



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers.

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and had time to relax with your loved ones.

It is hard to believe that we are now in spring term. The children have come back to school refreshed and somewhat taller! They have settled back into our Saxon Wood routines extremely well. When I visited each class this week, they have been busy learning. Teachers have planned lots of fun activities this term, to help children consolidate old skills and learn new ones.

Our next coffee morning for parents will be next Tuesday 13th January at 9:30am. These have been well attended, but there is still space for anyone else who wants to join us. A date for your diary: 26th February between 10:00 - 11:30am. I have invited our Educational Psychologist to lead a session with parents. The focus will be around children with social, emotional and mental health issues. More information to follow.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Take care and keep warm!

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Fox Class This term we are introducing a new structure and routine to our class and so far it has been very successful and the children have coped very well with the change. This week we explored Curiosity baskets and talked about how the objects feel and what they can be used for. In Bucket time we looked at the shapes in the water and attention drawing toys, we enjoyed a Sensory story about 3 little pigs and had our regular visits to the Sensory room and Soft play area.



Dormouse Class have had a fantastic first week back, On Tuesday during Forest School we all went outside to see, feel and experience the snow. We have been busy making snowmen for our display; we all got covered in white paint and glitter. The children all enjoyed a group resonance board session. They loved the sound and feel of the space blankets as they moved on the board. Today we had move momentum and the favourite song today was the Hockey Cokey as we had smiles from all the children.



Hedgehog Class have been recapping their knowledge of coins and using them to create different given amounts. They enjoyed exploring and making predictions about a mysterious parcel containing various items including snow and a red scarf as a hook into our literacy unit based on 'The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe'. Hedgehog class have also been thinking about what a trusted adult is and who are their trusted adults, many of which included people at home and at school.



Badger Class have been getting to know their new teacher - Amy E. We have played lots of games like What's the Time Mr. Wolf, Simon Says and would you rather. We have also made name cards for our new learning spaces and helped to create a role play corner. In maths, we showed Amy what we remembered about shapes and colours. In PE, we practised our throwing and coordination skills and reminded ourselves how we take turns, listen to and watch each other.

Thank you to all the lovely children I've had the pleasure of working with this week and for making me feel so welcome in Badgers Class. I can't wait to come back next week!



Squirrel Class have had a good first week back and our main focus was on sensory activities. The class has had a write-dance session where they explored paint or edible alternatives, such as flour and sauce. The children were encouraged to make marks in paint/sauce and we focused on different directions, shapes and actions to be made. They drew circles, made forward and backwards movements and tapping/banging on the table/tray. In messy maths we continued to focus on more and stop when the children were offered flour, butter, sugar and dessert sauce. The class has had parachute activities in class and Bucket time which they all engaged in well.



Forest School



So that we can continue to enjoy our Forest School outside sessions now that the colder weather is here can you please send in a warm coat and wellie boots for your child

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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)

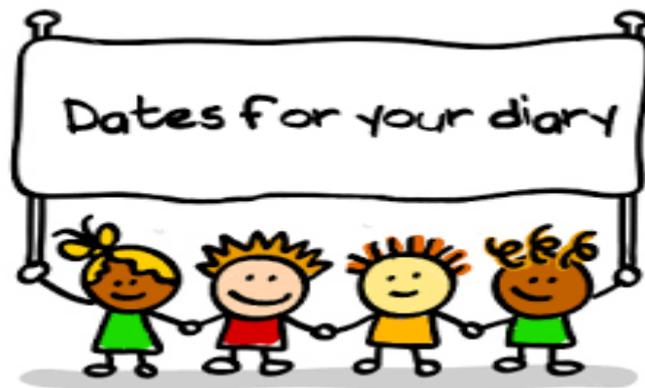
Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday
during term time only by admin staff

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 13th January - Coffee Morning from 9.30
- Half Term Monday 16th February 2026
(Children return to school Monday 23rd)
- Thursday 26th February - Educational Psychologist session for parents 10-11.30am (social, emotional and mental health issues in children)
- Friday 27th March – last day of term (1.30 finish)
Easter Holidays 30th March – 10th April

Children return to school Monday 13th April