



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well.

Thank you to those parents who returned the parent coffee morning reply slips, ticking your preference of days. We have tallied up the most popular day where the greatest majority of parents have requested. Tuesday was the most popular day. My aim is to commence the coffee mornings when we return to school after half term. The first coffee morning will be between 9:30 - 10:30am every fortnight, starting on Tuesday 4th November. I will send future dates and reminders in the weekly newsletters. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. I will be present at the first session, then I will hand over to parents to take over for future sessions. Just a few ground rules for coffee mornings:

- These sessions are for parents to network with one another and perhaps signpost each other to any areas of support, if needed. It is also a good chance to sit back and have a chat, away from life's busy schedule. It is not a platform for parents to speak negatively about school. Any concerns you have, should be brought to the school's attention, using the correct process.
- The sessions will need to finish at 10:30am because the room will be timetabled for other activities
- It is important that parents do not wander around the school or to their child's classroom as we are extremely busy during the day. There will be other opportunities provided for you to visit your child in class.
- Parents will be requested to leave their mobile phone in the school office. This is for safeguarding reasons and is a request we ask all visitors to do.
- If you would like to speak with a member of staff, please speak to a member of our office staff who will liaise with the staff member to find a mutually convenient time.

Thank you for your understanding.

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

Now to share what our children have been learning this week:



Fox Class have explored Sukkot - a week long Jewish Harvest Festival and in art we made a Sukkah - a temporary structure where Jewish people sleep and eat for a week to celebrate. We painted boxes using different colours and once dried we decorated them inside with stickers and pictures of Lulav and Etrog and to finish it off we added a bamboo roof. We also built a Sukkah out in the garden using giant play bricks and fabric. In Cookery skills, with support, some of us cut up bananas, apples, pears and satsumas then transferred into a bowl and mixed, we then all enjoyed eating or tasting the fruit. We all joined in our Tuck shop activity where our assortment was slightly different this week. We could choose between 3 different items. First, we had to wait for our turn, take 3 coins and then exchange them for our chosen goodies. We are getting better at following the steps with every session.



Dormouse Class have had an enjoyable week, lots of painting with leaves, acorns, pine cones and anything else we have found outside. Our autumn display looks amazing! We all loved our music lesson with Kath this week, playing different instruments and listening to new songs. The children have been trying really hard during switch work, waiting and anticipating what is going to happen next.



Badger Class enjoyed another session of Relax Kids where they engaged well with various breathing techniques and mindful activities. They have been working very hard in maths and I have been so impressed at their resilience to try again if they haven't got something the first time. Some children have been working on comparing numbers using 'smaller/bigger than'. Whilst other children have been working on counting out a given amount from a larger set of objects. In Phonics, children have been making some good progress with recognising different graphemes. Many children have also been working on using their knowledge of different sounds to help them to segment words in order to spell them. We had another super session of Forest School this week where we painted badger faces onto slices of wood and went on a search together to find the biggest leaf in the Sensory Garden. Badger Class have really been enjoying their weekly visits to the library and it has been great to see them so interested in exploring and selecting different books!



Hedgehog Class have enjoyed, writing sentences from a picture which they have worked hard on and are all very proud of themselves. This week we have been learning about the Jewish Festival Sukkot. The children then had lots of fun making a Sukkah which is a hut, they worked together collaboratively to build this and decorate it with the 'star of David'.



Squirrel Class this week have focussed on physical skills. The children had PE in the hall on Monday where they accessed activities and exercises that suit their abilities. In Forest School the focus was more on everyone's fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination, while on Wednesday the children had walking practice or physio. The children really enjoyed Move Momentum on Friday morning where they can let their bodies move in all different ways that they feel comfortable with. We have continued to focus on hand-eye coordination and more fine motor skills during our classroom-based activities too, where the children practised grasping and releasing, making pincer grip and reaching for objects.

Makaton Sign of the week has been: To respect



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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

- Tuesday 21st October – Parents evening
- Friday 24th October – Halloween party in school Children can come dressed in a costume
- Half term – Monday 27th October to Friday 31st (Children return to school Monday 3rd November)
- Tuesday 4th November – Parents coffee morning (9.30-10.30)
- Wednesday 19th November – Individual School Photographs
- Tuesday 9th December – Christmas Performance 2pm
- Wednesday 10th December – Christmas Performance 10am
- 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)