Fire of London re-enactment – (8.45 - 9.30 am at Forest School)
- 13th** Honey Bees Great Fire of London re-enactment – (2.15 - 2.45 pm at Forest School)
- 13th** Year 1 Valentine’s Disco (4pm-6pm)
- 14th** Last day of term
- 24th** School re-opens
- 27th** Reception - Historical Hero/Idol Dress-Up Day

March

- 28th** Last day of term

April

- 14th** School re-opens
- 18th** School closed – Good Friday
- 21st** School closed – Easter Monday
- 22nd** School re-opens
- 23rd** Nursery Charley’s Play Barn Visit

Attendance this week

Class	Number of days absence
Nursery	43.5
Superworms	5.5
Smartest Giants	3
Gruffalos	4
Fantastic Foxes	1
BFGs	10
Enormous Crocodiles	7
Hungry Caterpillars	5
Busy Bugs	7.5
Honey Bees	11

Clothes Donations

Thank you to the parents that have donated spare clothes to school.

If anyone is able to donate spares suitable for our Year 2 age group (7-8), please pass to the school office.

Thank you.

Read for your school

Take part in our **Ready, Steady... Read!**

from **3rd Feb** to **9th Feb**

Get sponsored, get reading and see what you can achieve

In partnership with **USBORNE**

After School Clubs

We are pleased to invite interest in our after school clubs, from our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children, which will be led by a qualified instructor.

Due to other activities/events in school, the after school clubs will run for three weeks only (week commencing 24 February, 10 March and 17 March). Each session will run from the end of the school day to 4.15 pm. The clubs available are:

Day	Club	Total Cost
Monday	Hockey (Year 1 and Year 2 children only)	£7.50
Tuesday	Football	£7.50
Wednesday	Gymnastics	£7.50



There is a charge of £2.50 per session with the total cost payable through ParentPay online. You will need to give consent on ParentPay also. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis through ParentPay. Please note that it will not be possible to offer refunds if children are withdrawn from clubs once these have started.

Year 1 - Thursday 6th February

The children in Year 1 will be looking at the countries that make up the UK. They will be looking at location, flags and traditions that make each country unique. To immerse the children in this learning we will be creating a whistle stop tour around the United Kingdom.

Each classroom will celebrate a different country of the United Kingdom. Children will spend some of their day visiting each classroom/country and learn lots of new information, listen to traditional music and taste local/traditional foods.

To fully embrace the experience, we are inviting children to dress up in something to do with one of the countries. This could be the colours of the nation's flag, a famous person from that country, traditional attire worn or anything associated with the country. The country for each class are as follows:



Fantastic Foxes - Scotland

BFG's - Wales

Enormous Crocodiles - England



Year Two Design & Technology - Home Learning Challenge



Task: To create a 3D model of a Tudor house

Deadline: Monday, 10th February (but bring into school as soon as they are made.)

This half-term the children in Year Two have been learning all about The Great Fire of London. The children have learnt what Tudor houses were made of in 1666 and why this contributed to the fire spreading so easily and London burning so quickly.

We would like the children to spend some time at home making a 3D model of a Tudor house to bring into school, in order for us to recreate Pudding Lane (the street The Great Fire of London started on).

During the children's **Forest School session on Wednesday, 12th February (Hungry Caterpillars) and Thursday, 13th February (Busy Bugs and Honey Bees)** the children will watch (from a safe distance) as their Tudor homes are set alight - in our very own re-enactment of The Great Fire of London! This provides children with the opportunity to experience first-hand how quickly fire can spread, in a safe learning environment!

Hungry Caterpillars/Busy Bugs - Parents/carers are invited to drop their children off at Forest School (not their classroom) and stay for the start of their child's Forest School session (until approx. 9:30AM), in order to join in the fun and watch too!

Honey Bees - Parents/carers are invited to attend the end of their child's Forest School session (from 2:15PM until approx. 2:45PM), in order to join in the fun and watch too!

Please encourage your child to complete as much of the D & T project independently. **Please ensure 3D models are no bigger than a cereal box.**

Examples of models of Tudor houses:



Please be aware that this activity is weather dependent and may have to be cancelled and rearranged at short notice.



Reception - Historical Hero/Idol Dress-Up Day - Thursday 27 February 2025

Come to school dressed as one of your grown-ups childhood heroes!

Some examples of who you might dress as are:

- Famous footballer
- Pop star
- Record breaker
- Athlete
- Scientist
- TV personality
- Someone from the monarchy



With your adult, research and write down a few facts to bring with you about why this person was famous to share with the class.



Please do NOT send your child in a super hero or princess costume, it MUST be a real person.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – LITTLE LADYBIRDS



We are looking for volunteers to support our baby and toddler group on a Wednesday morning.

If you would be interested in becoming involved, please attend a session on Wednesday morning between 8:30am – 10am and speak to the group leader.

Sessions run every Wednesday morning from 8:30am until 10am.

Held in the school hall



Girls Football Training Opportunities

hosted by Doncaster Belles FC.

We offer two types of sessions:

1. Girls Only Goalkeeper Training (Ages 8-16)

These sessions are specifically designed for aspiring female goalkeepers and are held every Thursday from 5:00-6:00pm or 6:00-7:00pm. Whether a beginner or an experienced player, these sessions are tailored to develop goalkeeping skills in a supportive, girls-only environment.

2. Wildcats Training (Ages 6-12)

The Wildcats sessions aim to introduce younger girls to football in a fun and engaging way. It's a great opportunity for girls to develop their basic football skills, make new friends, and enjoy the sport.

First Trial Session Free!

We offer the first session completely free of charge, so girls can come along, have fun, and see if they'd like to continue. Booking links below:

[Belles Goalkeepers Coaching \(Thu 20th Jun 2024 - Thu 5th Jun 2025\) | Doncaster Rovers Belles | Powered by ClassForKids](#)

[Belles Wildcats \(Mon 1st Jul 2024 - Mon 2nd Jun 2025\) | Doncaster Rovers Belles | Powered by ClassForKids](#)

For more details visit <https://www.doncasterroversfc.co.uk/belles> or @donnybelles on twitter & Instagram

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• Nerf wars challenges!
• Activities suitable for all ages!
activ8camps.co.uk **Book here**

What does a day at camp look like?

8:00 - 9:15 Arrival games and activities

9:15 - 9:30 Welcome and introductions

9:30 - 10:15
Group 1: Arts and crafts
Group 2: Physical games and activities
Group 3: Enrichment Activities

10:15 - 10:45 Break & snack time

10:45 - 11:30
Group 2: Arts and crafts
Group 3: Physical games and activities
Group 1: Enrichment Activities

11:30 - 12:15
Group 3: Arts and crafts
Group 1: Physical games and activities
Group 2: Enrichment Activities

12:15 - 13:30 Lunch & break time

13:30 - 14:45 Theme of the day

15:00 Standard day collection

15:00 - 17:00 Extra time activities

What are our activities?

Arts and crafts	Physical	Enrichment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painting • Junkyard crafts • Clay sculpting • Painting • Arts and crafts challenges • Homemade playdoh! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-sports • Dodgeball • Football • Fun playground games • Dance • Gymnastics • So much more! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crazy science • Nerf wars • Forest • Schools/nature work • Gardening • Cooking • Lego challenges

Week 3

Week Commencing 03.02.25

Options	Red	Vegetarian	Yellow	Blue	Green	Orange	Purple	Served with	Dessert
Monday	Margherita Pizza	Quorn Sausage Hot Dog & Tomato Ketchup	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Mini Potato Crunchies & Baked Beans	Chocolate Crunch Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Farmhouse Pork Dumpling Pie, Gravy & Mashed Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Slice	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Mixed Vegetables	Ice Cream Roll Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy & Mashed Potatoes	Mild Quorn & Baked Bean Chilli & Rice	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Cauliflower & Carrots	Butterscotch Cookie Fresh Fruit
Thursday	All Day Breakfast & Tomato Ketchup	Vegetarian Breakfast & Tomato Ketchup	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 & Chopped Tomatoes	Pancakes with peaches & Honey Fresh Fruit
Friday	Fish Fingers	NOT VEGETARIAN Real Pork Sausage Roll	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, Tomato Ketchup, Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	Iced Sparkle Sponge Fresh Fruit

Week 1 Week Commencing 10.02.25									
Options	Red	Vegetarian	Yellow	Blue	Green	Orange	Purple	Served with	Dessert
Monday	Chicken Goujons & Garlic Mayonnaise	Cheese & Tomato Pastry Twist	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Seasoned Wedges, Baked Beans, Cucumber & Carrot sticks	Chocolate Crackle Cookie Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Minced Beef & Vegetable Pie, Gravy, Saute Potatoes	Tomato Pasta Bake & Garlic Slice	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	Ice Cream Tub Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Pork Sausage, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Quorn Fillet, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Mashed Potatoes, Carrots & Broccoli	Lemon Drizzle Bun Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Mild Chicken Curry, Rice & Naan Bread	Vegan Sausage Roll, Gravy & Roast Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Sweetcorn & Carrots	Apple Flapjack Fresh Fruit
Friday	Fish Portion & Tomato Ketchup	Margherita Pizza	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Crunchy Chips, Baked Beans or Peas	Blond Rice Krispie Cake Fresh Fruit