



# Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 9th May 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and enjoyed the Bank holiday weekend.

This week has been exciting and busy at Saxon Wood. We have focused on celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day, or Victory in Europe Day to commemorate the official end to World War II in Europe. It is a day of rejoicing, remembrance and reflection on the sacrifices made during the war. Many sacrificed their lives to give us the freedom we enjoy today. Some children made bunting and flags, to decorate the hall and on Thursday we joined together for a 'street' party in the hall. Some children sang well known World War II songs, whilst others carefully listened. Some children had a range of World War II themed food. Other children were able to taste some different jams and fruit teas, ensuring everyone could take part.

I contacted the Basingstoke Gazette earlier this week to inform them about our celebrations. They sent a photographer who took lots of wonderful photos of the children in action. The article should be in next week's Basingstoke Gazette. She said to keep looking online as the photos usually appear before the newspaper article is released.

It was a wonderful celebration where our very own super hero children were able to commemorate our wartime heroes!

Last night we had another meeting with a group of wonderful parents to further discuss our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary summer fete. I would like to thank those who joined us last night, especially the parents who have been working behind the scene to plan what will be an excellent event. More information to follow.

We have been made aware of a free useful website which is funded by Hampshire County Council. [inourplace.co.uk](http://inourplace.co.uk) is an online learning environment developed by psychologists and health practitioners providing accessible learning about emotional health and wellbeing, proven to positively impact mental health, behaviour and relationships which is available to all local parents.



**Fox Class** have continued to work on our independence. We made milkshakes on two occasions. One with fruit: banana and blueberries and one with ice cream. We really enjoyed the prep work and blending it in the blender. It made a lot of noise but some of us enjoyed it! The Children are getting very good with washing their hands before snack time and when coming back in from outside. Our washing hands songs is a great prompt to us. We made some bunting with hand prints and coloured Union Jacks which we used to decorate our class and outdoor area for our VE Day celebrations. We also made corned beef and cucumber sandwiches & scones with jam and clotted cream too and in the afternoon, we took it outside to the garden where we played and listened to some old time music.



**Badger Class** enjoyed a VE day party this week! First, we learnt about what VE day was and why it is celebrated. We made some decorations including some bunting using red and blue paint as well as using different materials to colour in a Union Jack outline. Then to prepare for the party, they made some tasty trifles by setting some jelly before topping it with some custard and cream. They also made some finger sandwiches to enjoy as well. The trifles went down a treat with one child saying 'I didn't like it, I loved it!'. During the party Badger Class joined in brilliantly with singing some songs including 'Daisy, Daisy' and 'It's a long way to Tipperary'. Earlier in the day they enjoyed some party games including pass the parcel, skittles and an object hunt!



**Dormouse Class** have been celebrating VE day. We have learned all sorts of songs from the 1940s and our favourite was "We'll meet again". It was lovely to see the smiles when this was sung and played. We have used our hands to learn some games that children would have played at the time and especially enjoyed rolling a hoop to each other and practising holding it tight. We also played wheelchair hopscotch! We enjoyed a tactile massage experience using resources linked to songs such as White Cliffs of Dover, Wing and a Prayer and - another favourite - It's a Long Way to Tipperary. We used all sorts of resources to massage ourselves and each other including whisks, silk scarves and even shoes!

During our class street party, we tasted different jams and chose our favourites - pineapple definitely wasn't one! Everyone did so well using their facial expressions and other communication skills to tell us which was their favourite taste. During the school party we tasted all sorts of different fruit teas - peppermint tea, blackcurrant and raspberry were highlights.



**Hedgehog Class** have had lots of fun learning about VE day and in preparation of our celebrations this week the children made their own cup and ball game which was similar to what would have been used back in those times. They also made a life size soldier using various materials which they were very proud of. Throughout the week we learnt some special old time songs. Then on Thursday we all made our own cakes and sandwiches which we ate at our tea party in the afternoon where we all joined together and enjoyed having a good old fashioned sing song around the piano. All of the children have again worked very hard on their phonic assessments and reading during the week.



**Squirrel Class** had lots of fun moments this week. The children started the short week with a forest school session. They went on a scavenger hunt, looking for story characters whilst imitating sounds and movements of them. In singing assembly, they started to become more familiar with some special songs for our VE Day celebration. On Wednesday the children experienced some science in the form of making jelly. They observed different state of matter, specifically how liquid becomes solid. They also started making VE Day celebration art. Squirrel class made some Union Jack print bunting, flag and party hats. During these activities we focused on colour awareness and recognition, and fine motor skills, such as grasping and pinching. On Thursday the children were made aware of what VE Day is and watched some age-related videos. Some of the children practiced life skills and made some jam sandwiches for the party. The whole school VE Day Tea Party was enjoyed by all where the children saw the Union Jack bunting and their peers' art work in the hall. They listened to war-time music and we performed our special songs. The children enjoyed their party food, including cake and custard, strawberry and the jelly they had made the previous day. On Friday Move Momentum was a success, as always, and our Relax Kids session on Wednesday was enjoyed by all with excellent engagement from everyone.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Take care

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**Please be considerate with your parking  
Do not park outside the school near the exit gate and on the estate  
We appreciate that there is a queue of buses and cars in the carpark  
but this is usually cleared quickly**



**Please bear with us during pick up and drop off times**

If you are driving to school then we ask that you please stay with your vehicle and a member of staff will come out to collect your child. This will enable us to keep the carpark flowing as efficiently as possible and allows the parents to leave in the order that they are parked

- Please utilise the whole carpark and use any of the three lanes
- The right and middle lanes we can only unload the front vehicle
- The left hand lane we can unload the front three vehicles

The school nurse team are available in school all day and can be contacted directly on 01256 262097 or by email

[SaxonwoodNursingTeam@hhft.nhs.uk](mailto:SaxonwoodNursingTeam@hhft.nhs.uk)



The following link has some helpful information if you are unsure whether your child should attend school

<https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/parentscarers/worried-your-child-unwell/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool>



# ATTENTION PARENTS

**All email correspondence, not just absences,  
must be sent directly to the office at:**

**[parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk)**

**(Please only use this email address)**

Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday  
during term time only by admin staff

Your email will then be forwarded to the relevant member of staff and you  
will receive a response either by phone call, or email via the office

If you send an email in the evening, please be reassured that this will be  
read the following school day and you will then receive a response

If you do not wish to divulge information to the admin staff, then please  
email to request a telephone call from the relevant member staff. If the  
member of staff is in class, they will contact you at the earliest convenient  
time

**Teachers and support staff will not respond to  
direct emails from parents**



## Absences from school

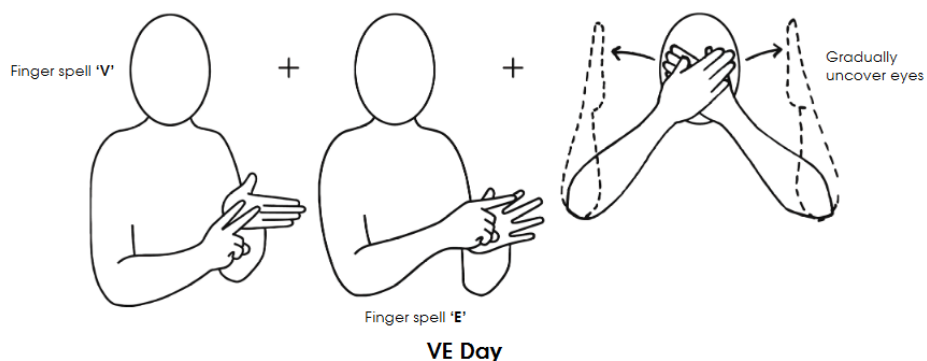
If your child has a planned medical appointment during the school day can you please advise school in advance and send a copy of the appointment letter via

[parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk)

**Makaton Sign of the week has been:**



VE Day





- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – M&M productions in school to perform  
“The Little Princess”
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Last day of term  
Half term 26<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> June (children return to school  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Reserve date for sports Day
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July – School Fete (12-4pm)
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – End of term reports out to parents
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Optional parents drop in session (3.30-4.30)
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers assembly
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July – End of term (**1.30 finish**)  
**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July Inset days** (school closed)

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
Inset days**

Children return to school **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**