



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the autumn term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding.

As referenced in the letter sent earlier this week, we are aware of a small number of negative comments that have been shared on social media. While we fully respect the right of parents and carers to express their views, it is important to recognise that social media posts often present only one perspective and may not reflect the full context of a situation. We encourage families to contact the school directly if they have any concerns or questions so that we can provide accurate information, listen to feedback, and work together constructively in the best interests of all pupils. We remain committed to maintaining open, honest, and respectful communication with our school community.

Like many schools at this time of year, we are currently experiencing a higher than usual level of staff and pupil absence. A number of these absences are due to the seasonal coughs, colds, and illnesses that often circulate as we move into autumn. Whilst this can sometimes create additional challenges, I am incredibly grateful to our dedicated staff team who continue to work tirelessly to ensure that learning and support for our pupils remains of the highest quality.

Despite these challenges, it has been wonderful to see the fantastic work taking place across the school. Our pupils have thrown themselves into learning with enthusiasm, creativity, and determination.

Many classes have been embracing the changing season through a range of autumn-themed activities and crafts. I have seen some creative projects inspired by nature and our pupils have enjoyed exploring the sights, sounds, colours, and textures that autumn brings.

We have also been making the most of the beautiful sunny autumn weather. Classes have enjoyed outdoor learning opportunities, walks around the school grounds, forest school activities, and practical learning experiences that help bring the curriculum to life. Seeing pupils learning, playing, and developing their independence outdoors has been a real highlight of the term so far.

The resilience, positivity, and achievements of our children continue to make us immensely proud. Every day we see pupils demonstrating confidence, curiosity, kindness, and determination, and it is a privilege to celebrate their successes with you.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We look forward to sharing more of our pupils' wonderful achievements with you as the term progresses.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Take care

Jakki

Let's see what learning activities the classes have been doing this week:



Fox Class this week have been looking into seeds and plants as part of our Science activities. We were planting beans and seeds which helped us practice our motor skills and hand-eye coordination. We explored different types of beans: colours, sizes, and tastes. We picked them up using different tools, to load, mix and count. We also did a similar activity using dried resources where we put sunflower seeds onto oats and cocoa pops. It was tasty and fun! These activities link to our story for this term which is 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.



Dormouse Class had great fun during their parachute rhyme time session where the children showed good interest in the colours and patterns of the parachute. They also displayed anticipation while taking turns at throwing/pushing animals into the parachute. Music has been a great success this week. The children were exploring the ukulele, bells, xylophones and boomwhackers while expressing their joy through facial expression, bodily movements and vocalisation.



Hedgehog Class have been in stitches this week when the room was taken over by hungry robots! The class helped the 'robots' to make a delicious sandwich by giving them instructions. Unfortunately, they followed the instructions exactly how we said them and had water flying around the room when the robot was told to dry their hands and rather buttery fingers when they were told to spread the butter, but weren't told what to use! After this we practised adding more detail to our instructions and started using time conjunctions to order them. We then used these skills to make our own sandwiches. In maths this week, we have started our time unit. We've been recapping the days of the week and some children have practised ordering the months of the year. During outdoor learning time this week, we explored more of the sensory garden and enjoyed getting some fresh air. We collected different signs of Autumn, we compared leaves, talked about the colours, textures and sizes of different items we found. We've then had opportunities to use these to create some art work in our playtimes. Hedgehogs were really brave and earnt some gold coins for singing the first part of the Harvest Samba song to the whole school with musical instruments. Well done Hedgehogs!



Badger Class have been working hard on their phonic sounds this week. Some learning SATPIN and some OO. In maths we have looked at the concept of time and have been ordering the day; what we do and when. In PE we explored the many different ways of moving around the hall; crawling, rolling, hopping and skipping etc. We very much enjoyed our music session where we learnt to play various different bells but the highlight of our week was a bucket time session using shaving foam, it was very messy but so much fun!



Squirrel Class have been working so hard on their environmental sounds and are doing really well at exploring objects while listening to the corresponding sound or signing the name of the animal! The creative corner has been a firm favourite during Child Initiated Play and children have loved making colourful pictures and exploring different ways they can make sounds there too! In singing we have been learning songs about Harvest and ourselves. Favourites include Dingle Dangle Scarecrow and Big Red Combine Harvester!



Makaton Sign of the week: Autumn



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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