



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well.

This week has been a busy week at Saxon Wood.

The best part of my job is visiting classes to see the children in action! I have had the pleasure to see children carry out a range of activities. I have seen a high level of engagement during sensory stories. I have watched the children enjoy our Move Momentum sessions. The children in Badger and Hedgehog classes have been learning all about shapes in Maths. Hannah's phonics group has been learning new sounds. This week's sound is the phoneme 'n'. Today they tasted food beginning with 'n'. The children could choose what they wanted to eat. We had some wonderful creations, including spreading Nutella on chicken nuggets and mixing Nutella with noodles!! There is never a dull moment at Saxon Wood!!!!

Coffee morning

A quick reminder about our re-scheduled focused coffee morning that will take place on Monday 9th March between 10:00 - 11:30am. Our Educational Psychologist, Dr Chantelle Hawke, will be leading this session. If you would like to attend, please let the office know.

A reminder of the focus: *Children with additional needs are more likely to go through Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). This session aims to explore the impact that such experiences can have and the support that we can offer, both at home and at school, including approaches such as PACE (developed by Dan Hughes).*

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Take care

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Fox Class have enjoyed all of their weekly activities. In PE we started with some dancing then some time in soft play and then used some leisure equipment such as swing or tumble cars. We enjoyed listening to environmental sounds outdoors and had a messy write dance session. In Cookery skills we made sandwiches where we could select ham, cheese, cucumber and tomato. Some of us liked simple sandwiches with only ham, some with ham and cheese and others were happy to use all ingredients. This week in our history topic we continued exploring knights and castles this led into our group sensory session where we made sand castles and flags for our castles made out of different fabrics cut out in 2D shapes then listened to the story of 'The Princess and the pea'. We also enjoyed exploring our sensory toys in bucket time and then relaxing in the sensory room. We ended the week with our favourite move momentum dance session. What a busy week we have had!



Dormouse Class have had a great first week back. The sun was shining on Tuesday so we managed to get out for a Forest School Scavenger Hunt. The children loved listening to outdoor sounds and feeling the sun and gentle wind on their faces. It was so lovely being able to get outside for some fresh air. The Rainbow Fish is our new sensory story this half term; the children have been listening to the story and using their senses to smell, feel and taste different textures.



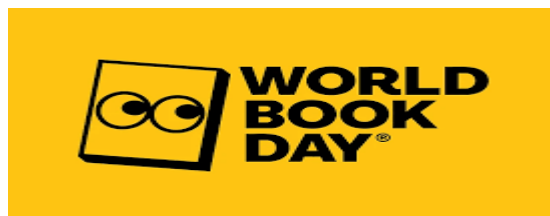
Hedgehog Class have been working on recognising and naming some 3D shapes including cubes, cuboids and spheres. In Literacy, they enjoyed following a recipe to make a drink inspired by Roald Dahl's 'The BFG'. Over the next couple of weeks, they will be working to recognise key features of recipes to write a set for a creation of their own. Hedgehog Class had a lovely Relax Kids session this week and it was great to see how many strategies they had remembered from previous sessions. Children have been continuing to work hard with their reading and it has been lovely listening to many of them read this week.



Badger Class have been learning to recognise and name 2D shapes. In PSHE, we read a new story called *The Colour Monster*, looking closely at happiness, sadness and anger. We poured different drinks into cups to show each emotion. The most exciting one was anger, where we had a bottle of diet coke and put in some mento mints and watched the drink fizz right up high into the air! We then talked about how anger sometimes feels like a fizzy explosion and what we can do to make ourselves feel better again. Relax Kids was back this week - the children had really missed Cath. We looked at different natural textures in forest school. In PE we started our unit on circuits and had lots of fun following and repeating instructions.



Squirrel Class have had a busy first week of the new half term and the children seemed happy to be back. The class has wasted no time and dived straight into exploring, learning and enjoying social time with peers. In maths our focus during this half term will continue to be on 'more' and 'stop' and we will also explore numbers and quantities as well as playing 1 more/1 less turn taking games. We have revisited our weekly messy maths activity which was enjoyed by all where the children worked on their communication skills too by indicating 'more' and 'stop' verbally, by choosing between the 2 symbols or using signs. The class has been listening to number songs, such as 5 little ducks and 5 little speckled frogs which were acted out with puppets and supported with numbers.



World Book Day – Friday 6th March

Children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character or bring their favourite book

We all look forward to showcasing our costumes!

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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 3rd March – Regular Parents Coffee Morning
- 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
- Friday 27th March – last day of term (1.30 finish)
Easter Holidays 30th March – 10th April

Children return to school Monday 13th April