



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!

A warm welcome back to all of our families and particularly to our new families joining us, either in Reception or in the other year groups. The children have had a positive start to the term and it's been lovely to have them back.

A warm welcome to all of our new members of staff too: Mrs Butler (Nursery Deputy Manager); Mrs Lewis (Reception Teacher); Mrs Atkinson (Y1 Teacher) and Miss Skulczuk (Y1 Teacher).

The first newsletter back always contains a lot of information so please bear with me and read through to the end!

Staff News

I am delighted to share that Mrs Bright welcomed her baby earlier this week! Baby Jude arrived a little earlier than expected, but both he and Mrs Bright are doing well and enjoying settling in at home. I know families will join me in sending congratulations to Mr & Mrs Bright.

Attendance & Fixed Penalty Notices

If families take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19th August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal

proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19th August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Requests for exceptional leave need to be submitted via the form on our website, at least 2 weeks before the date being requested. There are some requests which will always be authorised such as religious days, weddings and funerals. All other exceptional leave will or will not be authorised on a case by case basis. A child's attendance and previous requests for leave will always be considered when making a decision.

Key Dates

Sept	
Mon 9 th	Reception Start Part Time
Tues 10 th	9am Nursery children visiting
W/B 16 th	Whole school TTRS battle
Mon 16 th	Nursery children start
Weds 18 th	9:30am Open Morning for Reception 2025
Mon 23 rd	3:30pm Reception Curriculum Information Meeting
W/B 30 th	Book Fair
Oct	
Thurs 3 rd	Poetry Day
Fri 4 th	3:30pm Open Classrooms for Years 2-6
W/B 8 th	Year 1 Stay, Play & Learn Sessions
Thurs 10 th	Mental Health Awareness Day
W/B 14 th	Reception Stay, Play & Learn Sessions
Tues 16 th – Fri 18 th	Y6 to Bristol

School Expectations

There have been several messages shared with the children this week. Please make a note of these and reiterate them at home too as some of the messages are a family responsibility, not just the children's. They are:



Uniform/Jewellery/Hairbands – should adhere to school policy. Children wearing jewellery or hairbands that don't comply with the school policy will be asked to remove them. Jewellery will be placed in a small envelope to keep it safe until home time. Children should not be wearing trainers unless it's a PE day. Please ensure they have proper, black school shoes. Shirts need to be tucked in and, in KS2, top buttons done up and ties on smartly.

Behaviour – during break and lunchtime, staff on duty will be issuing behaviour slips for any incidents of unkind or physical behaviour. This results in that child being sent to SLT and spending 10mins of their time reflecting on the choice they made. This may also result in a phone call home to inform you. A reminder of our Stay on Green system is attached.

Responsibility – this is one of our 5Rs and is a big focus this term. All children, from Reception to Year 6, have been given, or will be given, a role of responsibility in school. This could be a lunch box monitor, register box monitor or playground leader (Y6); the list is quite endless! The children are being encouraged to understand that they need to work alongside the adults to ensure our school is a happy, welcoming and safe place for everyone to be.

Nursery Update

Over the summer, the space has been developed and the new toilets installed for the children, and it's all looking wonderful! There is a specific nursery entrance, opposite the swimming pool. This week, the Nursery team have worked exceptionally hard painting the room and preparing the space for the children's start date on the 16th September. We're looking forward to meeting our new Nursery children next Tuesday at 9am for a taster session.

When the children start, their day will begin at 9am. Families will be able to bring their child through the pedestrian gate at this time and down to the nursery. Family members will be able to come through the gate at 3pm to collect from nursery.

Premises Update

Over the summer, we have been having all of our fire doors replaced. The new ones installed so far look very smart! As with most building projects, delays occur, and some doors will be replaced over weekends for the next couple of weeks.

Reading at Saxon

We have loved hearing about all the books that the children have read over the summer holidays. Thank you for continuing their reading provision over the summer break.

With the start of the Autumn term, all children will complete reading checks to assess their reading level. In the first week, your child will be welcome to take a book from the book corner home as their reading book.

For children in Years 1-6 who have a reading pack, their books will be sent home on Friday 13th September with their reading record. A reminder to please keep your class teacher updated with what they read in this record. Books are due in on Wednesdays, starting from Wednesday 18th September. New books will then be sent out on Friday 20th September.

For our Reception families, wordless books will be sent out on Friday 27th September.

Children who are free readers in KS2 will receive a new Reading Journal and can choose to read books from their class reading corner, the library bus or books from home.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any further questions.

Throughout the Autumn term, Saxon will be launching their own English website and a new reading challenge with the chance for your child to become a Reading Ambassador. The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Saxon on Monday 30th September.

We look forward to sharing more details about these developments in due course!

Home Learning

Daily home learning will be coming home on Monday 16th and weekly home learning will come home on Thursday 12th, and be due in the following Tuesday.

Curriculum Information

Due to low attendance at the face to face Curriculum Information meetings, teachers have put together a PowerPoint presentation with all the information you need for the year. These will be posted on Google Classroom and on the website next week. There will be a meeting for Reception families on Monday 23rd Sept at 3:30pm, in the Reception classrooms.

The first opportunity for families from Y2-6 to come into school and see learning, and meet the class teacher is the 4th October at 3:30pm. For Reception it will be Stay & Play during the week of the 14th October and for Year 1, the week beginning 7th October. More info will be sent nearer the time.

Healthy Snacks

We would like to remind families that children may bring in a snack to have during their break time. Children in EYFS and KS1 are provided with a piece of fruit every day but may prefer to have their own snack from home. We are a **nut-free**, healthy school and strive to encourage healthy-eating habits where possible. Snacks from home should reflect this and be as low-sugar as possible. The School Council came up with the following suggestions; fruit, a breakfast bar, breadsticks, crackers, rice cakes, a handful of sugar-free cereal. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 2 PE Day Correction

Apologies, Year 2 PE day is a Wednesday, not a Tuesday as shared in the email earlier this week.

Times Table Rockstars KS2 and NumBots Years 1 and 2

These online platforms have now been updated with the new classes and can continue to be used at home. If your child has forgotten their login details, please ask their class teacher.

The first Times Table Rockstars battle of the year will start on Monday 16th September and will run until Friday 27th September. This will just be a Saxon school battle for KS2. More details will follow very soon.

Secondary School Applications

This opened on the 1st September and closes on the 31st October. Year 6 families can find more information here: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

Reception 2025

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2025? If so, please book onto one of our Open Days and our Saturday Stay & Play session for children. Click on the link below or visit our school website: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/saxonprimaryschool>

The dates available are:

Wednesday 18th September @ 9:30am

Saturday 12th October 9:30-10:30am – Stay & Play session for parents and children

Tuesday 22nd October @ 9:30am

Thursday 14th November @ 2:00pm

Wednesday 27th November @ 9:30am

Thursday 9th January @ 9:30am

We look forward to seeing you!

Golden Learning Celebration

Well done to all our Learners of the Week!

KS1

1A Ruby & Steven-Charlie
1S Vinnie & Jasmine
2D Millie & Wilson
2M Georgi & Harley

KS2

3LT Sienna & Conor
3MK Charlie & Elise
4K Leighton & Josie
4P Will & Holly
5P Amelia & Siena-Marie
5W Ethan D & Honey
6A Freddie Ca & Methuki
6L Daniel & Anoush

Outside Achievements

- Daisy (4K) took part in the Ash dance festival last week she came 2nd in her duet and 1st in her group dance
- Finn and Sam (5P and 3LT) climbed Mount Snowdon, a 9 mile round trip with 1085m elevation- it took about 8 hours. They also completed the Summer reading challenge.

Well done to all of these children!



Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Alex (2M)

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

Scroll down for more info...

Free Tickets

Message from Brentford FC:

Come and watch Brentford Women's team for FREE!

v Clapton Women FC

Sunday, 29th September 2024

Kick-off 14:00

Tickets are priced at £2 per adult.

<https://www.eticketing.co.uk/brentfordfc/EDP/Event/Index/551?position=1#>

Home Start Spelthorne



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HOME START
Spelthorne

Could you spare 2-3 hours per week to support a local family?

We're looking for empathetic, non-judgemental individuals to provide practical and emotional support to young families across Spelthorne.

At Home-Start we believe all children deserve the best start in life. Our home-visiting volunteers empower parents and build their self-confidence so that they can make choices to give them and their children better opportunities.

Full training is provided, we will give you the tools you need to make a difference. Our training course is fun and informal. We have both online or in-person options to suit you and your availability.

Our next training course starts 17th September, contact us today to find out more!

Call now 01784 463200 info@home-startspelthorne.org

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

PRACTICAL SUPPORT

PLAY

The poster features three photographs illustrating the types of support provided: two women talking in a kitchen, a woman assisting a woman with a child in a wheelchair, and a woman playing with a child in a sandpit.