



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



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Staff News

Miss Leney is going to be leaving Saxon at the end of the Spring Term as she will be moving onto a teaching role in another school. I have written to 6L families today to let them know the key staff changes as the class will be taught by Mrs Lacey, Mrs Bright (returning from maternity leave) and Mrs Dillon (also returning from maternity leave) over the summer term. I know everyone will join me in wishing Miss Leney the best of luck for the future.

Staff Successes

Congratulations to Mrs Atkinson, Miss Leney and Miss Parsons who all recently passed their National Professional Qualifications that they have been undertaking for the last 18 months or so. Mrs Atkinson's was in senior leadership and was completed in her previous school. Miss Parsons and Miss Leney focussed on developing their skills in leading teaching. The awards are a recognition of all their hard work so very well done to them all.

Young Voices

On the 3rd February, our wonderful choir went to the O2 to take part in the Young Voices concert. Over 8000 children formed one choir and sang with the YV band. The children had a great time and enjoyed their experience. Thank you to Miss Parsons for organising this opportunity for the children, to our choir teacher Merlyn for teaching the children all the songs and moves, and to the staff who went along on the night. Thank you to all the families who supported the children too, I'm sure you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Squid Games

We are hearing lots of children, even those in KS1, talking about the t.v. programme Squid Games and playing games from the show. These are not appropriate games for the children to

be playing or discussing at school, or indeed a show they should be watching. Please monitor this carefully at home.

Random of Acts of Kindness Week

Whilst this took place this week, the children can still complete their acts of kindness during half term. Children who come to show me them will receive a proud slip in the class jar after half term. The challenge sheets are below.

Plant Donations

We are seeking plant donations for our sensory garden, for continuous greenery and to ensure our sensory garden is wildlife friendly all year long. If you can, we would like a donation of one of the following from as many families as possible:

Soft Grasses



Lavender



Heathers



Key Dates

February

Mon 24th

Staff and Children return to school

March

Mon 10th –

Fri 14th

Book Fair

Thurs 6th

World Book Day

Fri 21st –

Sun 23rd

Y5 Residential to Bowles

April

Weds 2nd

9am R&KS1 Celebration Assembly (invited families)

Thurs 3rd

9am KS2 Celebration Assembly (invited families)

Fri 4th

1:45pm End of Term for all Children

Tues 22nd

Staff and Children return to school

Rethink Waste

Saxon Families, we still need your donations. Sign up or sign in! There are 500 points waiting for you to donate to our school.

<https://rethinkwaste.co.uk/schools>



We are in with a chance to win the funding this month. Please tell friends and family to watch the videos, make a pledge and take the quiz to earn points. There are previous activities you can also complete to gain more points. We need your donations to support our Sensory Garden. Come on Saxon!

Vacancies Across the Trust

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a talented individual who can assist in providing a stimulating, creative and caring environment for children attending the After School Club. The role is 13.75 hours per week, Monday to Friday 3.15pm to 6.00pm.

For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-assistant-1465918>

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>

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 see <https://www.eteach.com/job/facilities-officer-1467121>

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>Keira & Kuzey</i>
<i>RLM</i>	<i>Dylan & Blossom</i>
<i>1A</i>	<i>Hudson & Ruby</i>
<i>1S</i>	<i>Emilia P & Vinnie</i>
<i>2D</i>	<i>Athena & Willow</i>
<i>2M</i>	<i>Ava & Clark</i>

KS2

<i>3LT</i>	<i>Bonnie & Joshua</i>
<i>3MK</i>	<i>Jasmine & Harley</i>
<i>4L</i>	<i>Hetty & Dafne</i>
<i>4P</i>	<i>Alex & Carla</i>
<i>5P</i>	<i>Eddie & Scarlett</i>
<i>5W</i>	<i>Mischa & Elena</i>
<i>6A</i>	<i>Freddie Ca & Alyssa</i>
<i>6L</i>	<i>Jude & Daniel</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: Alistair, Maria, Ahyan & Harley (R&KS1) and Tamiya, Maisie, Martha & Bonnie (KS2)

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

Outside Achievements

Well done to:

- Savannah, Christian (2D), Leila-Hope (3MK), Leighton (4L) & Hayden (5P) for receiving their yellow belts in Kung fu
- Imogen (3LT) for completing her first Cheerleading competition with Bea's Cheerleading, doing really well and receiving a medal
- Daisy (4L) for performing with the British Theatre Academy in their production of Frozen Jr at Hampton Hill Theatre
- Corey (4P) received Player of the Match for his football team, Laleham FC, away at Bedfont Eagles



Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Isla (RLM); Roscoe & Steven-Charlie (1A); Shivani, Sophie & Milan (2D); George B & Ava (2M); Fadey & Roman (3LT); Jake A (4L); Sayuni & Kush (5W); Ming (6A) and Lawrence & Havana (6L) very well done to all of these children!

Wishing everyone a lovely half term,

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>

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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What I did

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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.



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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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.

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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>

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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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Kindness slows the ageing process and helps us live longer.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SPELTHORNE SCHOOLS' PRAYER GROUP

We very much hope that everyone has a happy and safe half-term, and that the weather bucks up to enable you to enjoy a well-earned break.

The first day back after half-term sees our next meeting – **MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY** - and it would be lovely to hear from you should you wish to share anything for prayer/thankfulness or you'd like more info.

Contact me, Val Edwards, info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org

A couple of our forthcoming meetings are:

Friday 14th March

Friday 25th April

Park Run



JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER

or simply come and watch - it's up to you!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS

Every Sunday morning

EVERYONE WELCOME

Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - it's up to you!

HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE

Share high fives and big smiles!

LEARN NEW SKILLS

Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS

Adults can join in with the kids too!

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART

No special kit needed - wear whatever you like

MAKE FRIENDS

Meet lots of new people

FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD

Try your best and celebrate your achievements

"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice, it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"



Register at parkrun.com

and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

notes:

Your nearest junior parkrun is at Laleham park - what 3 words location
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