



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



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It has been a long, busy term and lots of successes to celebrate. Not least the opening of our wonderful Nursery and the Ofsted inspection. We are still awaiting the Ofsted report but I look forward to sharing it with you all in the new year. Thank you to all our families for your support this term and to all the staff for their hard work. We look forward to another positive term in the Spring!

### Staff News

Mrs Summers, Office Assistant, is going to be leaving Saxon at the end of January. Mrs Summers is embarking on a new challenge and taking on a Safeguarding Support role at Matthew Arnold School. Families who have come across Mrs Summers' warmth and friendliness will know this is a role well-suited to her. I'd like to thank Mrs Summers for all her support and hard work for the children and families during her 12 years at Saxon, and wish her the best of luck for the future. Mrs Summers' last day will be Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Today we also said thank you to Mrs Kaur and Mr Rowlands. A special thank you to Mr Rowlands for continuing to help us out in the last few weeks. We wish them both the best of luck for the future.

### End of Term Celebrations

This week, we celebrated the end of a busy Autumn Term with our awards for children in Maths, Writing, The Arts, Sports and the Headteacher's Awards. A very well done to all of these children for their excellent effort this term (in class order):

Maths – Ayrton, Zaydan, Felix, Tommy, Dylan, Harley, Scott, Mohammed, Maisie, Ava Qui, Shray, Emily, Ming & Dolly

Writing – Bhavni, Maeve, Arlo, Maria, Izaan, Ayza, Sienna, Sophia, Isaac, Harry, Scarlett, Ronan, Mae & Yuhasa

The Arts – Keira, Alina, Zuzanna, Barnaby, Maria, Myles, Fadey, Izzy, Daisy, Niamh, Khadeeja, Ivy, Freddie Ca & Lawrence

Sports – Elsbeth, Maya, Clark, Harley, Biren, George G, Sam, Charlie, Clare, Alex, Sienna-Marie, Leyla, Edward & Arthur

The Headteacher Award recipients and the reasons the children were chosen can be found at the bottom of the newsletter.

Well done to every Saxon pupil for a successful term!

### Reading Ambassadors

Congratulations to all of these children who have read 75 (KS1) or 100 (KS2) books and have become Reading Ambassadors this term!

Vinnie (1S); Tobias, Wilson, Lorcan, Phoebe, Milan (2D); Poppie (2M); Joshua (3LT); Felicity (4K); Sayuni, Michaela, Ronan, Amelia (5W) and Edward (6A)

### Saxon Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to recruit a permanent term-time Office Assistant to join our busy school office. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone wishing to be part of a friendly, dedicated, fast paced team where you can make a real difference to our children.

For more information on this role please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/school-office-assistant-1458680>

### Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

Riverbridge Primary School is looking to appoint Teaching Assistants. These are full or part time, term time roles,

## Key Dates

### Jan

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Staff and Children return to school
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am Open Morning for Reception 2025 families
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup>	Panto – Snow White
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Stay, Play & Learn
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	6pm Year 3 Sleepover
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Year R Stay, Play & Learn
<b>Feb</b>	
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	3:40 – 6:00pm Progress Meetings
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	4:00-7:00pm Progress Meetings
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	End of Spring I
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Staff and Children return to school

working Monday to Friday. The successful candidates will join a hard working and dedicated team of teachers and support staff, who are committed to improving outcomes for children in their care.

For further information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1458153>

## SSA Update

A fantastic amount of money has been raised this term:

- Fireworks £7,248.96
- Carols £115.52
- Both disco/show £731.82
- Quiz £99
- Break the rules £472.85
- Happy bags £180.95
- Lottery £345.10
- Christmas cards £435

That's a brilliant £9,629.20! Well done and thank you to all of the SSA team for their hard work putting on such lovely events for the children. Thank you to all the families who've attended and contributed to this. There will be a meeting in January where we spend the money can be discussed and to plan future events.

## Crochet Tips

Following Miss Margetts' successful crochet club this term, lots of children are keen to take up this hobby. Miss Margetts has kindly put together some information for you in case your child is interested. Please see the poster below.

## Engines Off!

Please can I ask our families to switch their engines off when they are waiting outside the school gates? I appreciate it's cold at the moment but the fumes are very damaging for the children and the environment. Thank you.

## Panto

Please remember to make your donation on Scopay of £3 so we can go ahead with Panto in January. Thank you for the contributions so far.

## Celebration of the Saxon Community

At Saxon, we celebrate our vibrant community through a rich curriculum and engaging assemblies. This term, our assemblies have highlighted a variety of topics and key events, celebrating our children's achievements. Through books, the children have explored significant events such as the Paralympics, World Recycling Week, Black History Month, the World Day for the Eradication of Poverty, UK Parliament Week, and Anti-Bullying Week. Here are the books we've shared:



## Celebrating Hanukkah & Christmas

We'd like to hear from our Jewish families who will be celebrating Hanukkah soon. This is to add to our display in the hall that reflects the faiths of our children. We'd love to see photos of how you celebrate this. If any other family would like to share photos of how they have celebrated Christmas linked to their faith, then please send these in too.

## Request for Games

With Christmas fast approaching, families may be having a clear out of old games in preparation for new ones. If you have any games of Dobble, Connect 4, Uno or Guess Who?, please can they be donated to school for the lunchtime games zone?

Thank you!

## Term Dates

These are the days children are expected in school. Please refer to these dates when booking holidays:

Spring I: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February (3:15/20 finish)

Spring II: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April (1:45 finish)

Summer I: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (3:15/20 finish)

Summer II: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July (1:45 finish)



### Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Andrew (RB); Vinnie (1S); Isaac (3LT) and Ella & Maisie (4K) very well done to all of these children!

### Outside Achievements

- Emilia (1S) has just earned her Chief Scout Acorn Award from Squirrels. This means she has completed all challenges/badges set
- Otis (2M) recited a poem, during the middle of a song, with his Performing Arts Class at 3 events, including Big Tree Night and 2 x concerts at Royal Holloway on Saturday
- Jake (4K) achieved his first yellow stripe on his belt for the Korean Martial Art - Han Guk Mu Sool
- Peter (5W) has very recently completed his open water scuba diving qualification and is fully qualified and registered to dive to a depth of 12 metres

Well done to these children!

Thank you for all the cards, gifts and well-wishes that have been sent in for staff. It is always very much appreciated. I wish all of our families a safe and wonderful Christmas holiday with their loved ones.

Miss Morris  
Headteacher

### Headteacher Awards

RB Lottie

Lottie puts exceptional effort into everything she does. She is kind, confident and a fantastic friend to everyone. It has been wonderful to see Lottie grow in confidence throughout this term. She has settled into school life seamlessly and embraces everything it has to offer. Known as our "Phonics Queen," Lottie has worked incredibly hard to remember all her new sounds. She not only practises at home but also takes every opportunity to play 'Miss Brown,' teaching the teddies in RB the sound of the day. It has been a pleasure getting to know Lottie this term. She should be incredibly proud of such a fantastic start to school life. Well done, Lottie!

RLM Maisie

Maisie has been a delight to have in Reception and has settled brilliantly into RLM. She listens carefully during our class 'Together Time' and tries hard in everything she does. Maisie sets a shining example to others with her behaviour; she consistently makes green choices and follows instructions straight away. Maisie is a fantastic friend to others. She is a kind, respectful girl who is always willing to let others join in her games and tries to cheer someone up if they are feeling sad. Maisie has been a valuable member of the class and we are very proud of the super effort she has put in and the wonderful progress she has made. Well done, Maisie!

1A George

George is a delightful member of Class 1A and is deserving of this award because of his wonderful personality. George is kind and caring towards everyone. He has a brilliant attitude to learning and is motivated to do the right thing for himself rather than for extrinsic rewards. George keeps our class promises and is a very good role model for following the school rules. Well done, George - always be who you are!

1S Eva

Eva has had a fantastic start to Year 1 so far. Eva promotes the 1S Class Promises every day by showing kindness and respect towards her peers and curiosity with her learning. During lessons, Eva challenges herself to share ideas to the class, particularly during English and History. During free learning, Eva works independently on the tasks set and regularly seeks out adults to present her work. Well done Eva, keep it up.

2D Lorcan

Since the beginning of the year, Lorcan has been engaged, curious and enthusiastic in his learning, showing a fantastic approach to Year Two. Lorcan is a polite, respectful and kind member of class who is keen to succeed and thrives on a challenge. Always keen to improve, Lorcan responds positively to feedback, enabling him to reflect on his learning and make improvements so that he can progress. He undertakes all tasks responsibly and is a great friend to everyone in 2D displaying our values of kindness, teamwork and respect. Lorcan is a valued member of 2D and should feel very proud of his effort and contribution this term. Well done, Lorcan!

### 2M Poppie

It is a delight to have the opportunity to teach Poppie this year. She is a polite, respectful and kind member of the class. She arrives every day with a smile on her face and a positive attitude to learning. Poppie always sets a superb example to those around her and is a great friend to everyone in 2M with her gentle, inclusive and considerate nature, making her a valuable member of the class. Since the beginning of the year, Poppie has always demonstrated a fantastic approach to learning, putting incredible effort into everything she does. She listens to every instruction carefully, taking time to complete her work to a high standard. Poppie should be very proud of the work she is producing. We certainly are! Well done, Poppie, on a superb start to the year!

### 3LT Sirat

Sirat is a delight to teach and I could not imagine 3LT without her! Sirat is the epitome of our school values: kindness, respect and teamwork. She uses these values each day and strives to do her best. As soon as lessons start, she is helping with jobs and ensuring she is listening to gain the most from her learning. When she is stuck, she always gives everything a go first, but is never afraid to ask for help. Sirat has the mindset that anything challenging, shows that she is learning and loves when she feels a sense of achievement. She shows green choices each day and Sirat is loved by all of her friends. Her funny, calming nature allows others to trust her and she can always make us laugh. Sirat is thoroughly deserving of this award and we look forward to seeing her accomplish even more! Well done, Sirat!

### 3MK Bonnie

Bonnie is an absolute delight to have in the classroom and she always demonstrates a fantastic approach to learning, putting incredible effort into everything she does. She is a polite, respectful and kind member of class who sets a superb example to those around her. Bonnie listens to every instruction carefully and puts her best effort into every single piece of learning across the curriculum. Bonnie is a great friend to everyone in 3MK and her kind and considerate nature make her a valuable member of class. We are really proud of Bonnie's wonderful effort and contribution this term and she thoroughly deserves this award. Well done, Bonnie.

### 4K Frankie

Frankie has made commendable progress this term, consistently meeting expectations across all areas of the curriculum. It has been wonderful to see his confidence and resilience grow throughout this term. In English and reading, he demonstrates a keen attention to detail, listens well, and is improving both his comprehension and writing skills. Frankie is becoming a more mature, responsible and resilient learner each day. Frankie's kind, caring and respectful nature makes him a valued and responsible member of our school community, exemplifying the qualities we aim to instil in our pupils. We are so proud of his effort and we are confident that he will continue to blossom as an individual. Well done, Frankie!

### 4P Holly

Holly is well deserving of the Headteacher's award this term because of her positive attitude and dedication to learning as well as the consistent green choices she makes. Holly is one of the first to get started on her learning and knows where to find the resources to support her. She is able to reflect on what she has done and challenge herself to make improvements. As a resilient learner, Holly always looks for ways to push herself and find solutions in challenging situations. A helping hand around the classroom and a supportive friend for many, Holly is always striving to be better and is a great role model for the class. I look forward to seeing how you continue to grow and achieve over the year, well done, Holly, for an incredible start to Year 4.

### 5P Polly

Well done, Polly, for displaying incredible effort throughout the Autumn Term. Polly consistently ensured she achieved a solid understanding of all learning and asked questions to secure and deepen her knowledge when needed. Presentation of learning in all of Polly's books is impeccable as she remains on task and wants to do her best. As a respectful and kind member of 5P, Polly supports her peers, whether they are close friends or a classmate, to improve on their learning, as well as simply to make people smile and have a good day. Watching Polly persevere to succeed in learning has been an honour this term; she should be incredibly proud of all she has achieved. Well done for an outstanding Autumn Term, Polly, we look forward to your continued efforts throughout Year 5.

### 5W Peter

Peter has shown impeccable choices throughout the term and has displayed the Saxon values of kindness, respect and teamwork daily. Peter will listen to feedback and make sure that he acts upon it, whilst also challenging himself in all subjects to show mastery. Peter's politeness and calmness make him a great role model in class and he is always ready to learn. Well done on a fantastic start to Year 5.

#### 6A Methuki

This award is presented to Methuki in recognition of her outstanding demonstration of the 5Rs. Methuki consistently exemplifies the highest standards of behaviour, treating others with kindness and respect, while always being considerate of the feelings and needs of those around her. She approaches challenges with a resourceful and resilient attitude, finding solutions and never giving up, even in difficult situations. Methuki is always responsive to feedback, using it to improve and grow, and she always takes time to reflect on her actions, striving to be the best version of herself. Her positive attitude and exemplary conduct make her a true role model for others. Congratulations on this well-deserved award, Methuki. I cannot put into words how proud I am of all the academic and personal progress you have made this term. I cannot wait to see what else you put your mind to this year.

#### 6L Anoush

Anoush is the deserving recipient of the Headteacher's award this term. Each day, Anoush comes into the classroom with a positive, ready to learn attitude. She shows respect in everything she does and is always keen to please. Anoush is great role model to her peers with the green behaviours she consistently shows inside and outside of the classroom and the kindness and respect that she displays around the school. Anoush is always on task and follows adult instructions and she always gives her learning 100% effort. Anoush, you should be super proud of yourself and your achievements within this first term of Year 6. Keep up the fantastic learning, a very well done to you!





### WHAT YARN SHOULD I GET?

I prefer to crochet my plushies and toys with chenille or blanket yarn, which gives a softer and often larger end product than DK or other yarn types. It is entirely up to you! Make sure you check the yarn you choose, as on the sleeve it will tell you which crochet hook size is recommended for that yarn!

### WHERE TO LEARN..

I found YouTube videos were the most useful when I taught myself to crochet. It's important to learn the basic stitches first before moving on to a more complex project! Here are some of my favourite YouTube creators for crochet content:

@bellacococrochet  
@simplydaisy15

(Grown ups, please make sure to watch any videos first!)

### WHERE CAN I GET YARN FROM?

Aldi does some great baby yarn if you can get your hands on some and is a great cheaper alternative to other brands.

Some websites online that I love:

[www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)  
[www.flossiesplace.co.uk](http://www.flossiesplace.co.uk)  
[www.etsy.com](http://www.etsy.com)

# CROCHET TIPS!



BY MISS MARGETTS

### DO I HAVE TO BUY PATTERNS?

The simple answer is no! There are plenty of free patterns available all over the internet. Search for the thing you want to make and add 'free crochet pattern' and it should come up with at least a few options! There are also some amazing patterns that range between £1-£5 on Etsy which are also great if you are looking for something more specific.

### HOW LONG UNTIL I CAN MAKE PLUSHIES LIKE YOU?!

I taught myself to crochet 6 years ago and started with blankets and clothing. I only started making plushies this year in April! Crochet is a relaxing and calming hobby, but you need to learn the basic stitches first! I have been crocheting for 6 years and I am still always learning new things!

### CROCHET ESSENTIALS

The items that you need for different crochet projects can vary, so make sure you check each pattern's 'Materials' section, as this will tell you the items that you will need for that particular pattern. Some key things that most patterns will require are:

- Yarn: What you'll be crocheting with
- Crochet hooks: What you'll use to loop the yarn
- Scissors: To cut the yarn
- Tapestry needle: Helps you weave loose ends
- Stitch markers: To help you keep track of your progress!



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