



# SALTERSGATE INFANTS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy December everyone! This week Saltersgate has been well and truly sparkled! Our classrooms are looking very festive and children are practicing ready for their performances over the next couple of weeks. Please make sure that you check the calendars in this newsletter to make sure that you don't miss out on key events happening in your child's year group! Please also look out for messages on Seesaw with details of our Christmas parties.

On Thursday we were very lucky to have a very special visitor at Saltersgate! Santa came to see us in Forest School and told us the story of 'The Night Before Christmas'. He also checked if any of his elves had been up to mischief!



I would also like to thank all of those children and their families who are supporting Saltersgate to become 'road safe' by walking part or the whole way to school. We had a record number of children earning their Walk to School badges in November and it is lovely to see the children wearing these with pride. Please only drive into the school car park if you have permission and absolutely have to and avoid parking on Windsor Walk as it gets very heavily congested at the start and end of the school day.

Have a lovely wintery weekend,

Mrs Anderson

## Our Golden Citizens for next week (09.12.24)

Class	Golden Citizen
Superworms	Cameron D
Smartest Giants	Ollie H
Gruffalos	Charlotte C
Fantastic Foxes	Evelyn B
BFGs	Henry N
Enormous Crocodiles	Daniel-John P
Hungry Caterpillars	Amber S
Busy Bugs	Sadie H
Honey Bees	Harry S

## Reading Books

Please remember to return your child's reading book each week for a new one to be issued.

If not sure, check with your child's class teacher for their designated swap day.

## Christmas Coffee Morning



Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
9 - 10 am

Coffee and mince pies  
in the main hall



# DIARY

## December

- 10<sup>th</sup>** Nursery Christmas Performance  
10.15 am (AM and Curious Caterpillars)  
1.45 pm (PM and Learning Ladybirds)
- 12<sup>th</sup>** Reception Christmas Performance  
9.30 am and repeated at 2.00pm
- 12<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Dinner Day
- 12<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Jumper Day
- 16<sup>th</sup>** Year 2 Stone Hill Visit (am)
- 16<sup>th</sup>** Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.00 pm
- 16<sup>th</sup>** Year 2 Disco (5.00 pm-6.00 pm)
- 17<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Coffee Morning (9.00 am – 10.00 am)
- 17<sup>th</sup>** Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.00 pm
- 17<sup>th</sup>** Year 2 Performance at St Leonard and St Jude Church 2.00 pm *(no booking required)*
- 18<sup>th</sup>** Year 2 Party
- 19<sup>th</sup>** Year 1 Party
- 20<sup>th</sup>** Nursery Party
- 20<sup>th</sup>** Reception Party
- 20<sup>th</sup>** Last day of Term

## January

- 6<sup>th</sup>** School re-opens
- 23<sup>rd</sup>** Reception Lyceum Trip

## Attendance this week

Class	Number of days absence
Nursery	20
Superworms	3.5
Smartest Giants	0
Gruffalos	3.5
Fantastic Foxes	5
BFGs	9
Enormous Crocodiles	15
Hungry Caterpillars	5
Busy Bugs	7
Honey Bees	2.5



## Saltersgate Dragonflies

Wrap around care

### Price Changes from January 2025

With effect from 6 January 2025, there will be a slight increase in prices for Dragonflies. The new prices will be;

Morning - £6  
After School - £10

Session times will remain the same.

## Christmas Jumper Swap 2024



The Christmas jumper swap returns to Saltersgate Infant School – a chance to grab a Christmas jumper for FREE!

Please donate your used Christmas jumpers by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
(Please bring a coat hanger)

Thank you for your ongoing support.

### Toy Donations

We would be grateful for any toy donations to Dragonflies, our before and after school provision.

Thank you

### Medication

If your child is prescribed a medicine to be taken three times a day, you may wonder if they need to take it to school. But this is not usually needed.



In most cases, you can give your child their first dose of the day in the morning before they go to school. Then, you can wait until they are home from school to give the second dose in the afternoon. Give the last dose of the day just before they go to bed.

Always follow instructions from your doctor or pharmacist, and ask them if you need more advice.



Please consider pedestrians and our school neighbours when dropping off and collecting children from school. Avoid parking on the curb and forcing children and pushchairs into the road; this is particularly important when they may not be visible to drivers during the dark mornings and evenings. Do not be the person contributing to the danger – park further away and walk to school instead.

Parents are reminded that they are welcome to park at Aldi during morning and afternoon drop off. This has been agreed with the Aldi Store Manager.

Please can I ask ALL parents/carers to support us in this matter and to park safely, legally and responsibly.



All next week (from Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December) we will be selling 'Magic Reindeer Food' in all KS1 (Year 1 & 2) classes, priced 50p. Due to allergies, we are unable to sell the 'Magic Reindeer Food' from Nursery and Reception classrooms. However, Nursery and Reception parents can pop into the main school office before or after school to buy some.

The 'Magic Reindeer Food' has been lovingly made by our wonderful KS1 School Councillors and all funds raised will be spent on something that benefits all children in school.

If you would like to support our fundraising project, please send your child to school with the correct money.

*Please note, our Magic Reindeer Food is bird and wildlife friendly.*



## 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.

The classes will run half-terminally, starting week commencing 6 January 2025 and finishing week commencing 10 February 2025. Each class will run from the end of the school day to 4.15 pm. The clubs available are:

Day	Club	Total Cost
Monday	Dodgeball (Year 1 and Year 2 children only)	£15.00
Tuesday	Football	£15.00
Wednesday	Gymnastics ( <i>this club is full</i> )	£15.00



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.

## Internet Safety

As we approach Christmas we know that some of you may consider purchasing a new electronic device for your children and many of those have access to the internet. While we actively encourage children to use the internet we also teach them how to use it responsibly. In school we have filters and settings to make the technology we use as safe as can be but on devices at home many devices do not come with those settings activated.



Please find a useful guide on how to keep our children safer online.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2022/12/15/guide-to-gifting-tech/>

## SENSORY HAVEN



For parents with children with additional needs

<https://sensoryhaven.setmore.com/>

## Admissions for September 2025

### Reception

Doncaster Council have now opened the application pages for children due to start in Reception in September 2025.

Children in Nursery do not automatically move to Reception, parents should apply before the deadline of 15 January 2025 to be considered for a place. Visit:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/primary-admissions>

### Year 3 – Junior School

Parents of children in Year 2 who have not yet applied for the Junior School have been reminded to apply at

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/primary-admissions>



# Nursery



## Calendar of Events for December

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
<p><b>Messy Church</b></p> <p>Father David will be joining Nursery to learn about the Nativity</p>	<p><b>Nursery Christmas Performance</b> 10.15 am (AM children and Curious Caterpillars Carpet) and 1.45 pm (PM children and Learning Ladybirds Carpet)</p>		<p><b>Christmas Dinner (Full Time Pupils ONLY)</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> (Suggested donation of £1 for Save the Children)</p>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
				<p><b>Nursery Christmas Party</b></p>

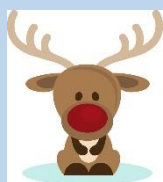


# Reception



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				<p><b>Reception Christmas Party</b></p>



# Year 1

## Calendar of Events for December



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<b>Year 1 Christmas Performance</b> 2.00 pm	<b>Year 1 Christmas Performance</b> 2.00 pm		<b>Year 1 Christmas Party</b>	



# Year 2

## Calendar of Events for December



Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
			<b>Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day</b> (Suggested donation of £1 for Save the Children)	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Stone Hill Visit</b> (Morning)  <b>Christmas Disco</b> 5 pm – 6 pm (£2.50 payable on the night)	<b>Year 2 Performance at St Leonard and St Jude Church</b> 2.00 pm (no booking required)	<b>Year 2 Christmas Party</b>		

# CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

7th December  
12-4pm

**SANTA'S GROTTO 1-3PM**  
MEET SANTA, RECEIVE A GIFT, HAVE A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPH

CRAFTS • CUSTOM GIFTS • SELF CARE • SWEET TREATS •  
FACE PAINT • MOBILE BAR • ACCESSORIES • DECOR

Scout Hut, Anchorage Lane, DN5 8DT

## Is your child registered for SCHOOL MILK?

**Child UNDER 5** **Child OVER 5**

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

### REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online  
[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

Need help?  
Send us a message  
at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact)  
or give us a call on 0800 321 3248

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## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS MEETING

### Doncaster Armed Forces Regimental Associations Quarterly Meeting

We want to ensure that all members of the Doncaster Armed Forces community have the opportunity to have their say on support in Doncaster. Therefore, in addition to the monthly Forum that welcomes all members of the community, this meeting is specifically for representatives of Regimental Associations to come along, have their say and find out what is happening in Doncaster.

Meetings will be held quarterly online and in person, starting:

**Tuesday 10th December**  
10am - 11am  
The Civic Office, Waterdale, Doncaster, DN1 3BU

For more information or to receive a MS Teams invite to join the meeting online, email: [armedforcescovenant@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:armedforcescovenant@doncaster.gov.uk)

## Find the best service for your illness or injury

**NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board**

### Self care

Treat minor ailments such as diarrhoea and vomiting at home.

**Keep stocked up: be prepared with essential medicines and supplies.**

**Useful items:** Aspirin; Paracetamol; Antidiarrheal medicine; Cough medicine; Plasters; Thermometer; Antiseptic cream

### Pharmacy

Your local pharmacy can help treat minor ailments including:

Acute ear infection; Impetigo; Infected insect bite; Shingles; Sinusitis; Sore throat; and Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs)

### NHS 111

**Non-emergency help:**

- Feeling unwell?
- Unsure?
- Anxious?
- Need help?

Use 111 if you're unsure which service you need or require advice and guidance

Call 111 or visit [www.111.nhs.uk](http://www.111.nhs.uk)

### GP advice

**Skilled team of medical professionals**

- Lasting symptoms
- Chronic pain
- Long-term conditions
- Prescriptions

**Doncaster Same Day Health Centre:**

If you are unable to get an urgent appointment with your practice.

Call 0300 123 3103

Evening and weekend appointments available

### Urgent care

**Urgent treatment**

- Simple fractures
- Sprains and breaks
- Cuts and burns

**Mexborough Minor Injuries Unit:**

Montagu Hospital, Adwick Road, Mexborough, S64 0AZ

### Mental health

**Donny Dot:** Connecting people of Doncaster to mental health and wellbeing information, advice, and support

In a mental health crisis, please phone the local service on 0800 804 8999 or call 111

### Eye Health

**Minor Eye Conditions Service can help with:**

- Red eye or eyelids
- Dry, gritty or uncomfortable eyes
- Eye irritation and inflammation
- A lot of recent discharge from the eye or watery eye
- Recently occurring flashes or floaters
- Painful eye
- Ingrowing lashes
- Recent and sudden loss of vision
- Foreign body in the eye



**Self-referral:** 0800 112 0070 or call 111

### Emergency

**Emergency Department or 999 for emergencies only:**

Choking, Chest pain, Blacking out, Serious blood loss, Significant injury or trauma

## Week Commencing 9 December 2024

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	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
Thursday	 <b>Christmas Dinner Day</b> 								
	<b>Christmas Dinner</b> Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Sausage	No Vegetarian Option	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Roast and Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Carrots	Iced Chocolate Sponge Christmas Biscuit 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>16/12/24</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