



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



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Welcome back to Autumn II, I hope everyone had a lovely half term break. It's set to be another busy half term so please ensure you're reading the newsletter and looking at our social media pages for all the updates.

Instagram Page

We are really excited to have launched our official Instagram page this week! It's different to Facebook in terms of what information is shared, so please check out both regularly.

Follow us at 'saxonprimariesch'

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DOqW37eDnes/>

Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Margetts who celebrated her wedding recently! Miss Margetts has changed her name to Mrs Duxon and the children in Reception are already getting used to it. The class name will remain as RM.

SSA Update

Christmas Market and Fireworks – Friday 28th November

The countdown is on for Saxon's Christmas Market and Firework Bonanza! We cannot wait to see the community support the SSA at this event. Tickets are selling fast; if you still need to purchase your ticket, you can do so from the following Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/saxon-christmas-market-fireworks-tickets-1804699919039>

Tickets are £5 when purchased in advance, with an option for a discounted family ticket. Tickets will be £7 on the gate with no discounted options, so please try to buy in advance if you can.

With any of our SSA and Community events, we rely on volunteers. Please speak to your Class Rep or contact the SSA via

ssa.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk to let them know your availability. We would love your support to help set up at the event, run stalls and by staying at the end to help tidy up. In addition, as this is a Christmas Event, if you have any Christmas decorations that the SSA could use to decorate for the event, please hand them to any SSA member.

SSA Quiz Night

On Thursday 20th November, we have the SSA Quiz Night. This is our main event for adults and everyone has such a good time. Please email the SSA with your team members to sign up to take part in the quiz. Posters attached below.

Mufti

Thank you to all Saxon Families for bringing in a selection of chocolate this morning. A reminder that there will be another mufti day next Friday too. Please can more chocolate donations come in to support our Chocolate Tombola stall at the Christmas Market and Firework Event?

Next Week

Next week is a busy one in school! We start with Odd Socks Day on Monday to launch Anti-Bullying Week. On Tuesday, we celebrate Remembrance Day; children are welcome to wear their Cubs/Brownies etc. uniforms and we'll be observing the two minute silence at 11am. Wednesday is Positive Noticing Day and we'll be focussing even more closely on the positive behaviours we expect to see in the children – look out for their PND labels they'll come home with...! Wednesday and Thursday are our Progress Meetings and teachers are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss how the term has started for your child.

Key Dates

Nov

Sat 8 th	9:00-10:am Stay & Play for Reception 2026
Mon 10 th	Start of Anti-Bullying Week; Odd Socks Day
Tues 11 th	Remembrance Day – Children can wear Cubs/ Brownies uniform etc.
Wed 12 th	Positive Noticing Day 4:00-7:00pm Progress Meetings
Thurs 13 th	World Kindness Day 3:40-6:30pm Progress Meetings
Fri 14 th	Mufti – chocolate donation
W/B 17 th	9am Reception Stay & Play Sessions
Tues 18 th	Y1 Space Workshop
Weds 19 th	House Event – more info next week
Thurs 20 th	9:30am Open Morning for Reception 2026 7:30pm SSA Quiz

Thursday is World Kindness Day (see below) and finally, Friday is another mufti day for chocolate donations. I think we'll all be ready for another weekend by then! Thank you for supporting all of these events at home and discussing everything that happens at school with your children.

Inset Training

On the Inset day before half term, the teachers were involved in some training focussing on Outdoor Learning. Led by the Surrey Outdoor Learning team, staff explored different ways of taking the learning outside of the classroom and are looking forward to implementing some of the ideas soon. Listen out at home for what your children have been up to outdoors!

Governor Visit

This week, Mrs Vale and I met with one of our Parent Governors, Mr O'Cain, focussing on the area of children's Personal Development and Well-Being. We were delighted to share information about The Saxon Way and to hear how the children spoke so positively to Mr O'Cain about our values. It was clear from the children how much they understand about the values of our school. Interestingly, they shared the most important value to them was 'Achieving'. They are proud of their achievements and feel that even if they are showing kindness or teamwork, they have still achieved something. Next steps include sharing more information about our values and The Saxon Way with you at home. Thank you to Mr O'Cain for his time.

Winter Uniform

Now we are into Autumn II and the weather is a little more chilly, children should now be in winter uniform. This includes a white polo shirt, jumper/cardigan and trousers/skirt in R&KS1; and white shirt, tie, jumper/cardigan and skirt (with tights)/trousers in KS2. Please remember to send your child in with a coat everyday. Thank you.

Southfield Park Primary School

We are thrilled to announce that Southfield Park Primary School, found a short drive from Epsom town centre, has joined the Lumen Learning Trust family of schools. With a relentless approach to providing the very best educational opportunities within a nurturing environment for primary pupils in the Surrey area, this important step marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our school communities. Bringing expertise, strong collaboration and high-quality practitioners to all of our schools, this new addition will further enrich our pupils' learning experience.

While we embark on this journey with Southfield Park, we want to reassure you that our unwavering commitment to creating a warm, inclusive and supportive environment for every child remains stronger than ever. Our core values and our dedication to your child's growth, wellbeing and success will continue to guide everything we do.

We will keep you updated on developments and we welcome any questions or feedback you may have.

Thank you for your continued support as we embrace these new opportunities together.

Golden Ticket Library Challenge

Well done to all the children who visited the library over the holidays and either signed up for a library card or borrowed a book. The Golden Tickets were drawn this week and the winners were:

Finley – Woodpeckers

Bluebell – 1S

Ruby – 3T

Iyla – 6S

They each received a £20 Waterstones voucher, kindly purchased by Shepperton Rotary Club. Thank you to Shelly for organising this challenge for the children.

Surrey Local Government Reorganisation

You are probably aware by now that from April 2027, Surrey will become two unitary councils and the 11 current districts and boroughs will be dissolved. Spelthorne will fall into West Surrey. What this means for residents and schools in Spelthorne will be shared over time and we'll keep families informed as and when we have more information. For now, you can read more here:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/community/news/categories/your-council/government-lgr-confirmation>

Vacancies Across the Trust

The Echelford Primary School in Ashford is recruiting: Echelford School are looking to appoint a Wrap Around Care Manager who wants to create a provision that is stimulating, safe, caring and creative. The right candidate will be organised and able to lead and work as part of a team and use their own initiative. For more information please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/wraparound-care-manager-1515426>

The Echelford Primary School in Ashford is recruiting: Echelford School are looking to appoint a talented teaching assistant on a fixed term contract with a proven record of providing high quality support to children of all abilities, including those with additional educational needs. The right candidate will be joining a strong, professional team of enthusiastic staff who will work alongside you in a supportive and constructive way. Full or part time considered for the role. For more information please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-full-or-part-time-considered-1516225>

Achievement Certificates

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

KS1

RL Ray (A) & Vera (B)
RM Suhee (A) & Edie (T)
1B Violet (K) & Harriet (R)
1S Kuzey (R) & Bhavni (A)
2A Tillie (A) & Betsy (K)
2P Noah (R) & Jordan (R)

KS2

3B Emelia (A) & Daisy (K)
3T Christian (A) & Maria (B)
4B Ramí (T) & Elise (R)
4M Luke (A) & Beau (K)
5D Freya (R) & Frank (T)
5W Ava (R) & Freya (A)
6A Katie (R) & Bradley (T)
6S Freddie (R) & Leyla (K)



Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Alina, Magnolia, Zaydan & Juliette (1B); Thomas, Biren, Maria & Ella Y (3T); Sophia (4B); Mark-Jacob & Amber (4M); Bunny & Ella (5D) and Niamh & Alex (5W) well done to all of these children!

Outside Achievements

Very well done to:

- Clark (2P) who was awarded Player of the Match for his team, Abbey Rangers, last weekend
- Carla (5W) for being named Coach's Player of the Tournament in her recent netball tournament

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher



World Kindness Day

We love to see how children recognise and show kindness at home as well as in school. Below are some resources linked to Anti-Bullying & Kindness which can be completed at home. There is a whole pack of Kindness activities available but unfortunately it's too large to attach to the newsletter.

If you would like a printed copy of the resources, please let us know and we'll provide that for you.

Children who complete one or more of the activities can bring them in to show Miss Morris and receive a Proud Slip for their class jar!

Big Tree Night

Below, you'll see the poster for The Big Tree Night Countdown. Saxon is much more involved in this community event this year and we'd love your support too!

As well as the Thamesmead students, our Mindful Me after school club has decorated the rocks for the festive rock hunt this weekend – let us know if you find a Saxon one by sending in a photo or two of your family with the rock for our social media pages!

On the night itself, Wednesday 10th December, our wonderful choir will be performing several Christmas songs, which they've been working hard at perfecting each Friday lunch time.

We are also going to be responsible for looking after Santa's Grotto and we'll be looking for some Year 6 leaders to support us with this too – more information will be sent soon.

We are also able to host our own stall to raise money for our EYFS and outdoor area development fund – more information to follow soon too but if you're willing to help out on the night by manning a stall for a little while, then please let us know!

Thank you in advance and we're looking forward to Big Tree Night!

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

Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026	
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	INSET Day 1
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	INSET Day 2
Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Children return to school
Monday 19 th October – Friday 30 th October 2026	Half term (two weeks)
Friday 18 th December 2026	End of Term (day finishes early)
Spring Term 2027	
Tuesday 5 th January 2027	INSET Day 3
Wednesday 6 th January 2027	Children return to school
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February 2027	Half term (one week)
Thursday 25 th March 2027	End of Term (day finishes early)
Summer Term 2027	
Monday 12 th April 2027	Children return to school
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2027	Half term (one week)
Tuesday 20 th July 2027	End of Term (day finishes early)
Wednesday 21 st July 2027	INSET Day 4
Thursday 22 nd July 2027	INSET Day 5

SSA PRESENTS

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS

QUIZ NIGHT

DATE: THURS. 20TH NOVEMBER
VENUE: SAXON SCHOOL

ARRIVE FROM 7:30PM £5 PER PERSON

TO BOOK A TABLE PLEASE CONTACT
[SSA.SAXON@LUMENLEARNINGTRUST.CO.UK](mailto:ssa.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)

PARENTS UNITE: QUIZZING FOR A CAUSE!
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE SCHOOL

Saxon Primary School presents

FIREWORKS & CHRISTMAS MARKET BONANZA!

Friday, November 28th
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Open Community Event - Bring Your Friends & Family!

- Festive Fun for Everyone!
- Magical Fireworks Display
- Delicious Food & Sweet Treats
- Christmas Market Stalls
- Santa's Grotto

£5 Entry Tickets via Eventbrite
Family Tickets Available

All proceeds support Saxon Primary School

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:
ssa.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

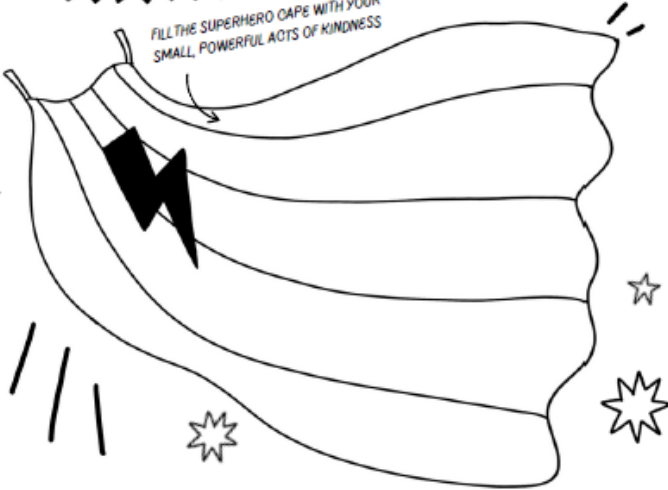
POWER FOR GOOD

WE WANT TO CREATE A WORLD THAT IS...



my actions have power

FILL THE SUPERHERO CAPE WITH YOUR SMALL, POWERFUL ACTS OF KINDNESS



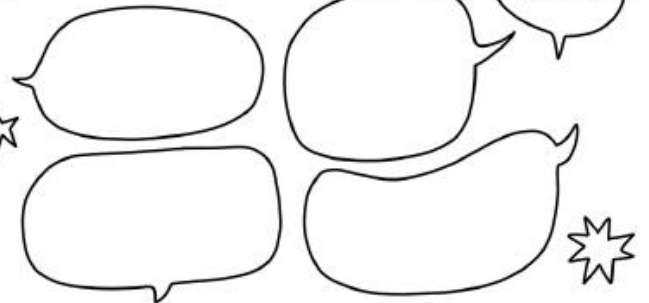
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POWER FOR GOOD

my words have power

WHAT ARE SOME KIND WORDS OR PHRASES YOU COULD SHARE?

YOU CAN SIT NEXT TO ME!



"ACT AS IF WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE - IT DOES" - William James

IF I SEE SOMEONE BEING UNKIND...

- I COULD SAY _____
- I COULD DO _____
- I COULD TELL _____



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JOIN US FOR THE **BIG TREE NIGHT** **COUNTDOWN!**

10 DECEMBER 2025

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER

BIG TREE NIGHT ROCKS!

We're starting our countdown by spreading some early Christmas cheer with a festive rock hunt around Shepperton!

Creative students from Thamesmead School have already painted rocks and hidden them all over town.



Get hunting!

Join in the fun from this weekend! If you spot one, snap a pic and share it on the 'Shepperton Big Tree Night' facebook page - then re-hide it for someone else to find!

Want to join in? Paint your own rock - and add 'Big Tree Night' before hiding it.
Good luck on your hunt!

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

JOIN THE ELF HUNT!

12 days before Big Tree Night, Ethel the Elf will be sneaking around the High Street hiding in a different shop window every day!

Your mission:

- 🌲 Visit the High St and see if you can spot where she's hiding each day!
- 🌲 Collect your sweet treat reward inside the shop where you found her!
- 🌲 Share a photo of the cheeky elf with us on our facebook page.



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BIG TREE NIGHT IS HERE!

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Shepperton Big Tree Night

