



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



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Winter has definitely arrived in full force this week and the children were very excited by the snow on Wednesday morning! However, it didn't dampen the spirits for the House Tournament – more on that below. Please remember to send your child in with a coat everyday; even if it feels mild or they come in the car. Here's a round-up of all the events in school this week:

House Tournament

The House Captains and Vice Captains did a wonderful job organising and leading the House Tournament this week. Despite the weather, they persevered and made arrangements so it could continue (with the help of Mrs Vale!) The rest of the school had a wonderful morning competing in their houses. The Y6 children were looking out for classes displaying our values and trophies were awarded to 1B, 3B and 5D – well done to all of them! Congratulations to the Y6 children on their first event and for demonstrating brilliant leadership skills. We look forward to the next one.

Nursery & Reception Stay, Play & Learn

The children thoroughly enjoyed welcoming their families into school this week to show off their special learning. Thank you to everyone who attended. Reception families were able to stay for a Phonics workshop too – thank you to Mrs Lacey, Mrs Atkinson and Miss Adams for leading these.

Year 1 Space Day

Year 1 had a special visitor this week who led workshops linked to the children's History learning. They have been learning all about Neil Armstrong and the Space Race, and had great fun making rocket fuel and launching rockets in the playground!

Year 2 Church Visit

On Monday, Year 2 visited St Mary Magdalene Church to support their RE learning. They linked the visit to their learning about 'Giving' and how the Church gives to the community. Thank you to Rev. Tim Rose for hosting us.

Year 3 Stone Age Day

On Thursday, Year 3 went back in time to the Stone Age! The children came to school in costume, did cave drawings and learnt to make fire; cooking 'mammoth' sausages and 'fish eyeballs'! They also got to make fossils with salt-dough. The children had a wonderful experience day; thank you for your support with costumes and to all the staff for organising a day to remember for the children.

Boys' Football Match

Well done to the boys for a great effort in their first match against St Ignatius on Tuesday. Whilst they didn't win, it was a good opportunity to compete as a team and learn how to work with each other ahead of their next match. Thank you to Miss Parsons and their coach, Phil, for taking them along.

Year 6 Sports Crew Training

13 of our Y6 Leaders attended Sports Crew training on Thursday. The children learnt how to lead a range of games that they can then implement at break and lunchtimes. We look forward to seeing them in action soon.

Break Time Snacks

A reminder that crisps and chocolate are not snacks for break. The snacks children are allowed are: Fresh Fruit, Fresh Vegetables, Dried Fruit, Plain Rice Cakes, Bread Sticks, Yoghurt tube, Plain crackers, Pitta bread or Wraps (with no filling), Crackers, A handful of sugar-free cereal.

Key Dates

Nov	
Fri 28 th	4pm-7pm Christmas Market & Firework Bonanza!
Dec	
Weds 3 rd	R-4 SSA Discos
Thurs 4 th	Y5&6 SSA Discos
Tues 9 th	9:30 Y1 Christmas Concert 2:30pm Woodpeckers (Nursery) Christmas Sing-a-long
Weds 10 th	9:30 Reception Nativity 5pm Big Tree Night
Thurs 11 th	9:30 Y2 Nativity 2:30pm KS2 Christmas Market & Carols
Fri 12 th	2:30pm Kingfishers (Nursery) Christmas Sing-a-long

Play Questionnaire

Thank you for the responses so far. Please complete it by following this link: <https://forms.gle/gzmmaskN9Ke4R6v9XA>

Reception Applications from Nursery

Remember to apply even if your child is in our Nursery. A space is not automatically assigned in our Reception classes.

SSA Christmas Market and Firework Event - Friday 28th November

One week until 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.

SSA Christmas Discos

The children are so excited for the upcoming Christmas Discos. Thank you to the SSA for organising and for all the volunteers who will be helping at this event. A reminder to contact the SSA via

ssa.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk if you would also like to help. As always, we need volunteers for these events to run so please sign up to help if you can!

Wednesday 3rd December:

- Reception Disco 2pm (no ticket required)
- Years 1 and 2 Disco 3 - 4pm
- Years 3 and 4 Disco 4:15 - 5:30pm

Thursday 4th December:

- Years 5 and 6 Disco 3:30 - 4:45pm

The Christmas Disco poster is attached at the bottom of the newsletter, a reminder to purchase your ticket via PTA Events.

Support for Dads – Dad Matters from Home Start

Dad Matters is a new charity in Surrey helping new dads suffering from stress, anxiety or depression during the perinatal period (conception to second birthday).

Research indicates up to one third of new dads are affected. These mental health issues not only impact the dad's wellbeing, but also his ability to support the mum and engage with the baby. There is a variety of support available for new mums, but very little for new dads – Dad Matters is filling this gap.

Dad Matters (part of the Home Start Surrey charity) supports new dads with information, someone to talk to and one-to-one counselling. Our aim is to improve bonding between dad and baby, improve mental health of the dad and to benefit the whole family – now and well into the future – by providing support during the critical perinatal period.

Dad Matters is appealing to more experienced dads to help our cause. We are hoping to increase awareness of Dad Matters, encourage volunteers to get involved, and seek opportunities for new funding. If you can help Dad Matters Surrey please contact us to find out more by emailing: dadmatters@homestartsurrey.org

Achievement Certificates

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

KS1

RL	Betsy M (B) & Bill (A)
RM	Isaiah (R) & Vogue (A)
1B	Grace (K) & Mabel W (A)
1S	Tahlia (K) & Faizan (A)
2A	Elki (A) & Samantha (K)
2P	Harrison (A) & Zain (T)

KS2

3B	Freya T (A) & Myles (T)
3T	Lorcan (K) & Dylan (T)
4B	Joshua (K) & Mila (A)
4M	Henry (B) & Lily (A)
5D	Maisie (T) & Daisy (K)
5W	Rex (R) & Tiffany (B)
6A	Teddy (A) & Amelia (K)
6S	Max (A) & Polly (K)



Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Eesha (RL); Isaiah & Zayd (RM); Violet (1B); Alistair & Billy (1S); Jordan (2P); Imogen, Mark-Jacob, Calian & Bonnie (4M); Jake & Hetty (5D) & Oskar (5W) well done to all of these children!

Outside Achievements

Very well done to:

- Molly (RL) who competed in her second dance competition and won 1st place for the second time
- Daniel (RM), Savannah (3T), Hayden & Honey (6A) for raising £162 at their cake sale for community Christmas lights
- Luanna (2A) for moving up a level in her gymnastics class
- Emma (2P) for moving up a level her gymnastics class
- Bonnie, Kayleigh & Emily (Y5) for scoring their first 3 goals with their football team, Abbey Ranger Belles

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

We are recruiting:

We are looking to recruit a part time Teaching Assistant with a passion for creating lifelong learners, committed to inclusion who has a high expectation of themselves and every child. Working Hours: Monday to Friday, term time only (39 weeks per year) 22.5 hours per week, 8.30am to 1.15pm. This role is fixed term position to 31st August 2026.

For more information on these roles please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/fixed-term-teaching-assistant-1517647>

Vacancies Across the Trust

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff.

For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1517639>

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<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/early-years-teaching-assistant---reception-1517653>

Darley Dene School is recruiting We are looking to appoint a teaching assistant on a fixed term contract who has a passion for creating life long learners, is committed to inclusion and equality and has high expectations of themselves and every child. We are looking for somebody who is not afraid to make mud pies and, if asked to be a zoo keeper, can jump into role and immerse themselves in the children's play. We are looking to appoint somebody who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way. For more information on these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-in-the-nursery-ftc-role-1518046>

Darley Dene School is recruiting We are looking to appoint 2 class Teaching Assistants (1 permanent role and 1 FTC until 31st August 2026) who have a passion for creating lifelong learners, are committed to inclusion and equality and have high expectations of themselves and every child. For more information on these roles please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-x2-1-permanent-and-1-ftc-1518044>

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

Saxon Primary School presents

FIREWORKS & CHRISTMAS MARKET BONANZA!

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

DON'T MISSIT!

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

SILENT DISCO

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER
YEAR 1 & 2 - 3PM-4PM £6
YEARS 3 & 4 - 4:15PM-5:30PM £7

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER
YEARS 5 & 6 - 3:30PM-4:45PM £7

JUICE, SNACK & SWEET BAG WILL BE PROVIDED

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE VIA PTA EVENTS



**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:

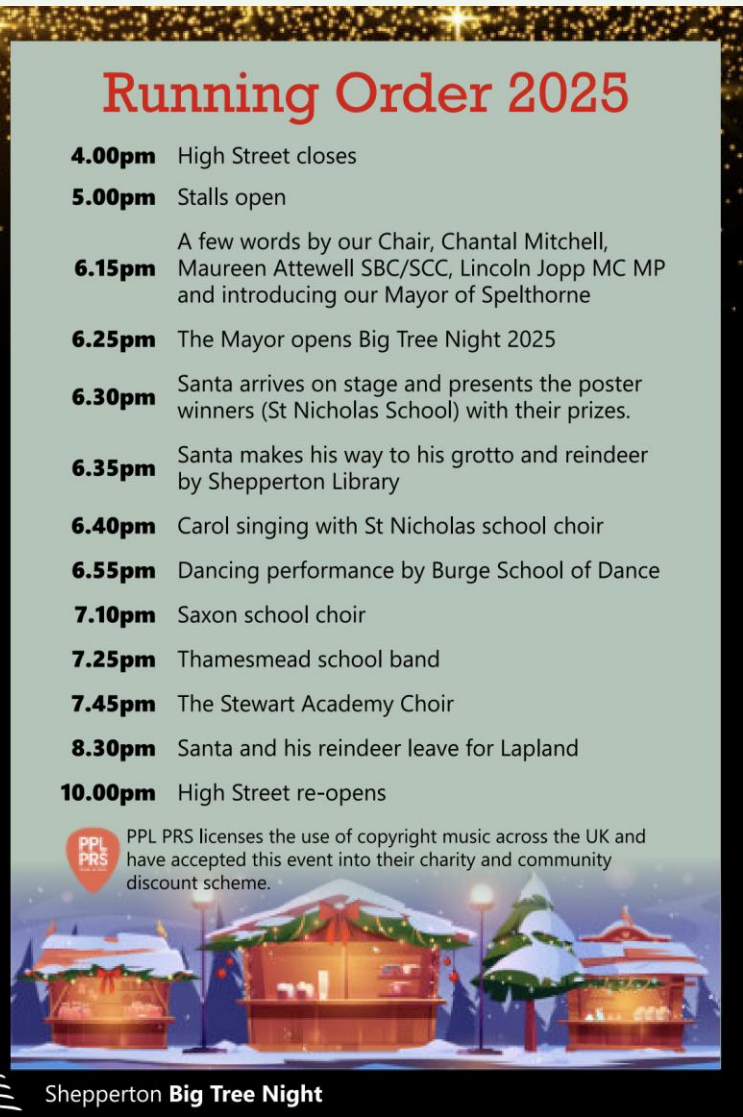
- 🌲 Visit the High St and see if you can spot where she's hiding each day!
- 🌲 Collect your sweet treat reward inside the shop where you found her!
- 🌲 Share a photo of the cheeky elf with us on our facebook page.



WED 10 DECEMBER


BIG TREE NIGHT IS HERE!


FOLLOW US:
Shepperton Big Tree Night



Running Order 2025

- 4.00pm** High Street closes
- 5.00pm** Stalls open
- A few words by our Chair, Chantal Mitchell, Maureen Attewell SBC/SCC, Lincoln Jopp MC MP and introducing our Mayor of Spelthorne
- 6.15pm**
- 6.25pm** The Mayor opens Big Tree Night 2025
- 6.30pm** Santa arrives on stage and presents the poster winners (St Nicholas School) with their prizes.
- 6.35pm** Santa makes his way to his grotto and reindeer by Shepperton Library
- 6.40pm** Carol singing with St Nicholas school choir
- 6.55pm** Dancing performance by Burge School of Dance
- 7.10pm** Saxon school choir
- 7.25pm** Thamesmead school band
- 7.45pm** The Stewart Academy Choir
- 8.30pm** Santa and his reindeer leave for Lapland
- 10.00pm** High Street re-opens

 PPL PRS licenses the use of copyright music across the UK and have accepted this event into their charity and community discount scheme.



Shepperton **Big Tree Night**