



# Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well.

It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school on Monday after our half term break. I am convinced that after each holiday they come back taller!!

They have settled back into school life and will soon be preparing for, dare I say it, the annual Christmas production. This is always a joyous occasion and it certainly fills the school with warm, Christmassy vibes! This is definitely one of my favourite half terms.

Parents' Coffee morning:

Thank you for your understanding as we had to cancel our first coffee morning. This was due to logistics of not having space for this to take place. We intend to commence this on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, as we will have available space then. Sometimes some of our rooms are booked out when we have other professionals visiting, which has been the case recently. Hopefully this won't be an issue in the future. Any problems, we will let you know.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care

**Jakki**



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



**Fox Class** started the week with sensory and messy play themed around Bonfire night. Firstly, during Bucket time, we watched a 'Fireworks in a tray' experiment and afterwards had a go at making our own using milk, food colouring, washing up liquid and cotton buds. It was interesting to watch the colours move away from the cotton bud creating a colourful pattern. We also made patterns in a thin layer of sand mixed with glitter and powdered colours, reliving the fireworks underneath it. We have also explored our first story of this term 'Jack and the beanstalk'. We read the story and then followed with a sensory story where we listened, looked and explored some objects. We practiced 'big' and 'small' as well when building different sized boxes and cups. It has been a busy first week and it is going to be a very busy term but we are ready for it!



**Dormouse Class** have had a very busy first week back. All the children enjoyed going outside for our Forest School session where they used different materials from outside to paint. Some of the children have enjoyed painting with cooked spaghetti, they loved getting in a mess. We have listened to a sensory story about Bonfire night and some of the children made sparklers using chocolate fingers, melted chocolate and different coloured sprinkles. The best part was tasting the melted chocolate!



**Hedgehog Class** have had a great week back after half term. We have been learning to recognise the trigraph 'tch' and reading words with this in by playing 'Boom Clap' and 'Tin can alley.' In maths we have been learning what non standard and standard measure is. The children explored this by using paper clips, unifix and their hands to measure different objects in class. In PHSE we all enjoyed undertaking an experiment about why we use soap to wash our hands.



**Badger Class** have had a super first week back after half term. They enjoyed a fantastic forest school session where they built a 'bonfire' by finding and placing sticks on a tuff tray. They then found orange, red and yellow leaves to put on top to act as the fire. They also enjoyed seeing how far they could throw colourful 'conker comets' and decorating paper rockets with natural materials. Badger Class were able to give many examples of how to stay safe at bonfire/firework night events and used glow in the dark paint to make some lovely firework scenes. They have continued to work hard with their learning and are looking forward to our next Literacy topic where we will be working towards creating letters to send to Santa. Children also enjoyed their weekly visit to the library where they showed great enthusiasm for choosing a book and sharing them with one another.

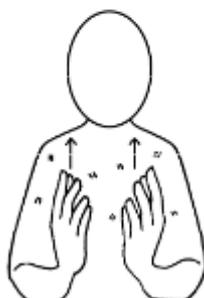


**Squirrel Class** have been busy getting back into routine and getting familiar with their new topic, Goldilocks and the three bears. Monday's Relax Kids session provided a nice, calm start to the week followed by a chilly but full of fun Forest School session on Tuesday morning which was based on Bonfire Night. We continued that theme on Wednesday and made some lovely, sparkling fireworks on black cards using bright paint and glitter. Throughout the week the children enjoyed listening to our story, acted out with some prompts and sign language. Squirrel class enjoyed using topic related resources during maths and phonics sessions, where the big bear found a great audience of fans. The children were provided with plenty of learning opportunities using our tuff tray which was set up with oat, bears and bowls; supported with symbols to further support awareness and learning. The class has enjoyed singing assembly on Wednesday afternoon and the new music being played in Move Momentum.

**Makaton Sign of the week has been: Fire/Blaze**



Fire (2)/ Blaze



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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)**

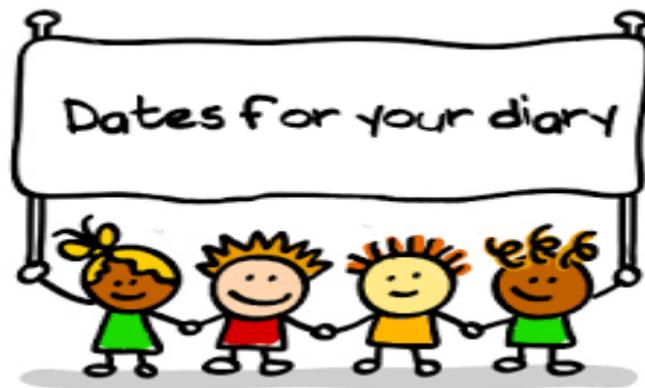
Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday  
during term time only by admin staff

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**

- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Coffee Morning (10-11am)
- 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)