



# SALTERSGATE INFANTS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have had a focus on developing strong learning behaviours wherever the learning is taking place. In assemblies we have been trying hard to make sure that we look, we listen, we think and we concentrate! Next week we will be working hard to improve our behaviour at lunchtime, particularly when we are in the dining room by talking quietly to our friends and treating everyone with respect.

Our Reception children visited the Lyceum Theatre in Sheffield to see the performance of Julia Donaldson's Room on the Broom. The behaviour of the children was exemplary and compliments were given by theatre staff and members of the public. I think the children enjoyed the performance too!

National Storytelling Week takes place in the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> February with activities in school including Masked Reader, teacher story swaps and our sponsored read. We will also be inviting parents and other family members to join us after school for a family reading session. We will open our doors after school for 15-20 minutes on various days that week (see our diary dates for each year group's allocated day).

At the end of this half term, we will be saying farewell to one of our Year 1 teachers, Mrs Linley, who has been a valued member of our school community since joining the school over 36 years ago. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her commitment to her role and contribution to the school and wish her all the best for the future.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Coffee Morning next Friday 31st January.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Anderson

## Our Golden Citizens for Next Week (27.01.25)

Class	Golden Citizen
Superworms	Grace H
Smartest Giants	Maya L
Gruffalos	Ellaria L
Fantastic Foxes	Arthur B
BFGs	Harrison P
Enormous Crocodiles	Finlay W
Hungry Caterpillars	Layla D
Busy Bugs	Abbie P
Honey Bees	Charlie P



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

## January

30<sup>th</sup> Reception Chinese New Year Celebration

31<sup>st</sup> Coffee Morning (9am-10 am)

## February

3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> National Storytelling Week

4<sup>th</sup> Parent reading session - 11.30 am (AM Nursery children)

4<sup>th</sup> Parent reading session – 2.45 pm (PM Nursery and Full-Time Nursery children)

4<sup>th</sup> Parent reading session – 3.20 pm (Year 1 children)

5<sup>th</sup> Parent reading session – 3.15 pm (Year 2 children)

6<sup>th</sup> Parent reading session – 3.10 pm (Reception children)

6<sup>th</sup> Year 1 celebrate the United Kingdom  
Fantastic Foxes – Scotland  
BFGs – Wales  
Enormous Crocodiles - England

10<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Great Fire of London Show

12<sup>th</sup> Hungry Caterpillars Great Fire of London re-enactment – (8.45 - 9.30 am at Forest School)

13<sup>th</sup> Busy Bugs Great Fire of London re-enactment – (8.45 - 9.30 am at Forest School)

13<sup>th</sup> Honey Bees Great Fire of London re-enactment – (2.15 - 2.45 pm at Forest School)

13<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Valentine's Disco (4pm-6pm)

14<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

24<sup>th</sup> School re-opens

## March

28<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

## April

14<sup>th</sup> School re-opens

18<sup>th</sup> School closed – Good Friday

21<sup>st</sup> School closed – Easter Monday

22<sup>nd</sup> School re-opens

23<sup>rd</sup> Nursery Charley's Play Barn Visit

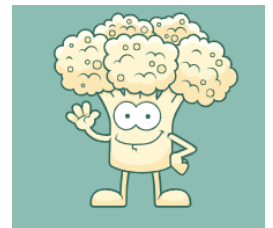
## Attendance this week

Class	Number of days absence
Nursery	16
Superworms	9
Smartest Giants	4
Gruffalos	2
Fantastic Foxes	2
BFGs	7
Enormous Crocodiles	9.5
Hungry Caterpillars	5
Busy Bugs	5
Honey Bees	2.5

## Cauliflower Cards

Thank you to the parents that purchased Christmas cards designed by their children.

School raised £43 commission from Cauliflower cards.



## Forest School - Nursery

Forest School sessions in nursery will be starting after half term.

We had hoped to start these sooner but the building work and the delay in holding the stay and play sessions has meant that this was not possible.

Parents are asked to look out for a letter coming shortly informing them of what their child needs for these sessions together with their dates/days.





**BEAT THE JANUARY BLUES!**  
**COME ALONG FOR A CUPPA AND A CATCH UP**

**Saltersgate Infant School**

Would like to invite you to our **Coffee Morning**

**When – Friday 31st Jan  
 9am until 10am**

**Where – Dragonflies**

Come along to our Coffee Morning for parent/carers . We provide endless tea, coffee and biscuits where you can chat in a relaxed and friendly environment. Our Family Support Worker Lisa Booth will be available for advice or a friendly chat. Also, Families Information Services will be visiting the session for anyone wanting information on 2-year-old funding

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – LITTLE LADYBIRDS**



**Free Everyone Welcome**

**Baby & Toddler group**

We encourage walk-ins no need to book

**Every Wednesday  
 8:30am-10am  
 Enter via hall doors**

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




## Reception - Chinese New Year Celebrations

On Thursday 30 January, as part of their topic about China, Reception classes will celebrate the Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year, and welcome the Year of the Snake.

On this day, children in Reception are invited to come dressed in red, a colour that is widely regarded as a symbol of celebration and prosperity in Chinese culture.



Throughout the day the children will engage in a variety of activities including creating a Chinese dragon, making Willow pattern style art and tasting a selection of Chinese cuisine, including rice, noodles, prawn crackers and spring rolls.

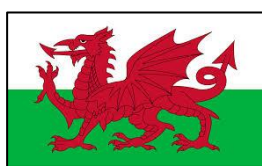
We are looking forward to this vibrant day of cultural exploration and fun.

## Year 1 - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 12<sup>th</sup> February (Hungry Caterpillars) and Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## School Holidays 2024-2025

Holiday	Schools Close (PM)	Re-open (AM)
Start of School Year		Tuesday 3 September
Autumn Half Term	Thursday 24 October	Monday 4 November
Christmas	Friday 20 December	Monday 6 January
Spring Half Term	Friday 14 February	Monday 24 February
Summer Term 1	Friday 28 March	Monday 14 April
Easter	Thursday 17 April	Tuesday 22 April
May Day	Friday 2 May	Tuesday 6 May
Summer Half Term	Thursday 22 May	Monday 2 June
Summer	Monday 21 July	

Training Days: Monday 2nd September 2024  
 Friday 25th October 2024  
 Friday 23rd May 2025  
 Tuesday 22nd July 2025  
 Wednesday 23rd July 2025

## School Holidays 2025-2026

Holiday	Schools Close (PM)	Re-open (AM)
Start of School Year		Tuesday 2 September
Autumn Half Term	Friday 24 October	Tuesday 4 November
Christmas	Friday 19 December	Tuesday 6 January
Spring Half Term	Friday 13 February	Monday 23 February
Easter	Friday 27 March	Monday 13 April
May Day	Friday 1 May	Tuesday 5 May
Summer Half Term	Thursday 21 May	Monday 1 June
Summer	Friday 17 July	

Training Days: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

<b>Week 2</b>									
<b>Week Commencing 06.01.25 27.01.25</b>									
<b>Options</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Vegetarian</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>Served with</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Beef Burger in a Bun & Tomato Ketchup	Quorn Pizza Burger & Tomato Ketchup	Jacket Potato with Cheese & 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 & Coleslaw	Bun Fresh Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	BBQ Chicken Wrap	Cheese Flan	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Seasoned Wedges, Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	Ice Cream Roll Fresh Fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Gammon, Pineapple, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Quorn Sausage, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Roast Potatoes, Broccoli & Honey Glazed Carrots	Muffin Fresh Fruit
<b>Thursday</b>	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce & Spaghetti, Garlic Bread	Mild Quorn Curry & Rice, Naan Bread	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Farmhouse Mixed Vegetables	Shortcake Finger Biscuit & Peaches Fresh Fruit
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Flipper Dippers & Tomato Ketchup	Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Tomato Ketchup	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 or Peas	Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit

Week 3									
Week Commencing 13.01.25 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	<b>NOT VEGETARIAN</b> 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

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week Commencing</b>							<b>20.01.25</b>	<b>10.02.25</b>	
<b>Options</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Vegetarian</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>Served with</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	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	
<b>Tuesday</b>	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	
<b>Wednesday</b>	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	
<b>Thursday</b>	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	
<b>Friday</b>	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	