



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 24th April 2026



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well.

In last week's newsletter, I informed you about a session for parents delivered by PBS (Primary Behaviour Support) This will take place on Thursday 30th April at 10:00am. The focus will be around supportive strategies through trauma - informed practice. This will provide parents with strategies for parents to use with their children at home when they become dysregulated. Both myself and Hannah attended a meeting with PBS to discuss this session. I would recommend attending if you can.

If you would like to attend, please email the office. There is no limit on spaces.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. We have sunny weather predicted at last!

Take care

Jakki



Fox Class have enjoyed their music session and sensory circuit outdoors this week as the weather has been lovely. In Science we are learning about plants. We planted some flowers and experimented with plants and a variety of fruit and vegetables to see if they float or sink in water. It was great fun and very wet too! We practised our gross motor skills in PE, watched bucket time, made vegetable smoothies, took part in story time and our favourite Move Momentum session today.



Dormouse Class What can I say about Dormouse class? They are all amazing; all the children have been working really hard requesting more and stop using the core boards and symbols. During our sensory story we have been looking and learning about different animals and fruits. This week we were concentrating on the monkey who stole the banana and the zebra who stole the orange. Some of the children were super lucky and managed to get a trip to Costa and the charity shop. All the children behaved really well and were a credit to Saxon Wood.



Hedgehog Class have this week finished our RE unit learning all about the concept of "Special" and also about Sikhism, culminating in a brilliant Vaisakhi celebration with Badger Class. Everyone looked amazing in their yellow and orange! We have also done a two day science unit learning all about the difference between objects and the materials they are made from. Children were so engaged in exploring the properties of these materials and what makes them the best choice for different purposes! We did our own experiments to see whether we could build a strong bridge that would hold our water bottles! We have begun our art unit looking at natural sculpture and children have thought of some interesting questions they are going to find answers to which will help them plan their own designs.



Badger Class have been busy with science and art this week, along with having great fun at our rescheduled Colour Run. In science, we learnt about what plants need to grow, how plants grow and the parts of a plant. We enjoyed planting pumpkin seeds in the garden and look forward to taking care of them and hopefully seeing them grow over the next few months. Do you do any planting at home? We would love for you to share some photos! In art, we looked at 3 artists: Yayoi Kusama, Bridget Riley and Mel Bochner, focusing on painting different patterns inspired by their works. In forest school, we continued to have lots of wonderful ladybird activities and learnt some fun facts about them. Did you know that ladybirds typically only live for around a year? We also learnt that the number of spots a ladybird has reflects what species it is. A great, fun week in Badger Class. Well done everyone!



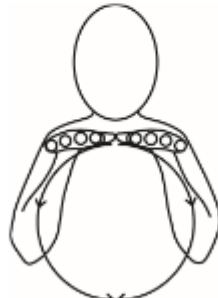
Squirrel Class have focussed mainly this week on communication skills. Throughout all activities the children were encouraged and supported accordingly to be able to communicate their choices, preferences, wants and needs. The children have been using their communication books, core boards, Talkers, signs and their verbal communication skills for choice making. We have seen some amazing practice and success and we can't wait to see even more in the coming weeks. The class has also focused on religious education, in particular Sikhism and the Vaisakhi celebration. The children enjoyed playing on drums while listening to Punjabi music and looking at traditional dancers.



Makaton Sign of the week: Earth/World



Earth/ World



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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

- Thursday 30th April - Primary Behaviour Support parent session (10.00am)

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

- Friday 22nd May – Last day of school (normal finish)
- Monday 25th May – Friday 5th June Half term
Children return to school on Monday 8th June
- Friday 19th June – Sports Day (reserve day Friday 26th June)
- Monday 27th July – Fun Day
- Tuesday 28th July – Last day of term (1.30 finish)

Leavers assembly for our Year 6 children at 10am

1st, 2nd and 3rd September Inset days

Children return to school on Friday 4th September

School term dates for 2026/2027 to follow