



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well and enjoying the sunnier weather.

This week was another busy week at Saxon Wood. We hosted a session for parents, presented by Primary Behaviour Support. This presentation gave us a greater understanding of why children can display negative behaviour and, by changing what we say, can help de-escalate heightened situations. Thank you to those parents who attended.

Yesterday the senior leadership team met with Dr. Chantelle Hawke. We have planned another 1:1 parents' session with Dr. Hawke. This will take place on 21st May in the morning. If you would like to secure a place, please send an email to the admin office. If you could write a few sentences explaining what you would like to focus on around behaviour, I can then pass these onto Dr. Hawke before she meets with you.

It has been wonderful walking around classes this week to see the children in action. One of my favourite parts of the days is when I greet the children when they arrive at school each morning. It is a privilege to work with such wonderful children.

I hope you all enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday.

Take care

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Fox Class this week enjoyed an Art and Music topic day. We explored primary and secondary colours and enjoyed using spray bottles filled with paint. We then turned this into some sensory art and made patterns with our hands and feet. As the weather has been so lovely we have enjoyed lots of activities outside in the garden. As well as all of this we have taken part in our usual sessions of Music, sensory play, PE and gross motor skills, messy bucket time, write dance, relax kids, move momentum and soft play too.



Dormouse Class have been enjoying our Sensory story of Handa's Surprise. We have been exploring different fruits and this week we made some smoothies from them. We also used fruits to paint with. All the children in Dormouse have loved getting messy this week. On Monday, we did write dance with icing sugar and yesterday we mixed water with a special powder to make slime. It was great fun!



Hedgehog Class have been busy this week practising their adding and subtraction using a tens frame. We have started reading our new story of 'The Hobbit' with great interest. In literacy we have learnt about questions. We very much enjoyed applying our maths to our cooking skills by measuring out the ingredients and making some delicious fairy cakes.





Badger Class started the week learning about the Stone Age. We learnt that it was a time from the past and that humans lived very differently to today. We had another subject day this week, geography, where we learnt what a coastline is and how the waves in the sea change the shape of the land. We also had some more fun with numbers between 0 and 20 and made the most of the lovely weather by going on number hunts around the sensory garden. We have also learnt about the importance of clear instructions that links in with our literacy work. The children told Amy how to make a jam sandwich and she followed their instructions. It wasn't long before everyone realised they needed to be clearer with their instructions because Amy had put the jam jar and the tub of butter onto the bread! Great work, Badger Class! Can your child notice instructions to see or hear at home?



Squirrel Class had a busy week focusing on physical development. The children continued to enjoy our planned PE sessions where each child focuses on something specific and bespoke. The physical development is embedded into all areas of the daily routine and the children are encouraged and motivated to practice their skills continuously. Many of the children are focusing on their walking skills with specialist aids while others' target is to further master their independent walking skills and balance. Fine motor skills are practiced throughout the whole day while the children are manipulating with favoured and non-favoured resources. The class enjoys outdoor play after lunch which provides an opportunity to put some of the tasks into practice and coordinate movements.



Makaton Sign of the week: Flower



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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

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