



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope you are well.

Next week we will be sending out parents' evening appointments where teachers will share your child's PDP targets. After consultation with teachers, we have revised the PDP format. We hope this revised format will give you all the information you need about your child's targets.

For parents' evening this year, we have expanded the time slot from 10 minutes to 15 minutes. Teachers felt they needed more time to outline the information on your child's PDP. We are moving away from telephone calls for parents' evening, to encourage more parents to attend in person.

This year I am planning coffee mornings with a particular focus. These sessions are different from the fortnightly parents' coffee mornings we currently have in place. I have some proposed ideas to focus on, but if you have any areas, you think would be beneficial for our Saxon Wood parents, please do let me know.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Take care
Jakki





Fox Class

have followed instructions and some of us have worked at our workstation and others worked as a group during sensory maths reinforcing '1 more'. In phonics we explored musical instruments being played in a funfair and in Write dance we continued gross motor skills with messy play. Whilst outside we explored environmental sounds and some of us used the opportunity to splash in the puddles. It was wet and messy, but so much fun! This term we are exploring 'Stop' and 'Go' and we had so much fun practicing these concepts with a game of Musical statues.



Dormouse Class have been amazing again this week, they have been making very clear choices with their hands and eyes. Our Sensory Story the Winter Wonderland has been enjoyed by all the children especially when they were getting covered in snow! (fake snow and paper) All the children asked for more!

We have been busy finishing our Snowmen and Snowy tree pictures for our display, some of the children loved getting their hands sticky with glitter and glue.



Hedgehog Class have been continuing to work hard in their money unit in maths. They have been exploring different ways to make the same amount using a variety of coins. In Phonics, children are working on some new graphemes, 've' and 'ea'. They have made a great start with recognising the sound and reading it in words. We have continued our work in Literacy around 'The lion, the witch and the wardrobe', this week focusing on describing the character of Mr Tumnus. Hedgehog class also enjoyed another session of Forest School, identifying and matching animal tracks.



Badger Class have continued to get to know each other. We also started our new learning for maths which is all about money. We talked about what we use money for and also recognised 1p and 2p coins. In PSHE, we were set a challenge to decorate and build a cardboard ice cream truck to demonstrate good team work. It took us a whole lesson to decorate because we were all working so hard and carefully. We are looking forward to building the ice cream truck in next week's lesson. In PE, we enjoyed playing different games with the parachute, like popcorn and who's under there.



Squirrel Class have focused on physical skills this week. The children have been carrying out both gross and fine motor skills embedded into school activities and PE sessions. Some of the children have practiced their walking skills using a walker whilst others focused on their balance and movement coordination skills, such as climbing up on stairs on all fours or by stepping onto the steps and moving hands on the handrails. We have paid attention to hand-eye coordination during messy maths and write-dance activities but also while in Forest school or during exploring cause-and-effect resources.



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

- 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