



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 the Spring Term and Happy New Year to all our families. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break. Winter has definitely set in this week, please ensure the children always have a coat (that is labelled) in school as we try to get them outside during the day whatever the weather, even for a short time. Mr Castell has done a great job ensuring the playgrounds and pathways are clear of ice, however, this can be challenging when black ice is present; so please do take extra care. Briar Road is notorious for being icy and slippery, so again, take care driving up to school too on icy days.

Staff News

I start this week's newsletter sharing the lovely news that Mrs Lacey welcomed baby Olivia during the Christmas holidays. Olivia didn't want to miss out on the Christmas fun and arrived at 9:04pm on Christmas Day! Both Mrs Lacey and Olivia are doing well and we can't wait to meet baby Olivia soon.

Safeguarding Young Children

It has been brought to our attention that some young children are being left unattended in cars while parents come into the school to collect their child. Please be reminded that children should never be left alone in a vehicle for any length of time, even if they are asleep or if you believe you will only be away for a few minutes. Unfortunately, what is intended to be 'just five minutes' can easily take longer, and during that time a range of serious and unforeseen risks can occur. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep all children safe.

Reading & Writing Challenges

We are excited to announce that we are opening up the Reading and Writing challenges to our children

again this term. Our new English leads, Mrs Atkinson (EY & KS1) and Miss Adams (KS2) have stocked up on stickers, pencils and badges and would like to invite children to take part in these challenges to achieve them. The reason for these challenges is to encourage reading and writing at home and to give this opportunity to children who want some structure to extra home learning. If your child would like to take part, and everyone is welcome to, they can collect the challenge record sheets from their class teachers. There is no time limit so that the challenge can be undertaken at a child's own pace.

Panto!

We're all looking forward to our annual visit from M&M Productions who will be performing Sleeping Beauty to the school on Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation already, if you haven't, please pop onto Scopay and make the payment.

Year 5&6 Abbey Rangers Visit

Yesterday, children in Y5&6 were visited by Nick Riley (Chairman) and Adam Bessant (1st team coach) from Abbey Rangers Football Club. Nick shared information about what the club has to offer and encouraged children to go along and support the teams on a Saturday. Adam led the children in a training session, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children were all given a free season ticket and anyone else who is interested in popping down can watch this video for more details:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=meUXjBiqvGU>

A huge thank you to Nick and Adam for giving up their time to come and visit us.

Key Dates

Jan

Weds 14 th	Panto (R-6)
19 th -23 rd	9:00am Year 1 Stay, Play & Learn
Fri 23 rd	3:30pm Community Litter Pick
26 th - 30 th	9:00am Reception Stay, Play & Learn
Fri 30 th	6:00pm Year 3 Sleepover

Feb

Fri 6 th	NSPCC Number Day
Fri 13 th	3:15/3:20 End of Spring I
Mon 16 th - Fri 20 th	Half Term

Parenting Puzzle Course

Shelly Lumb, HSLW, is going to be running the Parenting Puzzle course here at Saxon this term. Each session will be on a Tuesday evening, 6:30-8:30pm and it runs for 10 weeks. Its a great opportunity to support you in navigating the complexities of family life. See the poster below and contact Shelly if you'd like to attend. There's an introductory coffee morning on Tuesday 3rd February at 9:30am to hear more

Achievement Certificates

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

KS1

RL	Jimmy (B) & Oliver (A)
RM	Suhee (R) & Vienna (T)
1B	Zia (R) & Mahnoor (A)
1S	Blossom (R) & Archie (A)
2A	Betsy (A) & Julian (B)
2P	Harley (R) & Maria (T)

KS2

3B	Shiv (A) & Emelia (K)
3T	Athena (B) & Ahyan (B)
4B	Marylou (T) & Scott (A)
4M	Alice (T) & Shaan (A)
5D	Layla A (A) & Daisy (T)
5W	Logan T-J (A) & Lilah-Mae (A)
6A	Aaron (A) & Kyra (R)
6S	Max (T) & Thomas (A)



Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Owen & Kendall (3B); Sophie & Grace (3T); Conor (4M) & Jasper (5D) well done to all of these children!

Outside Achievements

Very well done to:

- Ben (2A) who achieved the Taekwondo Tenets end of year award and passed his recent grading
- Kit (2A) was a mascot for Brentford FC in December, getting to meet the players and kick a ball about on the pitch
- Ruby N (5D) for graduating from Brownies to guides at the end of last term

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

Course for Families with Children with ASD

On behalf of Surrey County Council's All Age Autism Strategy, the Autism Outreach Service is coordinating a series of support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism or suspected autism in Surrey. Each programme includes six sessions of 2½ hours, delivered by experienced professionals through a mix of in-person and online formats. To book, parents must either live in Surrey or have a child who attends a Surrey-based setting. Click here to express your interest:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=If5z8y_b0EqnlbEZVjj4wL5q4-85ILdAnlccYIr2psFUM09XMkhPVVZLMjBRMUcxNUVS'TlhWRldLOj4u&route=shorturl

Vacancies Across the Trust

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting: We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant on a fixed term contract to cover a maternity leave. 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.

If you actively enjoy working with children in a stimulating and creative environment, have experience ideally within the education sector and are professional in your approach with a desire to make a lasting personal contribution to our children's lives, we want to hear from you. For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1526569>

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting: We are recruiting a Wraparound Care Manager (24.75 hours per week, 7:00 am - 8:45 am and 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday, with an additional 1 hour per week for admin tasks during term time (38 weeks per year). We are offering a wonderful opportunity to become an integral part of our exceptional community of children and adults. We are looking to appoint someone 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 on these roles please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/wraparound-care-manager-1523789>

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting: We are recruiting a Deputy Wraparound Care Manager on a Fixed Term Contract (12 hours per week, 3pm - 6pm three afternoons per week and 7.30am - 8.30am three mornings per week, term time only (38 weeks per year). **Flexibility around these hours may be considered.** We are offering a wonderful opportunity to become an integral part of our exceptional community of children and adults. We are looking to appoint someone 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 on these roles please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/deputy-wraparound-care-manager-ftc-1523795>

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/job/teaching-assistant-1527281>

Message from Spelthorne Schools Prayer Group

Happy New Year everyone! We trust that you and your families enjoyed a blessed Christmas – no doubt there were many excited children on Christmas Day! As always, it's our joy and privilege to pray for your children, yourselves, their teachers and everyone connected with Saxon Primary School. Our first meeting of this New Year is Monday 19th January. If you would like to share anything for prayer, we would be delighted to hear from you (be assured of confidentiality). Also, if you'd like to know more about the group and maybe join us now and then at our monthly meetings, that would be great!

Val Edwards,

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Term Dates 2025-2026

These are the days children are expected in school. Please refer to these dates when booking holidays:

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



'The Parenting Puzzle'



**WE ALL WANT TO GET THE BEST OUT
OF FAMILY LIFE!**

Puzzled Parents????

While we cannot promise a miracle, we can offer guidance and support to help make family life more manageable. This programme provides 10 weeks of structured support and practical advice, drawing on real-life situations and the shared experiences of other parents.

By the end of the 10 weeks, you will have developed greater confidence and self-awareness, a clearer understanding of positive discipline and appropriate expectations, and the reassurance of knowing you are not alone leading to a more positive and balanced family life.

To learn more, we invite you to attend our Coffee Morning at Saxon Primary School on Tuesday 3rd February 9.30am, The programme will run Tuesday evening 6.30pm to 8.30pm, term time only, beginning 24th February 2026.

For further information, contact Shelly Lumb on 07825 742564.