



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dedicated to fostering an inclusive culture that respects, values and celebrates the contributions of all our children.



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Welcome back to the summer term; I hope everyone had a restful Easter break.

### Staff News

Miss Cole (3C teacher) has made the decision to return home to Australia at the end of this academic year, and therefore will be leaving Saxon in July. We wish her the very best of luck for the future. We are busy recruiting new teaching staff at the moment and will update families in due course.

Today we said goodbye and good luck to Miss Page who will soon be setting off on her exciting adventure to work in America this summer!

Mrs Ryan is a new appointment supporting the children in 3C and we have also recently employed Ms Parladorio to work in 1K. A warm welcome to both of these Teaching Assistants.

### Attendance

Good attendance in school is vital. Not only for children to make academic progress but for their mental health and well-being too; children need to interact with peers their age and be sociable. There are certain illnesses which do require time off school such as chicken pox or vomiting, however, with most mild illnesses, children are able to come to school if they are well enough. Please look at this link which breaks down the most common illnesses and how parents should manage absence:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Holidays in term time will **not** be authorised. In exceptional circumstances, a few days leave may be granted and an Exceptional Leave of Absence form must be completed at least 10 days in advance of the date the absence is due to begin. This form can be found here:

<https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/form/?pid=140&form=23>

Exceptional leave includes religious ceremonies, weddings and funerals, amongst other key events that may happen. All requests will be considered on a case by case basis and take into account children's current and previous year's attendance, and whether similar requests have been granted previously. Proof of an appointment or wedding for example, may be required.

Just to remind families that if you take your child/ren out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local

Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

### Changes to Medical/Dietary Requirements

Should your child have specific medical or dietary requirements and there is a change to their diagnosis or treatment at any point in the year, it is your responsibility to inform school of this. Please keep us up to date in order for us to keep your child safe in school. Thank you.

### Sensory Garden Update

The sensory garden is now open for use! I'm sure families will agree that it looks wonderful and is such an inviting space for the children. Year groups are currently allocated a lunchtime slot to

### KEY DATES

#### April

Weds 24<sup>th</sup> Arts Day

#### May

Wk Beg 13<sup>th</sup> Y6 End of KS2 Assessments  
Y5 Bikeability

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Year 1 to The Lookout

Weds 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm Reception Sept 2024 Induction Evening for Families

Wk Beg 20<sup>th</sup> Y5 Bikeability

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Y4 to Rise Up Residential

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> 3:15/20 End of Summer I

make use of it, and classes have already been out to use the area in their lesson time too. The allotment is also taking shape and we hope to have some planting take place soon.

## Lumen Summer Camp 2024 is coming!

We are delighted to announce that our 2024 Lumen Summer Camp will operate from Monday 29th July to Friday 9th August this year at our Echelford Primary School site in Ashford Middlesex. Staffed by teachers and teaching assistants drawn from our school staff teams as well as trusted Lumen partners you can be confident about the quality care your child will receive.



### ***We will be offering:***

Core hours of 8.30am-4.00pm.

Standard days priced at £28.00 during our Earlybird period (24<sup>th</sup> April-24<sup>th</sup> May), £32.00 from 25<sup>th</sup> May onwards.

Early and Late Clubs for those parents needing wraparound care.

Places for 3-11 year olds.

Limited places for 12-16 year olds.

Block week as well as ad hoc day bookings.

Sports, arts, dance and craft activities everyday.

### ***Important information regarding payment options***

Families can continue to book using credit/debit card and childcare vouchers. We are also part of the Spelthorne Playscheme again this year. Childcare voucher and Tax Free Childcare payments need to be paid to Summer Camp (via your child's school) within 14 days of a Camp booking being made otherwise your booking will be automatically cancelled and the sessions released and made available to other families.

### ***How can I book?***

Our Magic Booking online registration and booking portal will open at lunchtime on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. For those families who have booked in previous years your portal account will remain live and ready for use. Some of our parental consent questions have changed - you will need to answer these before the portal will allow you to make a booking so please ensure you familiarise yourself with your log in details and action this in readiness. For new families please visit this page ([Magic Booking portal](#)) to create your account and register your child's details.

Further information will be provided over the coming weeks via the Summer Camp website

(<https://www.lumenlearningtrust.co.uk/summer-camps>),

our Camp Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/Lumen-Summer-Camp-296078941054455/>) and via school newsletters.

**Oracy Question of the Week**

'Would you rather eat breakfast all day or eat dinner all day?'

**Kindness Challenge**

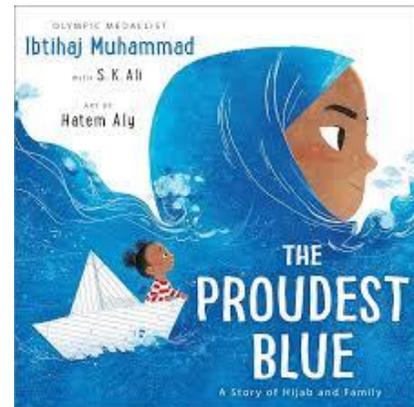
Well done to Sam (2B) & Eilidh (2DM) who completed all of the kindness activities on their bingo cards over the holidays!

**Reading**

*This week's recommendation is from 2DM and the book is called 'The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab & Family' by Ibtihaj Muhammad.*

*Asiya's hijab is like the ocean and the sky, no line between them, saying hello with a loud wave.*

*It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab - made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong? This is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are, from Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad.*



**Spelthorne Schools Prayer Group Message**

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have all experienced a joyful Easter and enjoyed family time together. It is our joy and privilege to remember you all in prayer as you embark of another full-on half-term.

Forthcoming Dates this half-term:

APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> and MAY 17<sup>th</sup>

You are very welcome to join us any time.

e-mail: [info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org](mailto:info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org) Be assured that all requests are treated in strictest confidence.

## Golden Learning Celebration

Well done to all our Learners of the Week!

### KS1

RB	Vethuja & Lilith
RGM	Samantha & Sanuki
1JK	Thomas & Willow
1K	Harley & Biren
2B	Mila & Isaac
2DM	Harley & Eilidh

### KS2

3C	Will & Carla
3W	Isaac & Niamh
4K	Ethan T & Thomas
4P	Danica & Shray
5A	River & Ellie
5P	Lavender & Felix
6L	Jessica & Albert
6R	Jasleen & Halil

## Outside Achievements

Recent achievements shared with us have been:

- Amelia (4P) who recently completed 100 junior parkruns – the equivalent of running 200km/124m!

Well done!



### Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Isaias (1JK); Daisy, Savannah & Myles (1K); Dafne, Niamh, Jasper, Raees & Corey (3W); Phoebe & Etta (5A) & Georgia, Ayaan, Dolcie & Joshua D (6R) very well done to all of these children!

Miss Morris  
Headteacher

*Scroll down for more info...*

## Concert



St Hilda's Church  
Ashford

**PRESENTS**

# RED HOT STRINGS

**IN CONCERT**

An electric/classic violin duo,  
the combined powerhouse  
of Lisa and Sarah are  
renowned for bringing  
classical music into  
the 21st century.

7.30pm  
Saturday 27th April 2024

St Hilda's Church, Woodthorpe  
Road, Ashford TW15 3QL

**SCAN ME!**

Tickets £15,  
under 12s FREE

[www.sthilda.org](http://www.sthilda.org) [www.redhotstrings.com](http://www.redhotstrings.com)

St Hilda's Church, Ashford is hosting an amazing concert by Red Hot Strings on Saturday 27th April at 7.30pm and we will also be running a bar.

The Red Hot Strings have performed with Kayne West, Adele, Simply Red, Boyzone and Madonna to name a few.