



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope you are well. It is hard to believe we begin yet another academic year!

It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school. They have returned refreshed, ready for learning and have definitely grown! It was also exciting to welcome some new children to Saxon Wood. They have settled in very quickly at school and it is wonderful to have them join our Saxon Wood family.

During our 3 inset days, staff received various compulsory training. This included:

- Specific medical training
- Safeguarding
- Assessment and small steps of progress. Next week I will provide you will an overview on what assessment of pupil progress looks like at Saxon Wood
- Moving and Handling training
- Team- building/ wellbeing activities

This week we received Fire training and some staff have also received training on BSL(British Sign Language).

Next week all staff will be Team Teach trained, a lot of schools receive this type of training and a number of our staff have already previously received it. Team Teach provides positive behaviour management education to organisations working with children, equipping them with de-escalation techniques and positive handling strategies for managing challenging behaviour.

Last term during one of our focused coffee mornings. I suggested starting up a weekly coffee morning for parents to get together for a chat and as a support network. I would like to get this up and running over the next few weeks. Next week I will send out a letter to gauge interest.

I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting classes to see what the children are learning. They truly are a blessing. Their resilience and determination is something to be praised and admired. Well done!



Fox Class have completed our second week of the new term and are settling well, getting used to our new routines and doing a great job. This term we are focusing on 'All about me'. Over the last couple of weeks, we have completed our self-portrait using different materials. We also made some rice crispy cakes that we enjoyed for our pudding. In both activities we worked on concept of '1 more'. Messy play is one of our favourite activities in Fox class and this week we used cornflower, water and food colouring to make 'sensory rain'. We got messy but we really enjoyed it. Have a lovely weekend everyone and see you next week for more learning opportunities and fun.



Badger Class have enjoyed exploring different objects in science and identifying what materials they are made from. They have blown us away with how well they have been able to identify properties of materials and some have even begun using words such as 'opaque' and 'transparent'! In DT, they enjoyed exploring a variety of materials to decide which they liked and disliked the feeling of. Afterwards, they placed their preferred materials onto a board to create a 'feely' board. The children really took their time with this and it was great to see them enjoying sharing their favourite materials with one another. In Literacy, Badger Class have been helping to get to the bottom of what happened at the three bears' house and have identified that it was Goldilocks who broke baby bears chair and ate the porridge! We enjoyed another Forest School session where we made hedgehogs using socks, soil and grass seed. Badger Class are going to take it in turns to water them and soon we will see grass sprouting out just like the spikes on a hedgehog! Well done Badger Class for a great first two weeks back at school!



Squirrel Class has been in full swing and the children have settled back to school and the routine nicely. They have had their first enrichment sessions this week which were very much enjoyed by all. In Relax Kids they have been exploring different sensory resources and materials, such as scarves, shakers, bubbles and brushes. In music the children were manipulating with different musical instruments such as drums and shakes. In Move Momentum they have been encouraged to make and create bodily movements to music and were also motivated to copy actions with pompoms, ribbons and the parachute. The children have been making lots of art pieces and been looking at self-care skills during role play which they imitated very well.



Hedgehog Class have settled back in well. The class has had a bit of a change around and we have welcomed in a new class friend. On our first week back we did some artwork, around our topic Marvellous me! and the artist Andy Goldsworthy. We used natural materials to make pictures of ourselves and our family out of leaves, sticks, stones, and other natural materials. The children worked hard on these and are very proud of them. We are looking forward to an exciting year.



Dormouse Class have settled back into class really well. The children have easily adjusted to the new time table and are enjoying new experiences. This week we had a Forest school session where we read the story, "This is not my Hedgehog", we felt different textures and made a Hedgehog which will grow grass for its spikes. We visited the School library where we listened to lots of different stories. Our Topic this term is, all about me, the children have loved the sensory massage stories and especially Bucket time with all the different lights and sounds to see and listen too.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Please remember that my door is always open, should you have any concerns, questions or suggestions.

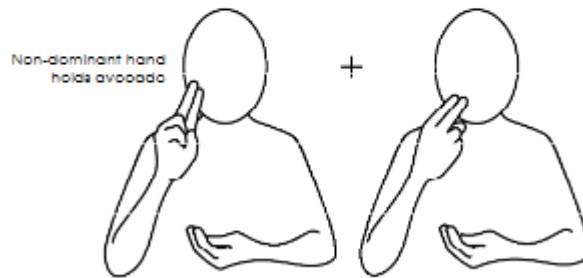
Take care

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Makaton Sign of the week has been: Avocado



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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



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>



CAR PARK SAFETY

**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 allow parents to leave in the order that they are parked and ensure safety for all

Handovers should be kept to a minimum. If you need to speak with a member of staff, please email or call ahead and we will arrange this for you, or please use your child's home communication book to relay any messages

- 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



ATTENTION PARENTS

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

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**



Full term dates are shown on our website

- Half term – Monday 27th October to Friday 31st
(Children return to school Monday 3rd November)
- Christmas Holidays (1.30 finish on Friday 19th December)
Monday 22nd December to Monday 5th January

Inset day Monday 5th January (Children return to school
Tuesday 6th January)

FOUND IN THE CARPARK ON THURSDAY MORNING

Waiting in the office to be reunited

