



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



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Black History Month

October is Black History Month and we will be recognising this through learning and in assemblies. On Friday 17th October it is a national day to 'Show Racism the Red Card'. However, due to Year 6 being in Bristol and it being the SSA Mufti day, we are going to recognise this important day on Monday 20th October. On the 20th, children need to wear their usual school uniform but can wear something red e.g. a red hair band, red socks, a red jumper.

It is even more important that we talk to our children about racism, respect and kindness following the attack at the Synagogue in Manchester yesterday. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Jewish community and especially our Jewish families at Saxon.

Memorial Service for Francis Paul

Yesterday, there was a memorial service for Francis at St John's Catholic Church. For families new to the school, Francis was a pupil here who sadly died in June from leukemia, aged 8. It was a special service where family, friends and school were able to remember Francis, and it was an honour to be able to be a part of this. The family were particularly grateful to the community for all of their support. In the coming months, we will work with Francis' parents to establish a lasting memorial of him in our sensory garden.

Book Fair

The book fair has been a huge success again this week, thank you to everyone who supported it. We have one more day today to buy books so we shall share a total amount raised next week.

Poetry Day

We had a wonderful poetry day yesterday with many poems and poets being explored and children writing their own poems, as well as learning

poetry off by heart. Thank you to Mrs Atkinson & Miss Adams for leading the day. Don't forget to come and see some of the children's learning at 3:30 today in Years 2-6.

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 20th November 9:30-10:30 These dates will be added to Ticket Tailor soon.

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.

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.

Key Dates

Oct

- Fri 3rd 3:30pm Y2-6 Family Open Classroom Event
- 6th-10th Year 1 Stay, Play & Learn
- Tues 7th 3:30pm Community Litter Pick
- Weds 8th 7:00pm Open Evening for Reception 2026 Families
- Weds 8th Year 2 Family Engagement Event
- Thurs 9th 2:30pm Year 5 Family Engagement Event
- Fri 10th SSA Happy Bags Recycling Day
- Sat 11th 9:00-10:00 Prospective Reception 2026 Stay & Play Session
- Fri 17th SSA Halloween Mufti
- Mon 20th Wear Red Day
- Tues 21st 9:30 Open Morning for Reception 2026
- Weds 22nd & Thurs 23rd Individual Photos
- Thurs 23rd Y2 to Wisley
- Fri 24th Inset Day 3 - school closed to children

Additional SSA Dates - Christmas Discos

Weds 3rd Dec

- Reception 2pm
- Years 1&2 3:00-4:00pm
- Years 3&4 4:15-5:30pm

Thurs 4th Dec

- Years 5&6 3:30-4:45pm

Girls' Football Tournament

Well done to our new Girls' team who came second in their tournament yesterday! Thank you to Miss Parsons and Mrs Slatter for supporting the team, and to Mr Greenhead for his coaching help.

BBC 500 Words Writing Competition

500 Words is open for entries! Make sure you submit your stories before 9pm, Friday 7th November.

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds and spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - as has always been the case for 500 Words, it's all about our writers' brilliant creativity! There are prizes to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library.

50 finalists will be invited to a star-studded grand final at Windsor Castle in February 2026, which will once again be hosted by Her Majesty The Queen. If that's not enough, each winner will also see their story be read aloud by a superstar celebrity on TV, which will be shown as part of a special 500 Words programme with The One Show in early March.

Our official panel of celebrity judges, Sir Lenny Henry, Malorie Blackman, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson and Frank Cottrell-Boyce will return to crown our next winners.

NSPCC Resource for Parents – Supporting Anger Management in Children

Every year many thousands of children are referred to Childline for anger issues. Anger management in children is one of the top mental health concerns in childcare.

Anger and the ability to control it are key skills of adulthood. Violent thoughts frequently bubble underneath human interactions. Anger is the quickest way for those thoughts to become reality. For this reason it is tightly regulated in our society. Children must learn to overcome anger so that they do not fall foul of strict controls on violent conduct. However, this is difficult for children to learn to manage since anger is remarkably powerful. Yet as parents and teachers there is no choice but to teach them to reign these emotions in. This can be hard knowledge to impart, but the NSPCC has produced helpful resources to aid you in that vital mission. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/arguments-conflict-family-tension>

Vacancies at Saxon

Do you have a passion for Early Years? This is an exciting opportunity for an Early Years Nursery Assistant to work in our Nursery, who is not afraid to immerse themselves in the children's play. We are looking for someone who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way.

For more information on these roles please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/nursery-assistant-1511929>

Vacancies Across the Trust

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---level-3-1511718>

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 Nancy (K) & Anirudg (T)
RM Dan (A) & Freddie (A)
1B Jacob (R) & Sienna (A)
1S Andrew (R) & Belle (A)
2A Eva (A) & Hajwa (B)
2P Barnaby (A) & George (R)

KS2

3B Harley (A) & Siena (A)
3T Isaias (A) & Sophie (K)
4B Eilidh (A) & Scott (A)
4M Luna (T) & Charlie (A)
5D Bella (A) & Tayton (T)
5W Sidney (R) & Oskar (R)
6A Hayden (B) & Lily (A)
6S Ruby (K) & Elena (R)



Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Mimi (RM); Lottie (1B); Tobias, Ruby & Wilson (3T); Scott & Ruben (4B); Layla A & Jasper (5D); Kayleigh (5W); Ivy, Jackson, Max & Leah (6S) well done to all of these children!

Outside Achievements

Very well done to:

- George R (3B) was voted Team Player of the Year Award for Shepperton Cricket Club whilst playing a year above his age group
- Frank (5D) took home some beans from our allotment and cared for them over the summer, resulting in lots of beans grown!
- Will (5W) for receiving Player of the Match last weekend for his football team

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

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 20th 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

🎫 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

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WORDS

COMPETITION!

- WRITE A 500 word story and submit ~~to~~ ^{on} website
(BBC 500 words)
 - 8-11 or 5-7yrs old
 - LIVE Lesson!
- Submit By
7th NOVEMBER
2025!

SSA Event



SSA Event

TUES. 21 OCT

YEARS 1&2
15:00-15:45

YEARS 3&4
16:00-17:00

WED 22 OCT

YEARS 5&6
15:30-16:45

DRINK AND SWEETS INCLUDED WITH TICKET



**SAXON SSA
HALLOWEEN DISCO**

PRICES
£4 (KS1) £6 (KS2)

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT PTA EVENTS

**CHRISTMAS
MARKET
FUNDRAISER**

**CALLING ALL
STALLHOLDERS -
SELL YOUR PRODUCTS!**

**SAXON PRIMARY SCHOOL
SHEPPERTON**

**28TH NOVEMBER
4PM - 7PM**

- 📦 Support the school fundraiser
- 📦 Showcase your products to the local community
- 🎵 Festive atmosphere with food, entertainment & activities

TO BOOK A STALL, CONTACT:
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