



# Saxon Wood School

## Weekly Newsletter – 24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well.

It is hard to believe we are now at the end of our first autumn half term and what an exciting day we had today to celebrate.

Our Halloween day has been a big success. Some staff stayed after school yesterday to decorate the school before the children arrived this morning. The children really enjoyed seeing the school with a spooky theme in the corridors and hall.

Thank you for providing some amazing costumes of your children. Some costumes have included; clowns, superheroes, aliens and skeletons. We even had a visit from Mr Bean. One child arrived in his very own Mr Bean car, built around his wheelchair. He really looked the part in his smart suit too!

The children will arrive home with some Halloween treats, some of which they have made either for themselves or their families. We hope you enjoy them.

Thank you as always for your continued support, we have had a good start to the autumn term. Now it is time for a well deserved break for everyone, including our wonderful staff who do an amazing job each and every day. It won't be long until we start preparing for our Christmas festivities at school.

I wish you all a happy half term break and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Take care  
**Jakki**



Now to find out what learning we have been doing in our classes:



**Fox Class** this week we have been exploring Halloween and made some treats and art work to treat our families. We made delicious ghosts out of brownies, marshmallows & white chocolate, and we decorated gingerbread pumpkins as well. Some of us enjoyed painting our pumpkins with bright colours and some of us preferred to use stickers to decorate them. In messy play we used cooked pasta and false snow and added some red and green colourant to change the colour of it. We were mixing, pouring and grabbing using tongs to transfer mixtures into a bowl. We finished of the week with a Halloween party in Fox class. It was fun to dance and play Halloween games. Have a lovely half term break with lots of Halloween fun and some restful time too.



**Dormouse Class** have had a fun filled week full of Halloween activities, we have played with jelly and marshmallows, made hand print spiders, made ghost biscuits and some children tasted popping candy and candy floss which made us all laugh. The children all love Bucket time and their favourite was a spooky ghost wand. I hope you all have a fantastic half term break.



**Hedgehog Class** have had a lovely week. We made our very own pizzas in maths. Firstly, we had to read the recipe and work out how much the ingredients would cost then carefully measure the ingredients out, make the pizza dough and last but not least put on our favourite toppings. The children have really enjoyed all of the Halloween activities this week, we made bunting, spider and ghost biscuits, marshmallow ghosts plus pumpkin carving and played some spooky games. Have a fabulous half term break!



**Badger Class** have been working hard to retell the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. They used colourful semantics to help build their sentences and checked they made sense with help from an adult to read them back. They enjoyed another great session of forest school and joined in with playing instruments in music beautifully. Children have been very much looking forward to the Halloween Festivities this week and are particularly looking forward to our party today. They have been making some 'witches' potion' puddings ready for the party by setting some jelly. Once it is set, they are going to top it with candy floss and popping candy! Children have also enjoyed decorating pumpkin shaped biscuits and using chocolate to make marshmallow ghosts. Badger Class have been super this half term and it has been great to see their friendships continue to grow! Have a super half term break!



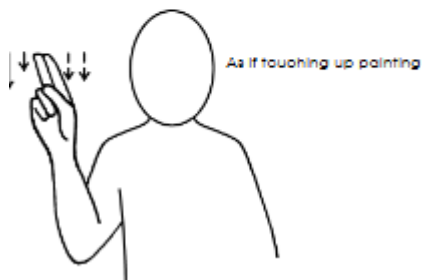
**Squirrel Class** started off the week with another celebration, Diwali. We learned about what Diwali is and were happy to find out that it is the festival of lights. We looked at different ways of celebrating Diwali but we most enjoyed looking at the lights. The children had a Diya each, a pot with a candle, and they enjoyed exploring light up tea lights with supervision. They also made their own colourful Diyas using paper plates and tissue paper. The rest of the week was spent doing Halloween activities. The children painted and decorated their paper plate and real pumpkins, they baked pumpkin brownies (which were absolutely delicious) and we crowned the end of the week with a whole school Halloween party where we all had a great time. The children absolutely loved the decorations all around the school and they enjoyed looking at costumes and masks.



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



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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](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>



# 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](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**



**Full term dates are shown on our website**

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term
- Half term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup>  
(Children return to school Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November)
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Parents coffee morning (9.30-10.30)
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Individual School Photographs
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Performance 2pm
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Performance 10am
- Christmas Holidays (1.30 finish on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December)  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Inset day Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January (Children return to school  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January)