



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, it is exciting that the term is off to a wonderful start. It has been fantastic to see our school buzzing with energy, excitement and learning over the past couple of weeks. I wanted to take the opportunity to share a couple of highlights from around the school.

Our New Fence and Gate

Many of you will have noticed that our new perimeter fence and entrance gate have now been installed. We are delighted with the finished result, which not only enhances the appearance of the school site but also provides an important additional layer of security for our pupils, staff and visitors.

Creating a safe, welcoming environment is always a priority, and this improvement helps us ensure that Saxon Wood remains a secure place where children can learn, play and thrive. Thank you for your patience and understanding while the work was being completed.

Wonderful Learning Across the School

One of the greatest joys of being Headteacher at Saxon Wood is spending time in classrooms and around the school. Over the last couple of weeks, I have had the privilege of visiting classes and seeing first-hand the incredible learning taking place every day.

I have seen pupils exploring, investigating, communicating, creating, problem-solving and, most importantly, enjoying their learning. From sensory experiences and practical activities to reading, mathematics, communication and creative arts, there has been such a wonderful atmosphere of enthusiasm, curiosity and achievement throughout the school. What always stands out is the happiness of our pupils and the dedication, skill and care shown by our staff team.

Every classroom I visit reminds me how fortunate we are to have such a committed group of professionals working tirelessly to provide the very best opportunities for our children.

Respectful Communication and Conduct

Saxon Wood is currently developing a Zero Tolerance Policy to further strengthen our commitment to maintaining a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for all pupils, staff, parents and visitors. This policy will clearly set out our expectations for behaviour and the actions that will be taken where conduct falls below these standards.

Saxon Wood is committed to maintaining a safe, respectful and supportive environment for pupils, staff, parents and visitors. The school operates a **zero-tolerance approach to abusive, threatening, aggressive or intimidating behaviour** towards staff, whether this occurs in person, by telephone, in writing, by email, through social media or via any other form of communication.

Parents and carers are expected to communicate with all members of staff respectfully at all times. The use of **swearing, offensive language, insults, personal attacks, discriminatory language, threats, raised or aggressive behaviour, or any form of verbal abuse** towards staff will not be tolerated.

Where such behaviour occurs, the school may:

- End a meeting or telephone call immediately
- Require future communication to be in writing
- Restrict access to the school site
- Report incidents to the appropriate authorities where necessary
- Take any other reasonable action to protect the wellbeing, safety and dignity of staff

The school recognises that parents and carers may sometimes feel frustrated or upset; however, concerns must always be raised in a respectful and constructive manner. Staff have the right to work in an environment free from abuse, intimidation and harassment. Staff work extremely hard and want every child to achieve. Thank you for recognising this and to all of the parents and carers who have taken the time to share positive comments about the school. Your kind words, encouragement and appreciation really do mean a great deal. Staff work incredibly hard each day, and hearing that their efforts are making a difference provides a genuine boost to morale and reminds us why we do what we do.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we make Saxon Wood a happy, ambitious and inspiring place to learn.

Have a good weekend

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Fox Class this week were looking at environmental changes. We explored types of weather - sunny, cold, rainy and windy. We explored how it feels on our hands and what clothing we can wear in those conditions. We also explored different environments on Earth - Desert, Rainforest, Polar region. We looked and played with animals living in those areas. We also participated in our other weekly activities such as Relax Kids, Cosmic Yoga; where we were practicing gross motor skills and turn taking through physical games, Bucket time; working on our attention, Cooking; making edible faces etc.



Dormouse Class had their first Forest School session with our Forest School Lead. We all went down to the sensory garden where we were looking for something to smell, to feel, to see and to hear. The class enjoyed listening to some stories while in the garden and they made a nature book mark. The class also experienced their first music session lead by Hampshire Music Services. The children explored bells and xylophones while listening to rhymes and songs.



Hedgehog Class have had another busy week having started slightly more formal lessons including literacy and phonics. Children now have a school reading book linked to the sound that they are learning in phonics and a library book which can be exchanged every Tuesday or Wednesday. We've had several 'WOW' moments this week including children reading out loud an Autumn poem with lovely expression, a child remembering the word 'onomatopiea' and the enthusiasm continuing to learn the song Harvest Samba song. We've continued to discuss our school values and how this links to our class rules that we've created together and made a class display. In PE we enjoyed a mini rave, dancing to some of our favourite songs as well as learning short sequence of movements with a Hawaiian twist.



Badger Class have been really busy this week completing art and craft projects for our classroom. We used tissue paper and pipe cleaners to make a bumble bee for our School Values display and decorated the reading corner with an under the sea theme. We practised turn taking and decision making in DT this week when we decorated biscuits and explored our senses in forest school. In numeracy, we visually and verbally explored numbers up to 20 and practised putting them in order, 0-5, 0-10, 0-12 and 0-20. A popular time of the week is always our library visit! Children enjoyed choosing books to share with each other, have read aloud to them and also to take home. Just a reminder to send your child's library book back on a Wednesday so that they can exchange it for a new one.



Squirrel Class have been working really hard this week! We have especially enjoyed our cooking session where each child used their senses to explore different fruits then used their core boards, facial expressions, signs, vocalisations and gestures to let our adults know what we thought! If it was something we liked we put it into our recipe to make delicious, individual fruit salads and smoothies! We also enjoyed Bucket Time where the children demonstrated beautiful engagement working with a giant paint spinner! The grownups have been really impressed with how hard the children are working at both their fine and gross motor skills too!

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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

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