



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our families as we begin another exciting academic year at Saxon Wood School. Whether you are returning after the summer break or joining our school community for the first time, we are delighted to have you with us.

The start of a new school year is always filled with hope, opportunity, and anticipation. Over the past few weeks, our staff have been busy preparing classrooms, planning engaging learning experiences, and ensuring that everything is in place for a successful year ahead. It has been wonderful to welcome our pupils back and to see their enthusiasm, smiles, and eagerness to reconnect with friends and staff.

At Saxon Wood, we remain committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and ambitious environment where every child is valued, supported, and encouraged to achieve their full potential. Our pupils continue to amaze us with their resilience, determination, and unique talents, and we look forward to celebrating their many achievements throughout the year.

This term promises a wealth of exciting opportunities, including enriching curriculum experiences, special events, and opportunities for pupils to develop their independence, communication, and confidence. We will continue to work closely with families and external professionals to ensure that every child receives the highest quality education, care, and support.

As always, strong partnerships between home and school are at the heart of everything we do. Thank you for your continued trust, encouragement, and support. By working together, we can ensure that every pupil has the opportunity to thrive, develop their individual strengths, and enjoy a happy and rewarding school experience.

I am looking forward to another successful year at Saxon Wood and to sharing our pupils' achievements and successes with you over the coming months.

Take Care

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Fox Class - It was lovely to welcome back our fox class children and welcome our new friends. This week we mainly focused on settling in and getting back into our routines. We explored and enjoyed some of our weekly activities including Write Dance, Messy Sensory maths; where we played with coloured pasta, Cooking; where we made edible faces out of fruit PE - practicing gross motor skills.



Dormouse Class have had a lovely first week in school. It was nice to welcome and get to know our new students. The class has been busy getting to know their new timetable and routine and they showed attentiveness and enjoyment during our activities. The children were already showing amazing communication skills during environmental control activities and during meal times using symbols.



Hedgehog Class have had a busy first week back learning new names, new routines and a new classroom set up. We've focussed on ensuring children feel settled in their new classroom environment this week. Every morning, we start with a differentiated morning task which changes each day linked to maths, reading, turn-taking and developing our fine motor skills. We've made new displays for our classroom, learnt about each other's likes and dislikes, explored our environment and taken part in some exciting Forest School activities linked to Harvest. In class we've started learning a song called the Harvest Samba with Makaton signs. We added some musical instruments to add a 'samba' carnival feel. As part of our school values, we discussed the rules for our classroom which we have agreed to (adults included). This afternoon in class we followed instructions to make our own chocolate coated strawberries. This was an introduction to our topic called 'From Fork to Plate' and links to our Literacy unit on Recipes which we will be exploring over the coming weeks. Next week we will continue to get to know our new class and introduce some more structured lessons including phonics and reading. It's been a lovely week Hedgehogs - thank you for all of your hard work!



Badger Class have had a fabulous first full week. This week we have been running with the theme 'All About Me' so that we can get to know new friends and to see if our interests have changed since the last academic year. We enjoyed messy play in the garden and got creative with incorporating small world toys and creating a story. We enjoyed sharing books in the library and made our first choice to take home. **Please return library books every Wednesday** so that they can be exchanged for a new one. In PE, we started to explore dance and movement by following moves to music and copying each other's ideas. We enjoyed an improvised story about a dragon called Zig who was green and ate all the ice cream in the world. Badger Class went on a quest to find the ice cream factory to get some more. They eventually found it after a journey through a magical forest in their speeding car, only to find that all the ice cream in the world had gone again...because Badger Class had eaten it! This was a really fun task that encouraged creativity and imagination. Well done, Badger Class!



Squirrel Class have been working really hard this week. In Phonics we have been learning about environmental sounds and enjoyed exploring weather sounds using the Resonance Board and investigated noisy books to try and match the sound we heard to our animals! During our morning outdoor play sessions, we have loved working as small groups to take turns to play games such as catch or skittles. We have begun our two new sensory stories, Whatever Next and Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes and explored different resources while listening to the story read. The construction and home corners have been firm favourites during our child-initiated play.

We are so proud of how the children have settled in and cannot wait to see what they have in store for us over the upcoming term.

Makaton Sign of the week: Teddy



Teddy Bear



Hands clasp
upper arms

Teddy Bear
(or any cuddly toy)

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

- Half Term break (26th October – 30th October)
Children return to school on Monday 2nd November

A full list of dates for upcoming school events will be included in next weeks' newsletter