



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



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Attendance

As you know, regular attendance in school is important for children’s social needs and emotional well-being as well as ensuring they make good progress. This week, I met with our Attendance Officer from Surrey County Council and we set the school’s target for this year. Whilst 100% would be amazing, we have settled on a more realistic whole school target of 96%. Together, we can aim to achieve this. A reminder that if your child is a bit under the weather, it’s worth giving them some Calpol and sending them in to give the day a go. If they are too unwell for school, we will call home. High temperatures, upset tummy and sickness (48 hour rule) as well as some illnesses, such as chicken pox, are the main reasons children should stay at home.

Children’s Leadership Roles

All roles have been assigned now and children were given their badges in assembly today. You can see who they are at the end of the newsletter. We’re looking forward to working with these children in their new roles.

Open Morning

We had our first open morning for prospective Reception 2026 families on Wednesday and it was lovely to welcome everyone who attended. For the first time, our Y6 House Captains, Vice Captains and Y6 Leaders took on the responsibility of touring the families around our school. They did a fantastic job highlighting all the wonderful things about Saxon and sharing their memories of Reception too. The feedback was positive and we’re very proud of the children. Well done to: Max, Riyaz, Alyssa, Izzy, Poppy, Peter, Leah, Esme, Emily, Katie & Amelia.

Book Fair - Monday 29th September - Friday 3rd October

Scholastic’s Book Fair will once again be returning to Saxon! Starting from Monday 29th September, you will have the opportunity to purchase exciting new books at the book fair. It will be located outside the Music studio from 3:10pm each day. A reminder that the book fair does not accept cash payments, card payments only please. Please visit the book fair to continue to support us! For every book purchased, the school receives rewards that we can spend on more books for book corners in the classrooms and for our Library Bus. We are looking forward to seeing you at the book fair.

Poetry Day - Thursday 2nd October

This year, Saxon will be joining lots of schools around the country to celebrate National Poetry Day. The theme is ‘Play’. Children will be looking at a variety of poets and we would love to share our poetry learning with you. All classes will record a video of them performing a short poem, which will be shown at the Open Classroom Event for Years 2-6 on Friday 3rd October.

Reception 2026

Do you have a child, or know somebody who does, due to start school in September 2026? If so, please sign up to one of our open events here: <https://buytickets.at/saxonprimaryschool>

If you can’t make one of these dates, just let the office know and we can arrange a visit for you.

We have added two additional dates: Saturday 8th November Stay & Play 9:00-10:00am Thursday 27th November 9:30-10:30 These dates will be added to Ticket Tailor soon.

Key Dates

Sept Mon 29 th	Book Fair
Oct Thurs 2 nd	Poetry Day
Fri 3 rd	3:30pm Y2-6 Family Open Classroom Event
6 th -10 th	Year 1 Stay, Play & Learn
Tues 7 th	Community Litter Pick
Weds 8 th	7:00pm Open Evening for Reception 2026 Families
Weds 8 th	Year 2 Family Engagement Event
Thurs 9 th	2:30pm Year 5 Family Engagement Event
Fri 10 th	SSA Happy Bags Recycling Day
Sat 11 th	9:00-10:00 Prospective Reception 2026 Stay & Play Session

If your child is in our Nursery, don’t forget you still need to complete the application form for Reception; they don’t automatically receive a space.

If you have contacts in any nurseries, play groups etc. who would be willing to display our posters. Please ask in the office for a copy. Thank you!

Toys From Home

Children need to stop bringing in toys and keyrings from home please. It's causing lots of issues amongst the children when they should not be in school in the first place. Thank you

SSA AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM today. We had lots of willing volunteers and some great ideas shared. As you know, the focus this year is raising money for our EYFS outdoor area, and hopefully, with enough to upgrade some of our other outdoor spaces too! Here are the planned dates so far:

Friday 17th October Halloween Mufti £1 donation

Halloween Disco - DJ

Tuesday 21st October

- 2pm – Reception in class (Saxon staff)
- 3 – 3:45pm Years 1-2
- 4 – 5pm Years 3-4

Wednesday 22nd October

- 3:30 – 4:45pm Years 5 – 6

Thursday 20th November 7:30pm SSA Quiz Night

Friday 19th June – Circus Event *No ASC this day

Plea for a Football Team Coach!

We are looking for a willing volunteer to help run our Boys and Girls' football teams. This would involve a weekly training session and attending matches and tournaments, and possibly refereeing some games too. We really want our teams to do well and benefit from someone with the right skills and knowledge for them to be successful. If this is something you would like more information on, please speak to me or Miss Parsons. Thank you

Harvest Donations

At this time of year, we look to how we can support our community through the celebration of Harvest. Once again, we will be collecting items for Jubilee Church. Donations can begin coming in from Monday 13th October and we'll be sharing messages about Harvest in the assembly that morning. Items requested are: tinned meat meals, jam, biscuits, rice pudding, custard, tea, coffee, pasta, toilet roll, soup – please make sure use by dates are after December 2025

Vacancies Across the Trust

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-1507901>

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting

Darley Dene are looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant with a Level 3 qualification who has a passion for creating life long learners, is committed to inclusion and equality and has high expectations of themselves and every child.

For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-with-level-3-qualification-1507404>

Darley Dene are seeking to appoint 2 highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individuals for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for individuals who are patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff.

For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1508676>

Achievement Certificates

Certificates of Achievement for demonstrating one of our values (Kindness, Respect, Teamwork, Belonging & Achieving) were awarded to:

KS1

RL Betsy L (K) & Tony (A)
RM Zayd (K) & Thisini (R)
1B Kacper (B) & Mabel B (T)
1S Penelope (R) & Elsie (R)
2A Ben (A) & Ruby (R)
2P Nina (A) & Felix (B)

KS2

3B April (A) & Otis (R)
3T Savvy (R) & Phoebe (A)
4B Sirat (A) & Isaac (K)
4M Emma (R) & Jasmine (R)
5D James (R) & Dafne (T)
5W Max (R) & Holly (K)
6A Rosanna (R) & Bradley (A)
6S John-Dean (R) & Misha (R)



Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Vera (RL); Juliette (1B); Tillie & Luana (2A); Zuzanna (2P); Evie & Freya T (3B); Penelope (3T); Mila (4B); Charlie (4M); Emily (5D); Isabelle B, Ronan, Ryder & Iyla (6S) well done to all of these children!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

Surrey Family Learning Opportunities

Family Learning – sensory routines to support your child with ASD, ADHD and other (online)

Start date: 13th October 2025

Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Cost: FREE

Location: Online (Zoom)

Sessions: 2 sessions

Family Learning – sensory routines to support your child with ASD, ADHD and other (online)

Start date: 1st December 2025

Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Cost: FREE

Location: Online (Zoom)

Sessions: 2 sessions

Family Learning – cooking ideas for you and your child (ADHD, Autism & Neurodivergent) (online)

Start date: 11th November 2025

Time: 4pm to 5:30pm

Cost: FREE

Location: Online (Zoom)

Sessions: 2 sessions

Family Learning – first steps to understand My Neurodivergent child (ADHD, Autism) (online)

Start date: 27th November 2025

Time: 9:30am to 11:30am

Cost: FREE

Location: Online (Zoom)

Sessions: 3 sessions

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/search?keyword=neurodivergent>

Open Events for Reception 2026 Families

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2026? Or do you know someone who does? Then please sign up to one of our open events or share this information with family and friends. We have the following formal Open Mornings:

Wednesday 8th October 7:00pm
Tuesday 21st October 9:30am
Thursday 27th November 9:30am

You will hear from the Senior Leadership Team, meet some of our Year 6 Leaders and have a tour of the school. There will be the opportunity to ask questions and see our wonderful early years environment.

In addition, we are hosting smaller, more bespoke tours for a few families at a time on Tuesday mornings.

Finally, we have our Stay & Play session for children to visit the school with you on Saturday 11th October at 9am. New date added: Saturday 8th November at 9am

All events can be booked on Ticket Tailor: <https://buytickets.at/saxonprimaryschool>

We look forward to seeing you all!

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

Student Leader Roles

Eco Leaders (Years 2-6)	Jude, Felix N-T, Siena, Phoebe, Mia, Ben, Josie, Max, Sayuni & Scarlett
Librarians (Years 1-6)	Harriet, Tommy, Toby, Poppy, Shiv & Siena, Tobias, Sienna, Luna/Emma & Calian, Ella & Daisy, Logan B & Lily, Sayuni & Lily, Rayaan & Ryder
School Council (Years 1-6)	Zaydan, Isla, Vinnie, Jasmine, George R, Christian, Sam & Lola, Jasmine, Layla D, Bonnie, Flynn & Tyler, Finn & Leyla
Year 6 House & Vice Captains	Victorians: Max & Alyssa Tudors: Amelia & Teddy Celtics: Peter & Izzy Romans: Esme & Riyaz
Year 6 Leaders	Katie, Ethan D, Viraj, Honey, Emily, Khadeeja, Lilly-May, Kyra, Annie, Rosanna, Madeleine, Harry B, Ellie, Polly, Ivy, Ryder, Rayaan, Michaela, Leyla, Iyla, Leah, Poppy & Finn

❖ Golden Ticket Library Challenge! ❖

This October half-term, we've got something exciting for you... the Golden Ticket Challenge! 🎟️ 📖

Here's how it works:

- Pop into Shepperton Library over the holidays.
- Either get yourself a brand-new library card OR use your library card to borrow some books.
- Drop your Golden Ticket into the special post-box at the library.

And that's it! You'll be entered into a draw to win a Waterstones book voucher 🏆 – which you can spend in any Waterstones shop!

- ❖ Keep an eye out for a letter in your school bag with all the details week beginning 13th October!

Happy reading and good luck! 🍀

For further information, please contact Shelly Lumb on 07825 742564

Outside Clubs



The poster is circular with a blue background and a white border. It features the Swimquest logo in the top left corner. The main text reads 'Swimming Lessons' in large yellow letters. Below this, it says 'At Saxon Primary School, Shepperton'. Further down, it lists 'Small Classes, Adult & Child, Preschool, Beginners Improvers, Term Time & Holiday Courses'. At the bottom, it provides the website 'www.swimquest.co.uk' and instructions to complete a form. Logos for STAMark and Swim England are also present, along with a small photo of a child swimming.

Swimquest

Swimming Lessons

At Saxon Primary School, Shepperton

Small Classes, Adult & Child, Preschool, Beginners
Improvers, Term Time & Holiday Courses

For more info or to book go to
www.swimquest.co.uk
and complete the form
on the contact page

STAMark Swim England

www.swimquest.co.uk

Book now for Autumn 2025 – No Waiting Lists!
Adult & child classes (6mths-3yrs) and Preschool classes (3yrs+) 30min classes on Wednesday 9.30-11am and Friday 1.45-2.45pm
After school from 3.45pm Monday- Friday and Saturdays 8.30am – 1.30pm for children 3yrs +
Adult non swimmer/beginner lessons on Wednesday 6.45pm.
Please email info@swimquest.co.uk for more info or to book.
We look forward to hearing from you soon.

The Extraordinary in the Ordinary: A Mindful Photography Walk

What if a single blade of grass or an overlooked stone could change the way you see the world? This walk will show you how.

Date and time

Sunday, September 28 · 3 - 5pm GMT+1

To register, please click on this link here: <https://mindfulphotographywalk.eventbrite.co.uk>