



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 6th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well, despite the never-ending wet weather!!

Next week marks Children's Mental Health Week (9th - 15th February). We will embrace this in school by focusing on wellbeing activities throughout the week. Some of these activities include: messy art in the hall, a whole school Valentine's disco and class parties. Some classes have planned their own wellbeing treats, such as: Hand and Foot massage, Making Valentine's treats, Bubble fun/water play, Relax Kids – relaxing music, scarves, bubbles and Tac Pac (a sensory communication resource using touch and music). To coincide with our Valentine's disco/class parties on Thursday 12th February, this will also be 'Comfy Clothes' day, where the children can wear comfy clothes to school all day. We look forward to acknowledging Children 's Mental Health week and we hope these activities will be a nice way to wind down and focus on specific wellbeing-focused activities before we stop for the half term break.

Book Fair - On Friday 13th February we will be having an Usborne representative attend School and lead a Book Fair. The children will have the opportunity to explore and look at the books, then at the end of the day Parents will be invited to attend the fair and purchase any books that you wish or this can also be done on-line. Full details of this are attached with this email and a paper copy will be send home on Monday. This will coincide with our school taking part in Usborne Books Sponsored Read, 'Ready, Steady, Read' and 'Ready, Steady, Listen'. The Children are sponsored to read or be read to, as much as they can during half term. Reading can include anything from books, comics and magazines, to websites, recipes or TV guides - anything with words, with a family member or friend.

The sponsorship money and the money raised from the book fair will go towards our school's reading needs, whether this is new books for the school library or a new set of class reading books.

Parents Evening - A busy week next week at Saxon Wood because we will also be carrying out parents' evening when teachers will share your child's PDPS and showcase the wonderful learning that has been taking place this term. I look forward to seeing you next week.

Morning snacks - as you are aware, each day we have a morning break at 10:30am, where children have the opportunity to eat a snack. If your child is in Key Stage One, as part of a government initiative, they receive free fruit. Some children are happy to eat the range of fruit that is on offer, but there are others who do not. Alternatively, some parents send in snacks for their child. Unfortunately, if your child is in Key Stage Two, the government initiative of free fruit does not apply. If we have additional fruit, we do offer it to the children or similarly some parents provide snacks for their children. If you would like your child to have a morning snack, such as crisps, a biscuit, a yoghurt, etc. We ask that you send this in for your child at the beginning of the week, to cover the whole week.

After half term we will be celebrating World Book Day. On Friday 6th March we invite the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We all look forward to showcasing our costumes.

This week I met with our Educational Psychologist, Dr. Chantelle Hawke. We planned some training sessions for staff and a themed coffee morning for parents. Our next focus will be around Trauma Awareness. More details around this to follow but will take place on Monday 9th March between 10:00 - 11:30am.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I do hope we get a break from the rain. This is just like home for me as I lived in Glasgow!!!! Let's hope for some sunshine!

Take care

Jakki



Fox Class have this week worked on our Maths through Cooking. We decorated our scotch pancakes with chocolate spread, squirted cream, banana and blueberries. The children then chose which topping they wanted and ate it. We worked on 'more' through this yummy activity. We found that we all have different tastes but most of us could find something we liked. We took part in some Art sessions where we looked at sculptures. We started with sand sculptures and watched a short video of a big sand castle and then we tried ourselves to build a sand sculpture of our own design. We all enjoy messy play so we also tried to sculpture in clay and false snow. Throughout the week we all enjoyed reading and listening to stories where we all sat together as a class to celebrate National Story Week. We have also enjoyed our weekly Music, Move momentum, Dancing in PE and Soft play sessions.



Dormouse Class have had a great week, they all love Bucket time especially watching the different light up toys, the floating ball is a favourite. Some of the children have been working on choosing their photo from two and they are getting so good at it they have started choosing from three. They have even transferred these skills to phonics. All children are working on more and stop and have enjoyed asking for more when playing with the new switch toys.



Hedgehog Class have enjoyed listening to different stories as parts of National Storytelling Week. In Literacy, they worked in small groups to come up with story ideas using selected prompts, after they shared what they had created. We had stories about a magician trying to turn a prince into a frog, a knight helping a prince who had been turned into a cat become human again and an ogre who saved a town from the big bad wolf! Children have also continued to enjoy playing ukelele's in music where they are learning about the different parts of the instrument such as the strings and the neck. In maths, children have been continuing their work around time, whilst in phonics they have been working hard on spelling words with their sound of the week.



Badger Class turned the classroom into a shop in maths and practised giving and receiving money. We enjoyed exploring different birds and going out to find them by listening to their call in Forest School. In PE, we continued to add our own moves to our dance routine and practised keeping in time by counting to the beat. We explored what the third pig might have in his house in literacy and then designed it on paper using pens, crayons and tissue paper.



Squirrel Class have enjoyed lots of movement and PE sessions during the week where the children focused on generic movement development and their own individual physio exercises. Many of them enjoyed their walking practice in their walkers while others worked on their balance and movement coordination. The children enjoyed our PE sessions which were based on their needs. They had access to soft play, stretches, vestibular stimulation on the swing and the spinney chair, floor mobility (crawling, kneeling, rolling) in and out of tunnels and turn taking with ball games. The class also performed some activities that were focusing on hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills, such as building blocks, sensory painting and sticking tissue paper.



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 10th/Thursday 12th February – Parents Evening (time slots to be allocated)
- Thursday 12th February - 'Comfy Clothes' day children can wear comfy clothes to school all day
- Friday 13th February – Book fair in school
- Half Term Monday 16th February 2026
(Children return to school Monday 23rd)
- Friday 6th March – World Book Day (children can dress up as their favourite book character)
- Monday 9th March - session with Dr Chantelle Hawke focussing on trauma awareness 10:00 - 11:30am session with Dr Chantelle Hawke focussing on trauma awareness
- Friday 27th March – last day of term (1.30 finish)
Easter Holidays 30th March – 10th April

Children return to school Monday 13th April