



# Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well.

It has been wonderful to see some sunshine this week. The children have enjoyed the opportunity to play outside.

Today it is Eid al-Fitr, an Islamic celebration to mark the end of Ramadan. Those children who are able to taste some food have had the opportunity to sample some Halal food, including: rice pudding, vegetable rice, water melon, mango, Baklawa as well as some other treats. They have thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the different flavours. We finished the celebration by having a disco in the hall. A fun-filled day enjoyed by all!

To all of our Muslim families we wish you Eid Mubarak!

I hope you all have lovely weekend.

Take care

**Jakki**





**Fox Class** have continued working hard in our regular sessions. On Wednesday we had a fun day where we explored 'cause and effect' as part of our geography topic. This included a ball game, tooth brushing activity, an ice experiment and exploration of cause and effect toys. It was fun and everyone could find something they enjoyed participating in. Over this week, we also had 2 celebration days; Red Nose Day on Thursday and Eid Al-Fitr on Friday. On both days we explored what those days are and what they represent. For Red Nose Day we looked for red balls in a red glittery sand pit using big spoons and we also used red textures in Write Dance, and for Eid we did some finger painting and played with different textures and listened to Islamic music.



**Dormouse Class** have been making the most of the sunshine this week. We started the week outside with our sensory story The Rainbow Fish. The children explored the colours, textures and shapes of different shells and they loved watching the bubbles floating around them. Yesterday afternoon we explored with sand in our outside area, it started off dry then using watering cans and water we made very wet sand!



**Hedgehog Class** have been working hard identifying and representing numbers using dienes. They have also been comparing 2 numbers and identifying which is the higher number using symbols. In Phonics, children have been recognising different ways of spelling the same sound and sorting words according to the particular spelling they contain. Hedgehog class have been thoroughly enjoying this warmer weather and have been making the most of playing outside during lunchtime play! They enjoyed a visit from Basingstoke Church who delivered a sensory workshop about the Easter story. They particularly enjoyed using playdough to make food to represent the Last Supper.



**Badger Class** have been very busy this week. We have learned the place value of numbers between 11 and 20, created a calm toolkit in PSHE and practised re-telling the story *The Gingerbread Man* with expression. On Thursday, Badger Class and Hedgehog Class had some visitors in school from Basingstoke Church who told us the Easter Story. We learnt about how Christians celebrate Easter and explored the Easter Story through some sensory activities, like re-creating *The Last Supper* using playdoh, making paper crosses and re-enacting rolling away the stone from Jesus' tomb using a giant beach ball! We ended our fun with singing and dancing to two songs alongside Joe's guitar. The children were all so beautifully well-behaved and very respectful. Our visitors would love to come back again...well done everyone! On Friday we learnt how Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr and tried some halal foods, some fruits and also had our own disco party as a whole school. We reflected on what we are all thankful for and enjoyed spending some time dancing and singing together.



**Squirrel Class** have had another busy week with lots of learning activities both inside and outside. Whilst we are enjoying some lovely sunny weather we visited the pond to investigate some of the frogs during our forest school session and today those of us that were able had a chance to taste some Halal food and fruits we then all enjoyed a lovely time dancing in the hall with our friends.



## Easter Bonnet Parade



We invite you to work together at home with your child to create an amazing Easter Bonnet

these can be showcased during assembly on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March and a prize will be awarded for the most creative

We look forward to seeing your creations!



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**

- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Easter bonnet parade in school
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – last day of term (1.30 finish)  
Easter Holidays 30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April

**Children return to school Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**Makaton Sign of the week: Lucky**



Lucky



Thumb lightly touches tip of nose as hand moves slightly downwards across to other side

Lucky