



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well.

I would like to start by saying a very big thank you for your understanding around class closures. I looked at every possible staffing scenario to prevent closures, but there were not enough staff to cover each class, with the high staff ratio that we need. We have been advertising to replace two LSA's who left some time ago, but have been unsuccessful, then we have had days where we have had several members of staff absent. Many of the staff will be returning to work on Monday, so this will avoid class closures. Thank you for your support during this challenging time.

Next week the weather is forecast to be getting hotter again. There has been no red alert warning issued therefore school will be opened as normal. Children can wear loose, comfortable clothing and if you could apply suncream before they come into school, that will be much appreciated. At this time of year, we always risk assess the temperature every day. If it is too hot, then we ensure the children are not outside during the hottest part of the day.

Surviving Summer – Coffee Morning

As mentioned in a previous email, our Educational Psychologist, Chantelle Hawke, will be leading a presentation on **Monday 6th July at 10:00am**, providing tips to parents on how to 'Survive' the summer break. This also provides an opportunity to chat with other parents and take a bit of time out of the stresses of day-to-day life, whilst enjoying some coffee/tea and cake. Please let the school office know if you can attend.

New children

Yesterday, it was wonderful to welcome our new children to one of our transition sessions. Our children were excited to meet new friends. We look forward to them joining our Saxon Wood family in September.

Art gallery

The children have been extremely busy taking part in some art lessons recently and working hard, producing their masterpieces to take pride of place on display in our art gallery. Parents can view their work on **Thursday 23rd July at 2pm**. For those parents who cannot make that date, we will also have another 'viewing' of our art gallery on **Friday 24th July between 9:30am - 10:30am**.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Take care

Jakki



Fox Class topic this week was Geography. We looked at all the different types of weather and made our preference whether sunny, rainy, thunder, snow or windy weather. We also looked at different environments where 'minibeasts' live. We enjoyed exploring our Rainforest and desert environment. It was fun to use magnifying pots to look at ants and beetles or catch butterflies in the net.



Dormouse Class marked the start of Wimbledon by meeting with the other classes in the hall to watch tennis and taste, smell and feel fresh strawberries and cream. This week it was our turn to go down to the sensory garden for Forest School, the children enjoyed making footballs out of seeds for the birds and decorating a football picture with lots of natural materials. The children have also enjoyed parachute, art, music and Relax Kids which is always everyone's favourite!



Squirrel Class have enjoyed a lot of movement activities this week where they all focused on their personal targets and physio programmes. Our PE sessions were enjoyed by all as the children were navigated between different activities, such as floor mobility, climbing in soft play, practicing stairs and walking. Some children also benefitted from vestibular stimulation on the swing. Physical development was continued to be focused on in the classroom where children were encouraged to maintain hand-eye coordination while manipulating with favoured resources. Some of the children also engaged with curiosity boxes, targeting their fine motor skills while others played with playdoh.



Badger Class have been busy in art this week learning about artist *Andy Goldsworthy*. Using his ideas, the children got into groups and created a piece of art using natural resources collected from the sensory garden. They were challenged to be *creative thinkers* by imagining what something like a leaf, pine cone, or stick could be. One group created a car, one an aeroplane and one an under the sea fish, seaweed and coral scene. Look out on Earwig for photos! We also learnt all about *The Wimbledon Championships*, took part in some tennis games and enjoyed the traditional Wimbledon teatime treat: strawberries and cream. So many children have been really inspired by their Wimbledon learning and have asked for tennis rackets and balls every playtime! We also enjoyed listening to and playing different beats in music, took part in *The Woodland Olympics* in forest school and visited the library. As we are approaching the end of term, please take a look at home for any school library books and return them asap. Outstanding book names will be written into home books next week. Thank you for your support.

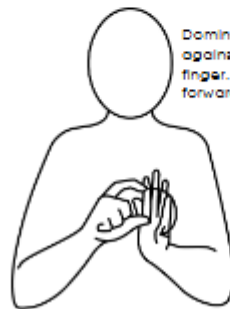


Hedgehog Class this week had two focused art days where they learned all about the different textures and techniques that can be achieved using oil pastels. The children started off by designing their own t-shirts to indicate they are now Artists at Work before practising using different pressures and movements to create marks. Due to the fact the pastels were oil pastels children could use either their sense of sight or touch to feel what was created. We explored the visual and tactile aspects of Kandinsky's work, feeling the swirls and shapes created and discussed the fact that something didn't have to be precise to be of value. Kandinsky is a famous artist and his work was all squiggly! The children then had a go at creating one of two pieces of work in the style of Kandinsky themselves and the results were simply amazing! We then used the techniques we had explored and combined it with our recent research around habitats to create our own unique multi-media piece of artwork using pastels, paper and scissors! We cannot wait to show you the results in our upcoming Art Gallery!

Makaton Sign of the week: 29th June – 5th July: Disability



Disability (1)



Dominant hand makes 'D'
against non-dominant index
finger. Twist dominant hand
forward pivoting on thumb tip

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)

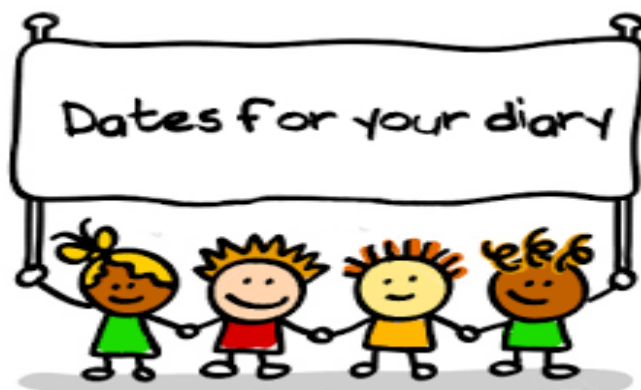
Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday
during term time only by admin staff

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 6th July – Coffee Morning with Chantelle Hawke (10-11.30)
- Thursday 23rd July – Art Gallery (2pm)
Friday 24th July – Art Gallery (9.30-10.30)
- 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