



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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It's been lovely to see a little bit of sunshine and some lighter evenings this week. There has been lots to celebrate in January but I think everyone is happy to know February is just a couple of days away now and Spring is on the way!

Academic Year 2026-2027 Update

As previously shared, Surrey County Council has determined that their local authority maintained schools should move to a two-week half term in October 2026. As an academy, Saxon is not required to follow the local authority's decision about term dates, however we have chosen to do so, because we feel to do otherwise may negatively impact our families with children in our feeder secondary schools. Therefore, the half term in Autumn 2026 will be a two-week half term (Oct 19th to 30th 2026). Our end of academic year will remain the same (roughly 3rd week in July), as we will be exercising our academy freedom by making up additional week within the timings of the school day across the rest of the year. You can see the term dates below. I am now able to share with you that, after careful consideration of the options available to us, that the start of the school day will be changed to 8:40am from Thursday 3rd September to ensure we are providing the correct amount of learning hours over the course of the academic year. By bringing the start of the day forward, we are providing an additional 10 minutes learning time when we feel it is most valuable to enhance learning time; the mornings being when we have the most amount of staff in school to work with the children e.g. interventions or hearing children read. We appreciate that some families may find the earlier start challenging but we hope with plenty of notice, you can begin to think

about your morning routine and perhaps get into the habit of leaving home a few minutes earlier now. Thank you for your patience whilst we have been considering this change.

NSPCC Number Day

Next Friday is Maths Day in recognition of the NSPCC's Number Day. There are lots of fun Maths learning activities planned for the day around the theme of 'Money'. We'd also love children to 'Dress Up for Digits' – be as creative as you can be! As this is a fundraising event, we will be holding a baking competition and then a cake sale after school, with all proceeds going to the NSPCC. If you'd like to take part, please bring in your Maths/Money themed cakes on Friday morning (please avoid any reference to the phrase '6/7' on cakes and in costumes...!) There will be prizes for the most creative cakes across the key stages.

Year 3 Sleepover

As I write, furniture is being moved and children in Year 3 are getting excited for their sleepover in school tonight! A reminder the children return at 6:30pm this evening and collection is at 9am tomorrow morning; both from the KS1 playground gate. Thank you in advance to the staff staying with the children tonight to give the children this opportunity.

SSA Update

This morning, I met with the current committee about upcoming events and volunteers. Please see below for the dates for the rest of this academic year; more information will follow about each one nearer the time but please save the dates.

Our current committee have done a wonderful job for varying periods of

Key Dates

Feb	
Weds 4 th	Year 1 Trip to Tilgate Nature Centre
Fri 6 th	NSPCC Number Day – cake sale after school
Fri 13 th	SSA Break the Rules Day 3:15/3:20 End of Spring I
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th	Half Term
Mon 23 rd	Start of Spring II
Mar	
Tues 3 rd	3:40-6:30pm Progress Meetings
Weds 4 th	4:00-7:00pm Progress Meetings
Thurs 5 th	World Book Day
W/B 9 th	Book Fair
Weds 18 th -Fri 20 th	Y5 to Bowles
Tues 24 th	Happy Bags Recycling
Fri 27 th	1:45pm End of Spring Term

time in their roles and will be stepping away from their committee role at the end of July. Therefore, we're looking for willing volunteers to step into the roles of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

Protection against chicken pox
<https://surreyeducationservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/182703?source=Newsletter&guid=0CD8C2D4-EAFC-4C6B-B922-D7C1C5AF258C>

Below, you can find descriptions of the responsibilities of the role; which can be shared between two people. We understand this can be quite a commitment and there may be barriers which prevent people stepping forward. If we can help in any way with these e.g. change of meeting date/time, then we will do our best to do so to ensure we get the right people in the right roles. To help us find out more, please fill in this short form: <https://forms.gle/rWlKo2t5z01yBQ7Q7>

Catering Parent Survey

Our catering provider AiP would like all parents to complete the survey by clicking on the link below. The survey is designed to gather valuable feedback on the catering offer, and the insights will help AiP shape the next menu cycle and continue improving their service to us.

Parent Survey Link: [Primary Schools Catering – Pupil Survey Term 1 2025](#)

There is no fixed closing date embedded in the survey, but we kindly ask that responses are submitted by Friday 13th February so that AiP can review and share results shortly afterwards. Thank you in advance for taking part.

Saxon Community Litter Pick

Last Friday, we held our third Saxon Community Litter Pick and would like to thank everyone who got involved to help our local area be as litter free as possible. A special thank you also to Miss Anderson for collecting the equipment from, and returning it to Spelthorne Litter Pickers.

We would like as many families as possible to be involved in our litter picks but we are aware of other commitments that families have after school. With this in mind, next time, we will have multiple litter picks in one week so that hopefully there will be a day that you can attend. Watch this space for the dates of the next one!

Government Guidance on Mobile Phones in School

I'm sure families have seen the news this week about mobile phones in school. This is predominantly relevant to children in secondary schools, however, we whole-heartedly support the information coming out about limiting screen time and social media use for children. Our Year 6 children can continue to bring their phone to school only if they walk to or from school alone. It needs to be switched off as they enter the school gates and handed to their teacher in the classroom. Phones are returned at home time and must be switched back on once the children exit the school gates. Please remind your child not to hang around outside the gates with their friends and on their phones; they should be coming straight into school in the morning and straight home at the end of the day.

Governor Visit

This week, our Chair of Governors, Annette Stark, visited school for her Spring Term visit. Mrs Stark met with Shelly who discussed the remit of her role and the support she offers families. One of our parents also joined the meeting and shared feedback on how helpful Shelly's support has been to her family, and the difference it made. Thank you to the parent for taking part and to Shelly and Mrs Stark for their time looking at this important area of our school's provision.

3T Visit to Burlington Care Home

On Thursday morning, 3T visited the residents at Burlington Care Home for National Puzzle Day. They had a wonderful day interacting with the residents and building puzzles with them. Thank you to them for hosting us and well done to the children for representing the school beautifully whilst there.

We are recruiting:

Do you have a passion for Early Years? This is an exciting opportunity for an Early Years Teaching 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 this role please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1531498>

Vacancies Across the Trust

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are recruiting an Early Years Teaching Assistant (32.5 hours per week, 8.30am to 3.30pm), term time only (38 weeks per year), Monday to Friday. 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 further information please visit

<https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1523575>

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-1530260>

Achievement Certificates

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

KS1

RL Molly (A) & Vera (K)
RM Freddie (R) & Zayd (B)
1B Juliette (R) & George (K)
1S Elsie (A) & Jacson (R)
2A Tillie (K) & Finley (A)
2P Grace (B) & George (T)

KS2

3B Freya D (A) & George R (K)
3T Milan (A) & Bella (R)
4B Daisy-May (A) & Mila (R)
4M Jaylen (A) & Raymond (R)
5D Remy (B) & Layla D (K)
5W Harry (A) & Will (T)
6A Flynn (A) & Emily (A)
6P Ryder (A) & Izzy (A)

Outside Achievements

Very well done to:

- Tommy (1B) received Player of the Week at football training for most improved effort and good listening
- Zia (1B) has been competing brilliantly in her horse riding shows recently
- Jacson (1S) won Student of the Week in his Jiu Jitsu
- Daisy (3B) achieved a Distinction in her Primary Grade ballet exam
- Sienna (4B) for winning her gymnastics competition at the weekend
- Frankie (5D) received man of the match at the football game with Laleham FC for great passing and defending

Stay on Green



Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Bonnie (N); Roman (RL);

Edie, Carter & Jack (RM); Mabel B (1B); Blossom & Bobbi (1S); Clark (3B); Lorcan, Harry & Ahyan (3T); Harvey, Isaac & Jake Y (5D); Max & Will (5W) well done to all of these children!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

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

SSA Roles

Chair

The Chair provides leadership for the committee and sets the agenda, in partnership with a member of school staff, for meetings, directing conversations to the items on the agenda. The Chair should ensure that all attendees at the meeting are given the opportunity to make a contribution so that everyone feels involved; enabling all new members to feel welcome and their contributions valued.

The Chair will oversee events but will not be responsible for organising and leading every event. In discussion with the staff member, the Chair will propose events to take place for the year which will be decided based on the requirements of the school and in response to the children's interests.

The Chair will work closely with the Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to ensure that the SSA is run effectively. As an Officer of the committee, the Chair will be one of designated signatories and will sign for payments on behalf of the SSA, along with other designated signatories.

Vice Chair

The Vice Chair provides support to the Chair and, in his or her absence, will deputise for the Chair in meetings. It is important the Chair and the Vice Chair have a positive, effective working relationship and share the vision of the purpose of the SSA.

Secretary

The Secretary is a key committee member as they are responsible for ensuring effective communication links between committee members and supports the communication between the SSA and the school. The Secretary takes and distributes the minutes of each meeting in a timely manner.

Upcoming Events – Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Additional Info
Friday 13 th February	Break the Rules Day	Children can break just one rule or more than one if they choose to Pay for each rule break Break only the rules on the poster Any other rule breaks on the day will be treated in line with our behaviour policy
Thursday 5 th March	Wonderbars – win a golden ticket for a prize	Families can buy as many chocolate bars as they like with the hope of finding a golden ticket inside
Tuesday 24 th March	Happy Bags Recycling	Bring in all your old clothes and shoes
Wednesday 25 th March	Reception Cartoon Club	Children watch something together with a snack
Thursday 26 th March	Discos for Children in Years 1-6	Years 1&2: 3:15 – 4:15 Years 3&4: 4:30 – 5:30 Years 5&6: 5:45 – 6:45
Friday 27 th March	Easter Egg Hunt & Mufti Day	£1 donation for wearing Mufti All children get to go on the Easter Egg hunt
Friday 22 nd May	Mufti for Shepperton Village Fair	Children wear own clothes in return for bringing in sweets for the Sweet Tombola stall at the fair
Thursday 4 th June	Happy Bags Recycling	Bring in all your old clothes and shoes
Friday 5 th June	Mufti for Shepperton Village Fair	Children wear own clothes in return for bringing in sweets for the Sweet Tombola stall at the fair
Saturday 13 th June	Shepperton Village Fair	Come along and have a go on the Tombola Volunteers needed to man the stall Take part in the parade
Friday 26 th June	Family Festival	All the details to be confirmed Fun and games on the field BBQ

Parenting Puzzle with Shelly

Through this course I have learnt to praise my family, something that was so alien to me. It was a strange feeling, but now I love it and it has made such a difference to all of us.

I don't want this course to end, it helps me in so many ways.

'The Parenting Puzzle'



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

I didn't think this course would work, but it does.

Thank you

I have loved meeting new parents, finding out that it's not just me that's struggling.

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.



FEBRUARY HT ACTIVITY CAMP

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