



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Staff News

I start this week's newsletter with the news that Mrs Hartshorn, our Maths Subject Leader and member of SLT, will be leaving Saxon at half term with her last day being the 24/10. Mrs Hartshorn has been a member of staff here since 2009, starting off by covering classes before training to be our Numbers Count Intervention teacher. Since then, Mrs Hartshorn has worked with countless children on their Maths learning, securing excellent progress for these individuals. Not only that, in her role as Maths Lead, Mrs Hartshorn has had a huge impact on the Maths provision at Saxon, helping to ensure our children leave here ready for secondary school. Mrs Hartshorn will be moving to a part time intervention teacher role in a different school, and making the most of her free time travelling the world! I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Hartshorn for all her hard work during her time at Saxon and for everything she has done to support the children and staff. Mrs Hartshorn will be very much missed but we wish her all the best with her new role.

## Nursery Visit from Surrey

Yesterday, representatives from the Early Year's Effectiveness Team in Surrey visited our nursery. As we're in the very early days of our nursery being open, the purpose of the visit was for them to come and see what we're doing well and what we could do to make our nursery provision even better. Jane Appleby and Wendy Simpson were very impressed and had lots of positive feedback for us, such as how well resourced the nursery is, and how the space has been set up to meet the criteria of the EYFS curriculum and needs of the children. They had some suggestions about how we could enhance the outdoor area even more, which are already ideas the team have had and are part of our longer term plan for the nursery. Well done to our

nursery team of Mrs George, Mrs Butler and Mrs Burberry, and to Mrs Vaughan who has been supporting the team in her role as EYFS Phase Leader.

## Mental Health Awareness Day

Yesterday, we recognised Hello Yellow day and children spent time thinking about ways to support their mental health. Each class had a 'happy' hour doing positive activities such as: playing games on iPads, arts & crafts and time on the trim trail.

5P's happy hour was spent at Burlington Care Home with the residents, playing games and singing songs. The children loved it and the residents also shared they had a brilliant afternoon and want our children to keep coming back and visiting! Thank you to Burlington for having us and to the everyone who accompanied the children there.

## Book Fair

The book fair raised a whopping £1326.29 last week - our biggest total ever! Thank you to all the families who bought books. The school receives half of that amount to spend on books via Scholastic, which is great for topping up class book corners, books for assemblies and our library bus.

## Volunteer Training, Tuesday 12th November at 09:00 - 10:30

Are you able to support children who require extra reading practice by listening to them read in class? If you can spare at least one morning or afternoon on a weekly basis we would be delighted for you to attend this Parent Volunteer Training Course. You will also need to agree to an enhanced DBS check for safeguarding purposes. To book your place, please complete this online form

<https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/form/?pid=140&form=222> and Mrs Summers will contact you to confirm

## Key Dates

### Oct

- W/B 14th Reception Stay, Play & Learn Sessions
- Tues 15th - Fri 18th Y6 to Bristol
- Fri 18th Mufti Day - Chocolate Tombola Donations
- Fri 25th 3:15/20 End of Autumn I  
5pm SSA Fireworks Night

### Nov

- Mon 4th INSET Day 3 - School closed to children
- Wed 6th Late Progress Meetings (4-7pm)
- Thurs 7th Early Progress Meetings (3:40-6:30pm)
- Mon 11th Anti-Bullying Day
- Tues 12th 9am Volunteer Training
- Wed 13th World Kindness Day
- Thurs 14th 2.00pm Rec 2025 Open Afternoon
- w/c 18th Nursery Stay & Play
- Wed 27th 9:30am Rec 2025 Open Morning

the place and send you more information. Thank you.

### Library Card Challenge

As you know, the children have been set a challenge to sign up to join their local library in a bid to help keep our Surrey libraries open. These are the numbers of children who have joined so far in each class:

RB 1  
RLM 0  
1A 2  
1S 0  
2D 6  
2M 4  
3LT 5  
3MK 1  
4K 6  
4P 4  
5P 8  
5W 4  
6A 1  
6L 0

Well done to 5P who are in the lead! The children have until Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November to bring their library card in to show Shelly. Each child who does so, earns 10 green points for their class. The winning class will receive cup cakes as a treat on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### SSA

Thank you for all the donations that came in today for our Chocolate Tombola at Fireworks. A reminder that we have our Halloween themed mufti next week for a further chocolate donation please. Fancy dress is optional and we ask for no masks or face paint.

Don't forget tickets are on sale for Fireworks now and if you're able to volunteer to help on the night, or setting up during the day, please let the team know: Mrs Hopper, Mr Venning and Miss Piddington are our Chair and Vice Chairs.

### Harvest Donations

Thank you for all the Harvest donations that came in this week. They'll be collected and distributed by Jubilee Church next week.

### Cool Milk

If your child is under 5, they are entitled to a free carton of milk per day. If you think your child would benefit from this, please visit the Cool Milk website at [coolmilk.com](http://coolmilk.com)

With a view to keeping waste to a minimum, please only sign up if you feel your child will drink the milk.

### School Uniform Consultation

Since the new logo has been added to our uniform, I've been so impressed with how smart our younger children are looking in their polo shirts. This has led me to think about reviewing whether this becomes our uniform for KS2. I would like your views on this. Please complete this short form with your response:

<https://forms.gle/c6VvxqneCu6A3TeK6>

### Vacancies across the Trust

#### Riverbridge Primary School

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative Teaching Assistant with a 'can do' attitude who are passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team. For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1445447>

We are looking to appoint an Early Years Teaching Assistant with a Level 3 qualification in Childcare to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team in our Nursery. For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1445460>

We are looking to appoint an Office Assistant with a 'can do' attitude who is passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team. For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/school-office-assistant-1447342>

#### The Echelford Primary School

We are looking for a wrap around care manager to join our team. Are you highly motivated, proactive, flexible and reliable? We are looking to appoint a talented individual who can assist in providing a stimulating, creative and caring environment for children attending our after school and breakfast club. The right candidate will be joining a strong, professional team of enthusiastic staff who will work alongside you in a supportive and constructive way. For more information please visit - <https://www.eteach.com/job/wrap-around-care-manager-1446281>

We are looking for a deputy wrap around care manager to join our team. Are you highly motivated, proactive, flexible and reliable? We are looking to appoint a talented individual who can assist in providing a stimulating, creative and caring environment for children attending our after school and breakfast club. The right candidate will be joining a strong, professional team of enthusiastic staff who will work alongside you in a supportive and constructive way. For more information please visit - <https://www.eteach.com/job/deputy-wrap-around-care-manager-1446274>

Each week, we'll be sharing a top tip to help families at home. This week's is all about noticing positive behaviour and rewarding this.

### **Reward and notice good behaviour**



Sometimes it is easy to ignore your child when they are behaving well, and only notice them when they are misbehaving. Children love their adults' attention, and if they have to behave badly to get it, they will. Give them lots of praise when they are behaving well, rather than focussing on misbehaviour.

Remember to give praise for 'being' (being kind, being great company) as well as for 'doing' (helping to tidy up, lay the table)

- *Rewards do not have to be material things, giving your child 'time' is priceless to them.*
- *Real praise and encouragement **is** the best reward as it can boost a child and build self-esteem and confidence. Give pride to your child.*
- *Try not to stress over the little things. If you are praising things they are doing well, and ignoring the small niggles, your child will learn that unacceptable behaviour no longer gets them the attention.*

***Praise your children more than you correct them***

***Praise them for even their smallest achievements***

### **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:

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 9:30-10:30am – Stay & Play session for parents and children**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October @ 9:30am

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November @ 2:00pm

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November @ 9:30am

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January @ 9:30am

We look forward to seeing you!

## Golden Learning Celebration

Well done to all our Learners of the Week!

### KS1

1A Musa & Finley  
1S Poppy & Toby  
2D Athena & Isaias  
2M Georgi & Evie

### KS2

3LT Luna & Joshua  
3MK Rami & Lola  
4K Harvey & Bella  
4P Bonnie & Corey  
5P Rosanna & Freddie  
5W Emily & Esme  
6A Alyssa & Edward  
6L Arthur & Lavender



### Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Billy T (RB); Ava (1A); Jordan (1S); Maria (2D); Jaylen (3LT); Daisy-May, Ethan, Jasmine & Eloise (3MK); Ruby (4K); Carla, Martha, Kev & Logan B (4P) and Heidi & Madison (6L)

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris  
Headteacher

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SPELTHORNE SCHOOLS' PRAYER GROUP



We've been praying for your children during our previous meetings, that they will have settled well with their new teachers and are enjoying their learning and making new friends.

We've also been praying for you parents/family carers as you support them and their teachers, especially during these challenging times of change, both inside and outside of school, including the numerous traffic diversions, temporary traffic light systems, not to mention the rainy weather, all of which is making drop-offs and pick-ups extremely challenging! Such circumstances can sometimes lead to us 'losing our cool' and we've been praying that God will give you His perfect peace.

Be of good cheer – it's almost half term and everyone is ready for the break! We wish you a safe and happy time and will publish the dates of our remaining meetings on your return.

If you would like to know more about us, share something for prayer, and maybe join us some time, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact Val Edwards: [info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org](mailto:info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org)

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**HAMPTON HILL  
31ST OCTOBER**

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