



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



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Staff Update

As you know, Mrs Summers is leaving Saxon and her last day is next Weds (29th). We have been successful in appointing Mrs Dyer (mum to two children in school) who will be joining us on Monday 17th March. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Dyer to the team soon. In the meantime, our current office staff will be working extra hours. Thank you to them all.

It's been a busy week in school with lots of different learning opportunities taking place for all. Some of the highlights of the past week include:

Year 1 Stay, Play & Learn

Each day, a group of adults went into class to see some learning in action and join in with an activity with their child. This was followed by a phonics workshop where we shared information about the Phonics Screening Check, which takes place in June. Thank you to all the families who attended.

Year 2 Polar Day

To support their topic of Polar Regions, Year 2 experienced a Polar Day this week. They enjoyed a creative day making penguin collages, experiencing thermal insulation like a polar bear using a 'blubber glove' and even enjoyed a hot chocolate to warm up from their cold adventure! Year 2 have now become Champions for Antarctica where they learned how changes in the World are impacting the Antarctic, and the need to look after it through the organisation <https://2041school.com/> Here's what some of the children had to say:

Lorcan – 'I'm not going to buy a car when I'm older to help the environment. I enjoyed breaking the animals out of the ice!'

Freya D – 'we had so much fun I didn't want it to end! My favourite bit was making a collage penguin'

Myles – 'I enjoyed making a penguin out of cotton wool and paper. We learnt we need to switch off lights and electrical things when we're not using them otherwise by 2041 Antarctica will melt'

Athena – 'we had to put our hands in icy water and feel how cold it was. We then did it again with the blubber glove on and we couldn't feel how cold it was. That's what it's like for the animals'

5W Science Learning

Yesterday, 5W took part in the UK Space Agency's live lesson all about satellites in space. The children learnt that satellites are used to track climate change and areas of deforestation around the world; that they can help identify new species of plants and that they send information to our car sat navs. They also learnt about the amount of space debris there is floating about in space and that scientists have designed a satellite that can help collect it all! They were very impressed by this and excited by all the new knowledge they gained.

Boys' Football Match

Last Friday, our Year 5 & 6 boys' team played a home game against Town Farm and came away with a brilliant win, beating their opposition 5-0! Well done to all the boys.

The girls have a home game this evening and we wish them lots of luck.

Handwriting at Saxon

At Saxon, we want our children to value the work they produce and see the importance of presenting their learning to a high standard. From the earliest stages of developing motor skills and forming letters to developing a confident, legible and personal style, handwriting remains a vital skill for children to learn and an important communication tool.

Key Dates

Jan

Mon 27th – Fri 31st Year R Stay, Play & Learn

Fri 31st 6pm Year 3 Sleepover

Feb

Weds 5th NSPCC Number Day
Tues 11th 3:40 – 6:00pm Progress Meetings

Wed 12th 4:00–7:00pm Progress Meetings

Fri 14th 3:15/3:20 End of Spring I

Mon 24th Staff and Children return to school

At Saxon, we will be focussing on handwriting over the Spring Term and we would appreciate all families mirroring these messages at home.

We have a clear process of learning to write starting with our youngest children in EYFS learning to form letters and numbers. In Key Stage 1, the children further develop handwriting skills and begin to learn to join letters together. When our children move into Key Stage Two, they develop fluency and control in their writing before finally developing their own handwriting style.

We encourage our children to develop a comfortable writing posture which allows them to take notes, complete tests, and write fluently across every subject area. Research shows that learning to write by hand is a key component in improving both spelling ability and written composition. Becoming a fluent writer frees children's minds for more complex composing skills.

In order to support all Saxon families, we have put our progression policy on the website here:
https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Writing&p_id=157

This will allow families to encourage neat handwriting at home. We thank you for your continued support with this.

Date Correction – Maths Day Wednesday 5th February

Our apologies that there was a typo on the poster last week regarding our Maths Day. This will take place on **Wednesday 5th February**, not the 4th March. Please see an updated poster below.

Attendance

It's difficult to know sometimes whether or not to keep your child home if they are unwell. Below is a poster with some guidelines.

Parenting Support – ‘Who’s in Charge?’ course

Who's in charge, you are your child?

Are you finding yourself giving in to your child for fear of retaliation either physically or verbally?

Would you like support:

- to understand the causes behind your child's aggression at home?
- with practical ideas for you and your family to help manage and decrease the incidents of violent and aggressive behaviour?
- to review ways to live in a calmer home environment?

We will be running 4 sessions in partnership with Surrey Family Learning. We will be doing this face to face in school in a group, rather than on line as first stated as the tutor has agreed to come to us in person.

Dates:

Wednesday 12th March 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Wednesday 19th and 26th March 09:30- 11:30am

Wednesday 2nd April 09:30 – 11:30am

If you would like to attend this free course, please call Shelly Lumb on 07825 742564 for more information

Vacancies Across the Trust

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

Walton Oak is looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant. This is a full time, term time role, working 32.5 hours a week, Monday to Friday. The successful candidate 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/job/teaching-assistant-1462023>

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting: Are you looking for an exciting, challenging and rewarding role, for the new academic year?

Are you ready for the next stage in your leadership journey?

Do you want to join a team who are committed to making a real difference to the life chances of children?

Can you live up to our school motto of ‘Being Our Best’?

If you answered yes to the four questions above, you may be the Inclusion Leader we are looking for!

Riverbridge is looking for an enthusiastic and skilled leader to join the team and continue the school's development. This is a full-time (5 days) non class-based position. We are looking for the right person to join our team as from 1st September 2025, but would consider appointing earlier, on a full-time or phased start basis, for the right candidate

If this is you please visit

[:https://www.eteach.com/jobs?keywords=Riverbridge%20Primary%20School](https://www.eteach.com/jobs?keywords=Riverbridge%20Primary%20School)

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to recruit term-time Office Assistants to join our friendly, dedicated team, Monday - Friday , 12.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. and Thursday & Friday 8.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. For more information please visit :

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs?keywords=Riverbridge%20Primary%20School>

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

Class Teacher Maternity Cover from April 2025 - Are you an ambitious teacher who is keen to make a difference? We are offering a wonderful opportunity to become an integral part of our exceptional community of children and adults.

For more information please visit

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/class-teacher-maternity-cover-1461175>

Riverbridge Primary School in Staines is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint enthusiastic people to join the team in our extremely popular Breakfast and After School Clubs.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-and-after-school-club-assistants-1461442>

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting.

Are you a School Business Manager, experienced premises officer or facilities professional looking to take the next step in your career? We are looking to appoint a highly motivated, experienced professional to join our Central Team as Facilities Manager.

For more information please visit

<https://www.eteach.com/job/facilities-manager-1461108>

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting

The Lumen Learning Trust is looking to appoint a permanent part-time HR Assistant to join our HR Team. This exciting role will support the Trust's HR Manager with providing a range of administrative support services to assist effective and efficient HR, payroll and training & development across the Trust. We are hoping the right candidate will be available to join our team during March or April 2025. For more information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/hr-assistant-1462716>

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting

Are you an experienced premises officer or caretaker looking to take the next step in your career? We are looking to appoint a highly motivated, proactive professional to join our Central Team as Facilities Officer. For more information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/facilities-officer-1463099>

Parenting Support

Do you need help to achieve a healthy weight for your child or teenager?

'Be Your Best' is a funded healthy lifestyle programme for Surrey families with children & teenagers aged 5-17 years, who are above the healthy weight range. They can help you make a positive difference to your child or teenager's health and wellbeing.

If this is something you are interested in, please see the flyer below for more details or contact Shelly who has had training on this and can support you.

Term Dates 2024-2025

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

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

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

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

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

Term Dates 2025-2026

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

Autumn Term 2025	
Tuesday 2 nd September	INSET DAY 1
Wednesday 3 rd September	INSET DAY 2
Thursday 4 th September	Children return to school
Friday 24 th October	INSET DAY 3
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October	HALF TERM
Monday 3 rd November	Children return to school
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term (finish at 1:45pm)
Spring Term 2026	
Monday 5 th January	Children return to school
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 23 rd February	Children return to school
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term (finish at 1:45pm)
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Summer Term 2026	
Monday 13 th April	Children return to school
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term (finish at 1:45pm)
Monday 20 th July	INSET DAY 4
Tuesday 21 st July	INSET DAY 5

Golden Learning Celebration

Well done to all our Learners of the Week!

KS1

<i>RB</i>	<i>Alistair & Lottie</i>
<i>RLM</i>	<i>Jacson & Maya</i>
<i>1A</i>	<i>Elliot & Tillie</i>
<i>1S</i>	<i>Matthew & Sanmeet</i>
<i>2D</i>	<i>Shivani & Wilson</i>
<i>2M</i>	<i>George B & Myles</i>

KS2

<i>3LT</i>	<i>Conor & Emma</i>
<i>3MK</i>	<i>Leila-Hope & Charlie</i>
<i>4L</i>	<i>Leighton & Tayton</i>
<i>4P</i>	<i>Will & Bonnie</i>
<i>5P</i>	<i>Freddie & Amelia</i>
<i>5W</i>	<i>Alyssa & Khadeeja</i>
<i>6A</i>	<i>Finley & Selim</i>
<i>6L</i>	<i>Felix & Yuhasa</i>

Lunchtime Superstars

This week's superstars who had the privilege of sitting on the special chairs in assembly and the special table at lunch time were: Violet, Lilah, Ollie & Poppie (R&KS1) and Elise, Bonnie, Martha & Clare (KS2)

Well done to these children for making excellent behaviour choices in the lunch hall.



Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Kuzey (RB); Isla (RLN); Nina, Finley & Lisha (1A); Julian & Barnaby (1S); Isaias & Millie (2D); Noah (2M); Mila, Sam, Emma & Chris (3LT); Ethan & Beau (3MK); Daisy (4L); Flynn, Khadeeja & Poppy (5W) and Felix (6L) very well done to all of these children!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

Scroll down for more info...

Happy Bags
Collection Date Tuesday 28th January 2025



Friendly Reminder

Hoppy wants to remind you, your school's clothing collection is soon! Get your bags ready. Bring as much as you can, even use extra bags if needed. More donations mean more funds for the school's reinvestment!
Let's make it count!

Your Collection Date is:

28th January

Hoppy

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[Happyschoolbag](https://www.happyschoolbag.co.uk)

www.happyschoolbag.co.uk

 0170 868 5071
 
info@happyschoolbag.co.uk

What we collect



We accept:

- ✓ Adults and children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes
- ✓ Handbags, belts, hats, jewellery
- ✓ Toiletries, perfumes,
- ✓ Souvenirs, unwanted gifts

Please ensure that all items placed in the bags are in good REUSABLE condition. Please ensure that the bags remain dry on rainy days. Thank you

If unsure about anything, please call us on 0170 868 5071

We do not accept:

- ✗ Uniforms, underclothing
- ✗ Bric-a-brac, toys, DVD'S, CD'S
- ✗ Rugs, blankets, curtains, books
- ✗ Household linen, pillows, duvets
- ✗ DIRTY, DAMAGED, or WET clothes














Saxon's Number Bake Competition – Date Correction
Wednesday 5th February 2025

Saxon's Number Bake competition!



Saxon Families, we would love to put your weighing and measuring to the test with 2025's Number Day baking competition!

Competition entries should be brought into school and placed in the Music Studio on the morning of Wednesday 5th February 2025.

At the end of the school day, the entries will be available to buy and the money raised will be used to buy new Maths Measuring resources!

***If you do not wish for your item to be sold afterwards and would prefer to take it home please tell a member of staff or leave a note with your item when dropping it off.**

**** Please also ensure you provide a full list of ingredients with your entry.**



UK Health
Security
Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (Including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://www.nhs.uk/health-protection-in-schools>



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How about
decorating a
plain t-shirt
or wearing
your favourite
sports top with
a number?

Number Day

Dress up for Digits 'Be Inspired'



←
Could you be a
human calculator,
dice, domino or
playing card?



Have fun and Dress up for Digits!

#numberday



A helping hand for a *healthier family*

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The programme is made up of one-to-one and group sessions:

Sessions include

Live cooking workshop
Meal planning for the whole family
Easy food swaps
Managing screen time
How to become an active family
Importance of sleep

One-to-one sessions

With a health & wellbeing advisor at a mutually agreed time & location

Group sessions

Week days after school via Zoom

Family Fit sessions

Wednesdays 4.30 - 5pm via Zoom

"Me and my boys are really enjoying this programme and we are so grateful to be taking part." Mum

For more information, visit bybsurrey.org or email us at BeYourBest@surreycc.gov.uk

