



# SALTERSGATE INFANTS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly I would like to thank you for all of your support this week. We have had several members of staff who have been hit by bugs and viruses and this has meant last moment changes to staffing in some classes. The children have responded wonderfully however, showing respect to visitors and responsibility in their learning.

This week we have embraced learning across the curriculum. In Reception pupils are learning about the Chinese New Year and have even enjoyed sampling a range of Chinese food! Our Year 2s are becoming very knowledgeable about events that led up to the Great Fire of London! We cannot wait to re-enact the Great Fire over the next couple of weeks during Forest School.

Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Reptile Rendezvous and met some interesting creatures! Today I have seen the children's descriptive writing, inspired by the animals they saw yesterday. Having visitors come into school allows us to keep the costs much lower than if we were taking the children out of school due to the high costs of coaches. If you would still like to pay the voluntary contribution for this experience then this can be done through Parent Pay. This then ensures that school budget is spent on the vital things it was planned for.

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. Thank you to Mr Gadd for accompanying the children.

A final reminder that Storytelling Week takes place next week which includes activities that you can get involved with at home. Please see more details on the next pages.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Anderson

## Our Golden Citizens for next week (02.02.26)

Class	Golden Citizen
R-CH	Daisy O
R-MH	Sienna M
R-AT	Lydia B
1-RL	Tommy W
1-PB	Emrys W
2-EM	Charlie P
2-JF	Maisie G
2-TD	Nancy E



## Volunteers Needed

We are lucky to have a popular baby and toddler group (Little Ladybirds) and would like to thank Mrs Bostock for giving up her time to organise activities, setting up and tidying away, and ensuring the sessions run smoothly. Without volunteers this group simply wouldn't exist.

If you can spare an hour or so, we are looking for more volunteers to help with the running of the Group. You can make a huge difference. Tasks like setting up and organising toys or greeting attendees are simple but essential. By attending regularly, you would be helping to ensure that we can continue to offer the group.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please attend a session on a Wednesday morning between 8.30 am and 10.00 am and speak to the group leader or email: [admin@saltersgate-inf.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:admin@saltersgate-inf.doncaster.sch.uk)

# D I A R Y

## February

- 2<sup>nd</sup>** National Storytelling Week
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** 2-TD Great Fire of London re-enactment – (2.30 - 2.50 pm at Forest School)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** 2-JF Great Fire of London re-enactment – (2.30 - 2.50 pm at Forest School)
- 5<sup>th</sup>** Year 2 Residential Meeting for parents/carers (2.30 pm)
- 9<sup>th</sup>** 2-EM Great Fire of London re-enactment – (2.30 - 2.50 pm at Forest School)
- 12<sup>th</sup>** Year 2 Great Fire of London Show (pm)
- 13<sup>th</sup>** Reception Chinese New Year Celebration  
*(Reception children invited to dress in red)*
- 13<sup>th</sup>** Last Day of Term
- 23<sup>rd</sup>** School re-opens
- 26<sup>th</sup>** Reception Tropical Butterfly World Trip

## March

- 27<sup>th</sup>** Last Day of Term

## April

- 13<sup>th</sup>** School re-opens
- 17<sup>th</sup>** Miss McCue's Boston Park Farm trip

## Attendance this week

Class	%
Nursery	81.5
R-CH	96.2
R-MH	91.5
R-AT	96.7
1-NM	96.7
1-RL	98.2
1-PB	97.9
2-EM	96.7
2-JF	92.3
2-TD	98

### Reception - Chinese New Year Celebrations

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 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 Horse.

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.



### Forest School and PE Timetable week commencing 02.02.26

Monday 02	Tuesday 03	Wednesday 04
R-MH - Forest School 2TD – Forest School 2EM – PE	R-AT - Forest School 2JF – Forest School 1NM – PE	R-CH - Forest School 1PB – Forest School 1RL – PE

## National Storytelling Week 2026

For National Storytelling Week, which commences on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, children will be taking part in a variety of activities designed to inspire creativity and encourage our pupils to explore the world of stories.

### Masked Reader

Keep a look out on Class Dojo and Facebook for 'Masked Reader' videos and try to guess who is behind the mask before the readers are unmasked on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February!



Children can take part too. They can create a mask or disguise at home and read their favourite story (or part of their story). The video should be no longer than 5 minutes and sent to the class teacher via Class Dojo. This will be shared in class for other children to guess who is behind the mask.

### Teacher Story Time Swap



Throughout the week different adults will be visiting classes for story time to share some of their favourite stories. This initiative aims to expose children to a diverse range of literature and storytelling style.

### Chatterpix



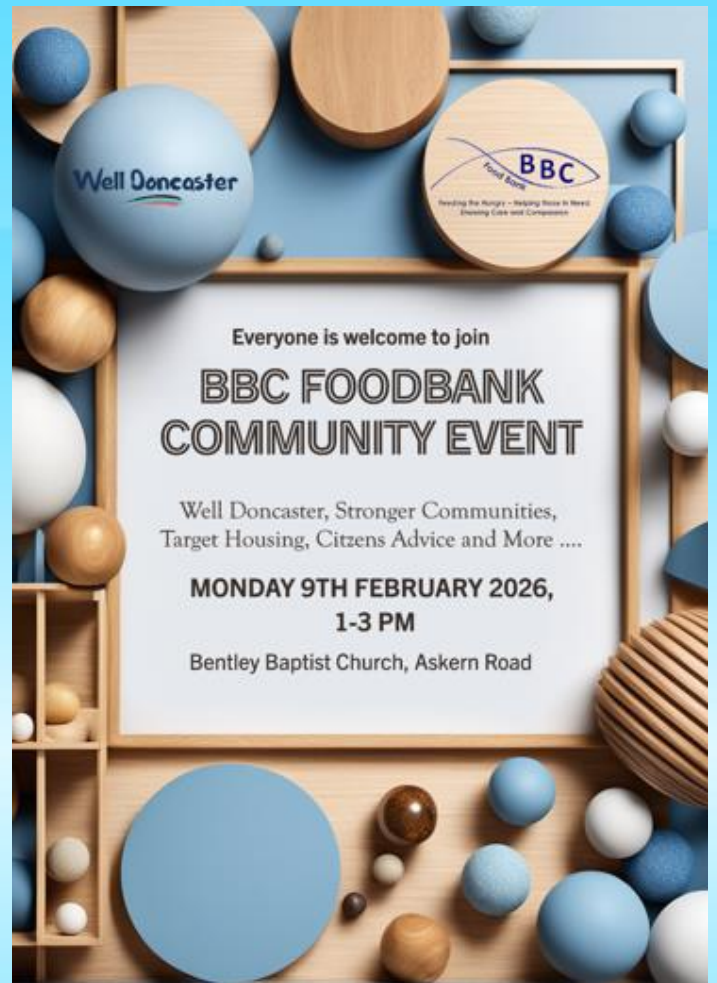
As a final home learning challenge, Mr Howse will be publishing a short lesson on Class Dojo next week, demonstrating how to use a free app called "Chatterpix", which is available on both Apple and Android devices. This app allows children to create animated characters that can speak and interact. The resulting videos can also be sent in via Class Dojo for viewing in school.

Next week will be filled with storytelling, creativity, and fun. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love for reading within our school community.

## School Holidays 2025-2026

Holiday	Schools Close (PM)	Re-open (AM)
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:  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026



### Free Potty Training Guide

Potty training is an important milestone in your child's development. We understand that all children develop at their own pace, but research shows it's best for your child's bowel and bladder health to stop using nappies, including reusable nappies, pull-ups and training pants, between 18 and 30 months.

It's really important that children are out of all nappies well in advance of starting Reception year in school. The only exception should be children with a diagnosed medical need, such as a bladder or bowel condition.

Being out of nappies not only helps children to feel confident, healthy and part of the group, it also means teachers can spend more time teaching and supporting children's development in other ways.

<https://startingreception.co.uk/potty-training/>



<b>Week 3 Week commencing</b>		<b>02.02.26</b>	<b>02.03.26</b>	<b>23.03.26</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>	Cheese & Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread	Garlic Slice Pizza with 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 Vegetables	Toffee Apple Muffin Yoghurt Fresh Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken & Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetarian Curry & Rice	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Broccoli, Sweetcorn	Chocolate Mousse Fresh Fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Pork	Quorn Fillet	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower, Carrots, Gravy	Jelly, Fruit & Cream Fresh Fruit
<b>Thursday</b>	Beef Burger in a Bun	Falafel Burger in a Bun	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, Spaghetti Hoops, Peas	Pineapple Sponge Fresh Fruit
<b>Friday</b>	Battered Fish	Vegan Roll	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	Chips, Peas, Carrots, Tomato Ketchup	Chocolate Crunch Fresh Fruit

**Week 1 Week Commencing****09.02.26**

<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>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Vegetable Finger	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Smiley Faces, Baked Beans, Peas	Brownie Yoghurt Fresh Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Minced Beef with Oven Baked Wedges	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Broccoli, sweetcorn	Jelly & Cream Fresh Fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sausage	Quorn Fillet	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Cabbage	Butterscotch Cookie Yoghurt Fresh Fruit
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Curry	Veggie Bites & Dipping Sauce	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Rice, Country Vegetables	Strawberry Mousse Fresh Fruit
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Portion	Cheese & Tomato 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	Chips, Baked Beans, Peas	Valentine Muffin Fresh Fruit

<b>Week 2 Week Commencing 23.02.26 16.03.26</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>	Cheese Catherine Wheel with Savoury Rice	Shepherdess Pie	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Peas, Sweetcorn	Ice Cream Roll with Peaches Fresh Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Spaghetti Bolognese	Quorn Sausage Pasta Bake	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Vegetable Sticks, Garlic Bread	Crackle Cookie Yoghurt Fresh Fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding	Quorn Fillet & Yorkshire Pudding	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots	Apple Muffin Fresh Fruit
<b>Thursday</b>	All Day Breakfast	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Omelette, Hash Browns, Baked Beans	Shortbread Biscuit with Milkshake Fresh Fruit
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fingers or Fish Star with Chips	Loaded Wedges	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Peas, Coleslaw, Tomato Ketchup	Lemon Sponge Fresh Fruit

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<b>Tuesday</b>	Minced Beef with Oven Baked Wedges	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Broccoli, sweetcorn	Jelly & Cream Fresh Fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sausage	Quorn Fillet	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Cabbage	Butterscotch Cookie Yoghurt Fresh Fruit
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Curry	Veggie Bites & Dipping Sauce	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Rice, Country Vegetables	Strawberry Mousse Fresh Fruit
<b>Friday</b>	Fishcake	Cheese & Onion Quiche	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans & Side Salad	Ham Sandwich & Side Salad	Cheese Sandwich & Side Salad	Egg Sandwich & Side Salad	Tuna Sandwich & Side Salad	Chips, Vegetable Sticks, Tomato Ketchup	Mandarin Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit