



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



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MP Visit

This afternoon, Mrs Vale and I had the pleasure of meeting with our local MP, Lincoln Jopp, and showing him around our school. Mr Jopp was keen to hear all about the work we do as a school and also hear about some of the challenges we face. It was an important opportunity and we value the time he gave us today. In addition, Mr Jopp popped into 2D to talk to them all about their recent polar regions learning. The children have been writing letters to him, which are due to be sent off soon, all about the impact of global warming on the polar regions and the risk to the animals that live there. It was very exciting for the children to see in person who they have written to. They are looking forward to his response!

Maths Day

We had a wonderful day of Maths learning on Wednesday with children across the school participating in a range of activities from finding fractions of pizzas to scale drawings of the Eiffel Tower! Thank you for the cakes that came in; they looked wonderful. We're just calculating the total raised for the NSPCC. Thank you to Miss Brown for organising this day for us.

Random Acts of Kindness Week

Next week, from the 9th to 15th, is Random Acts of Kindness Week. As Kindness is one of the Saxon Values, we would like all children to get involved. Attached to the newsletter is the challenge sheet for children to complete. They can win prizes through the School of Kindness and if children come to show me their completed challenge sheet, they will receive a proud slip for their class jar.

Safer Internet Day

This takes place on Tuesday and we'll be recognising this in school through assembly and in Computing lessons.

A reminder that Eduthing, the IT company that support our Computing curriculum and technology in school, is hosting a workshop for parents covering:

- Top Tips
- Resources to facilitate discussion with children and young people on online safety
- Particular Apps and features to be aware of
- Interactive Q&A Session

Registration is free but places are limited. Parents and carers will need to register for the session using the Zoom link in the attached flyer.

Celebrating the Saxon Community

We will soon have a new display in our hall which will be a world map to celebrate the wonderful diversity we have within our community.

If you are happy for your family to be mentioned and celebrated on the map and you come from somewhere other than England, please email info.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk for the attention of Mrs Atkinson, our Geography subject leader with a short paragraph stating your Saxon child/ren's name/s and where your family originates from. Any other information is welcomed but not essential.

SSA

The Christmas Cards project raised a brilliant £445. Thank you to everyone involved in this.

The SSA met today and have some ideas planned for the rest of the school year, so look out for more information coming soon.

EYFS Enrichment Activities

The children in Nursery and Reception have been learning about Transport this half term and had a busy week seeing some different types of transport in school. They explored Mrs Morley's car on Wednesday and on

Key Dates

February

Tues 11th Safer Internet Day

Tues 11th 3:40 – 6:30pm
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

March

Mon 10th – Book Fair
Fri 14th

Thurs 6th World Book Day

Fri 21st – Y5 Residential to
Sun 23rd Bowles

Thursday, an old-fashioned bus came to visit, which was a wonderful experience for the children. They enjoyed hearing all about it from the drivers and being given their special bus tickets! Today, they were lucky enough to be visited by a police car. Thank you to everyone who helped organise these visitors for the children.

Year 3 Sleepover

Year 3 children had a brilliant time at their sleepover in school last week, taking part in activities such as a Quiz and watching a movie with popcorn. They slept 'well' and enjoyed their pastry breakfast on Saturday morning! Thank you to all the staff who stayed the night in school to support this event.

Year 5&6 Boys Football Match

The boys' football team played a game away at St Ignatius earlier this week. Unfortunately they lost 2-1 but played really well as a team and gave it their best. Well done to all the players.

Vacancies across the Trust

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>

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint Office Assistants 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/school-office-assistant-1465252>

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant.

For more information please see

[:https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1465177](https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1465177)

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>Hazel & Andrew</i>
<i>RLM</i>	<i>Isla & Harriet</i>
<i>1A</i>	<i>Clark & Zuzanna</i>
<i>1S</i>	<i>Jasmine & Jordan</i>
<i>2D</i>	<i>Ivy O & Tobias</i>
<i>2M</i>	<i>Shiv & Paul</i>

KS2

<i>3LT</i>	<i>Calian & Imogen</i>
<i>3MK</i>	<i>Daisy & Beau</i>
<i>4L</i>	<i>Wylí & Remy</i>
<i>4P</i>	<i>Martha & Leo</i>
<i>5P</i>	<i>Shweta & Ellie</i>
<i>5W</i>	<i>Jacob & Poppy</i>
<i>6A</i>	<i>Ellie & Varesh</i>
<i>6L</i>	<i>Sofia & Lewis</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: Archie, Jacob, Kuzey & Penelope (R&KS1) and Aleena, Corey, Havana & Jude (KS2)

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

Outside Achievements

Well done to:

- Edward (6A) achieved his Chief Scout Silver Award for earning 8 special badges at Cubs

Proud Jar Names

Children demonstrating our values this half term and receiving a treat next week are: Mabel B, Esme, Ruby, Harley, Sophie, Georgi, Shaan, Alfie, Daphne, Alex, Sienna-Marie, Thomas, Etta & Arthur; and Zain and Aaron for BC/ASC. 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: Willow B (N); Mabel W-C (RB); Blossom & Tommy Su (RLM); Felix & Betsy (1A); Saira (1S); Poppie, Harley, Alex & Kendall (2M); Teddy T (3LT); Eilidh (3MK); Eddie & Ivy (5P); Poppy D & Madison (6A) and Gabe & Dolly (6L) very well done to all of these children!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

Scroll down for more info...

Family Learning - Who's in Charge?
First Steps to Understanding Child to Parent Aggression/Violence
Wednesday 12th March for 4 weeks
09:30 – 11:30 Saxon Primary School

Course intent:

You will develop your knowledge and understanding around child to parent violence and aggression. You will gain practical ideas for you and your family to help manage and decrease the incidents of violent and aggressive behaviour. This will impact positively on both your family's wellbeing and harmony

What will I learn?

This course is a FREE online course for parents and carers whose children (8-18) are being violent and/or aggressive at home. It will delve into the possible causes of violent and aggressive behaviour in children, including the myths around this hidden subject. There will be discussion around the child's understanding of rights and responsibilities and the balance of power in the family. It will explore the parent role and styles, and review strategies that can help:

- Understand the causes behind a child's aggression at home.
- Gain knowledge of the family's rights and responsibilities.
- Explore parent roles and parenting styles.
- Review ways to live in a calmer home environment

We aim to run the course at School in a group setting, this will enable us to offer support and advice from within.

You will need to enrol on line before the start date.

If you would like to attend this free course, please call the office for more information, or log onto

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/overview?id=52593>

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 7 - 8PM

eduthing.co.uk

SCREEN SAFE

In conversation with...

eduthing
IT Services for Education

We are excited to be celebrating the upcoming Safer Internet Day by hosting a virtual parent & carer support session with Anna Sarjantson, Liam Buggs, Tim Barette and James Fraser. Join us in conversation as we explore the best ways to support our children and young people navigating the online world covering topics such as:

- 📌 Top Tips for Parents & Carers
- 📌 Resources to facilitate discussion with children and young people on online safety
- 📌 Particular Apps or Features to be aware of!
- 📌 Interactive Q&A Session

ABOUT SCREENSAFE



I started Screen-Safe to help more parents, carers, teachers and anyone working with children, have access to support, the information they need now and the tools they need for the future when it comes to keeping our children and young people safer online. As a parent myself, I know just how challenging and sometimes, overwhelming it can be to navigate the digital world our children are growing up in. The online world can provide incredible opportunities but also some serious risks, especially where children are concerned.

We want them to be able to recognise the risks, be able to call out fake profiles or misinformation and have the confidence to say NO and get away from anything or anyone online that doesn't feel right or safe to them.

ABOUT EDUTHING



eduthing are a leading technology provider to schools across the UK. As well as providing technical support to ensure teaching and learning runs smoothly, eduthing work with teachers, parents, carers and students with Computing, EdTech and Online Safety support and workshops.



We are passionate about ensuring the safety of children and young people when they experience the online world and immerse themselves in a safe and measured way.



SESSION REGISTRATION



Click here to register for the upcoming session:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/7V8KEcsRR2eo0teblpNyBO>
Please note that this is a live session.



Half Term Band Camp

HALF TERM BAND CAMP

17th, 18, 19th, and 20th
February 2025
9.30am - 4pm



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RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

HALF-TERM CHALLENGE

February 2025

Complete all 5 and you could WIN amazing prizes!

FIRST NAME: _____ AGE: _____ YEAR GROUP: _____



DAY 1

SHHHHH...COULD YOU BE A SECRET SPREADER OF KINDNESS?

Today, your mission is to do something kind for someone in your household, without them knowing it was you! Maybe you could make someone's bed, or tidy a sibling's toys away?



What I did

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How I felt

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COMPLETED



DAY 2

THANK SOMEONE

Your mission today is to write a kind note (or draw a kind picture) for someone you know who you would like to thank. You can use our template or make your own. It could be a parent, a teacher, a sibling, a friend...anyone who has helped you in some way. Thanking people helps to let them know you appreciate what they do and that they matter to you. Your little note might make their day.



What I did

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How I felt

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COMPLETED

Random Acts of Kindness Week



DID YOU KNOW?

Kindness is contagious, just like a cold. Scientists discovered that when you are kind to someone, that kind act can spread to up to 125 people!

DAY 3

BE KIND TO YOURSELF

When we think about kindness, we often think about doing something for others. But being kind to ourselves is just as important. It helps us feel happier (which makes us more likely to be kind!)

Today, your mission is to be kind to yourself... we'd like you to write down 5 things that you love about yourself. Maybe you're a good friend, maybe you make people laugh, maybe you're a good listener or fast at running. Whatever it is, write it in the space here and celebrate the wonder that is YOU.



5 things I love about myself

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2.
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COMPLETED

What I did

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How I felt

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DAY 4

SAVE THE WORLD

Being kind to people helps to create a better world...but being kind to the planet will give us a world to live on.

Today's mission is to do something to help the environment. Some ideas could be to plant some wildflower seeds to help bees and butterflies, save energy by turning things off when we're not using them, or ask your adult if you can walk or cycle instead of using the car.

Random Acts of Kindness Week



DAY 5 HELP US TO HELP PEOPLE



We have been asked to help some elderly people who are living in a care home. Some of them don't get to see people very often and are feeling a bit lonely. They would love to receive some kind letters, cards or drawings. Can you help?

All you need to do is write a letter, make a card or draw a picture and send it to us along with this Challenge Sheet and we will pass them along.

What should you write? Anything kind that would put a smile on their face. You can tell them a bit about yourself, what you like doing or perhaps write some jokes!

(Please just use your first name and don't add any personal details about where you live or what school you go to)



DID YOU KNOW?

When we are kind, it releases feel-good chemicals in our brain and helps us feel happier.



WHAT'S NEXT?

Deadline for entries:
1st March 2025

If you're doing this activity for school, give your completed challenge sheet to your teacher. Otherwise, ask a grown up to post or email it to us:

52 Lives – School of Kindness
PO Box 3154 Reading, RG1 9AT
Email: schools@52-lives.org

PRIZES...

The winner will receive:

- A £20 book or toy voucher
- An exclusive School of Kindness 'Kindness Bench' donated by [NBB Recycled Furniture](#).



The competition is open to children in the UK in Key Stage 1 and 2. Only one entry per person may be submitted. Entries will be judged by the 52 Lives CEO, Jaime, and Director of Kindness, Greig. For the full terms and conditions, visit <https://schoolofkindness.org/kindnesschallenge>

Random Acts of Kindness Week



PSSSTTT - YOU'VE ALREADY WON!
If you don't happen to win a prize, just remember...when you're kind, it makes your mind and body healthier and happier, and creates a kinder world.
That's the best prize of all.

CONTACT DETAILS... (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CHILD'S PARENT / GUARDIAN OR TEACHER)

These details will only be used to send prizes, unless you indicate below that you would like to subscribe to our newsletter or join our Kids' Kindness Club.

Name of Teacher / Parent / Guardian

Name of School

Postal address

Email address

Telephone number

I am interested in joining the free Kids' Kindness Club (we will send you details of how to join)

I would like to subscribe to the free School of Kindness monthly email newsletter (you can unsubscribe at any time)

I confirm the child has completed the activities detailed above. I have read the privacy notice (<https://schoolofkindness.org/privacy-policy>) and consent to the processing of my personal data.

Safeguarding: 52 Lives is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We have a duty to share information that is disclosed to us with other agencies where we have safeguarding concerns, in line with legislation. For our full safeguarding policy, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y6lhootn>

www.schoolofkindness.org
www.kidskindnessclub.org

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