



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



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## Staff News

Earlier this week, I shared the news with 5W families that Mrs Williams is going to be leaving Saxon at the end of the Spring Term. Mrs Williams joined Saxon in 2015 as a newly qualified teacher and has taught many children in this time, as well as successfully leading the school as Science Subject Leader. Mrs Williams feels now is the right time for her to leave to enable her to spend more time with her family. We are grateful to Mrs Williams for all her hard work and support, and wish her all the best for the future. I will update families when a new teacher for the summer term is appointed.

## Nursery Places

Do you have a child due to start Nursery in September? If so, come along to one of our Saturday Stay & Play sessions and our Friday morning Nursery & School tours with myself and Mrs George, Nursery Manager. Please share the information in the posters below with friends and family looking for Nursery spaces too.

## Unwell Children

If your child is a bit under the weather or complaining of an ailment of any kind in the morning, but you as their parent believes they are well enough to be in school, please try to avoid telling the children 'if you're not well, I'll pick you up' as a way of getting them into the gates. This plants the seed with the child that they will be going home when that might not be the case. Of course, if children are genuinely unwell, we will call you to collect them.

## Spring Term Progress Meetings

These meetings will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. To make an appointment, please log

on to Scopay to book your slot. Online bookings will go live today at 5pm.

It's really important that family members come along and hear how their child/ren are progressing this term, and what you can be doing at home to support them. The online system closes at 3:30pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## Lunches & Snacks

I reminded the children in assembly today that crisps are not a play time snack. If a child has crisps, they will be asked to put them away. Some of our older children seem to think this rule doesn't apply to them and will not respond to this reasonable request. Please help this by not providing crisps in the first place and reminding the children of the rules.

We are going to be carrying out a review of our packed lunch policy as the information on our website is old and these expectations are not being followed. School council will be helping with this in Spring II and we'll update you. In the meantime, please avoid the sugary snacks that we are seeing a lot of. This spikes the children's sugar levels and then sees them crashing in the afternoon, leaving them unable to focus on their learning.

Staying on the theme of lunches, a lot of children – packed lunches and school dinners – are wasting a lot of food. Staff can only monitor so much so please remind your children to eat their lunch and not throw it away or throw it on the floor. Thank you for your support with these messages and more information will be shared soon.

## NSPCC Number Day

We've seen lots of Money related Maths learning across the school

## Key Dates

<b>Feb</b>	
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	SSA Break the Rules Day 3:15/3:20 End of Spring I
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of Spring II
<b>Mar</b>	
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3:40–6:30pm Progress Meetings
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup>	4:00–7:00pm Progress Meetings
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
W/B 9 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> –Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 to Bowles
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Bags Recycling
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	1:45pm End of Spring Term

today. The children have had the opportunity to make links to real life e.g. Year 6 have been investigating mortgages and renting houses and KS1 have been playing shops! Years 1–5 have been taking part in Tagtiv8 lessons, led by our Year 6 Leaders. They did a brilliant job as teachers this morning, well done to Finn, Madeleine, Ivy, Ethan D, Misha & Emily.

Thank you to all the families who brought in cakes for the cake sale after school and for all the effort that went into the amazing costumes today. All money raised will be donated to the NSPCC.

The winning bakers are:  
KS1 – Brodie (RM) & Elki (2A)  
Ks2 – Alex (3B) & Emily (6A)  
They'll receive their prize in assembly on Monday.

Thank you to Miss Parsons for leading us in a wonderful day of Maths learning.

### Positive Noticing

Building on from Positive Noticing Day last term and linking to our changes to Stay on Green, we are introducing Recognition Boards from next week. Each class will have a focus specific to their class which is an area they need to develop together e.g. putting their hand up to ask or answer a question. When children show the expected behaviour, their name will be added to the class Recognition Board. They will also be given a special sticker to come home with so please do ask them what they did to achieve it.

### Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day also falls within this. We will be starting the week with an assembly on the theme of Belonging. We will share what the children have been up to in next week's newsletter.

### Year 1 Trip to Tilgate

Year 1 had a wonderful visit to Tilgate Nature Centre on Wednesday – the one dry day of the week! They saw lots of animals such as Capybaras and Emus, all linked to their current Science learning on Animals. Thank you to all the volunteers who went along and to the staff team for organising and leading the trip for the children.

### Primary Schools Catering - Pupil Survey Term 1 2025

Thank you for taking part in the survey on behalf of your child. Based on the feedback we've received from all surveys last year, our team have been working hard on enhancing the newly launched menu. Our team is currently working on a new exciting menu for Autumn/Winter 2026 so the findings will help us understand the areas for improvement in the current offer. The survey comprises 15 questions and it should take no longer than 5-10 minutes to complete.

[Primary Schools Catering - Pupil Survey Term 1 2025](#)

### Support for Families

Visit this website <https://togetherness.co.uk/> for lots of information from the NHS to support families at home including managing big feelings, anxiety and the importance of sleep routines.

### 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 these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1531498>

### Vacancies across The Trust

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant who has a passion for creating lifelong learners, is committed to inclusion and equality and has high expectations of themselves and every child. The role will be to support children in their learning and development, in small groups or with individual pupils as directed, including those with additional educational needs. Working Hours are 31.25 hours per week, term time plus one week (38 weeks per year) to be worked Monday to Friday. 8.30am - 3.15pm

For more information please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1532727>

### Message From Shepperton Prayer Group

Hi everyone. Hope you're coping with this wet weather – can imagine it's no fun at drop-off and pick-up times! We're told the sun is still shining behind the clouds, and even in our lives when we can feel the 'doom and gloom' of heavy situations, we trust that God is still there, working out His good purposes, and that, metaphorically speaking, the 'sun' will make its appearance at just the right time. A reminder that our February meeting is Friday 13th, 10 a.m. and we'll be praying for your children, yourselves, their teachers and everyone connected with Saxon School. We'll also be praying for a safe, happy (& dry!) half term for everyone. In addition to those prayers, it would be great to receive any requests from yourselves that you feel comfortable in sharing (be assured that everything is kept purely within the group). We'd be delighted to hear from you and please do feel free to join us at a monthly meeting any time. If you'd like to know more about the group, please email me for a chat.

Val Edwards,

[info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org](mailto:info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org)

### Achievement Certificates

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

#### KS1

RL Zoe (A) & Tony (A)  
RM Carter (A) & Olivia (K)  
1B Harriet (K) & Jake (R)  
1S Ayrton (R) & Tommy (A)  
2A Betsy (A) & Farrah (T)  
2P Lisha (A) & Arlo (T)

#### KS2

3B Georgi (A) & Kendall (T)  
3T Millie (B) & Reyan (A)  
4B Ethan (A) & Isaac (K)  
4M Ben (B) & Henry (R)  
5D Ruby (B) & Jake A (T)  
5W Bonnie (T) & Oskar (T)  
6A Shray (A) & Amelia (T)  
6P Misha (A) & Eddie (K)

### Outside Achievements

Very well done to:

- Callum (RL) was awarded Golden Ball player of the week, for his excellent football skills and enthusiasm to the session
- Leah (6P) for winning 3 rosettes in her recent horse riding show

### Proud Jar Names

Earning a reward for showing one of our values this half term are Zoe, Edie, Billy, Billy, Isa, Aadhi, Ava, Dylan, Marylou, Alfie, Layla D, Carla, Sayuni & Ryder

### Stay on Green



Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Willow M (N); Betsy L (RL); Edie (RM); Emilia (2A); Emelia, April & George R (3B); Milan (3T); Bella (5D) & Ivy (6P) 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:

<b>Spring Term 2026</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children return to school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term (finish at 1:45pm)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
<b>Summer Term 2026</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Children return to school
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term (finish at 1:45pm)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET DAY 4
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET DAY 5

### **Term Dates 2026-2027**

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

## 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

### Puzzled Parents????

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

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.

### Did you know...?

By the age of 5 years, most children hear TEN 'Don't' or critical instructions to ONE 'Do' or positive instruction ( Jack Canfield, 1992)

Come along to hear about the impact this has and how the messages children hear at home are so important

## Nursery Open Events

# SAXON PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY BESPOKE TOURS

for prospective families of 2026  
Nursery children

**WE ARE OFFERING SMALL, BESPOKE TOURS OF  
OUR NURSERY AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET  
SENIOR LEADERS.**

Come along and explore our Nursery and school  
sites and find out more about our passion for  
creating life-long learners and the school's  
commitment to inclusion and equality for all.

Tours are available every Friday morning at  
10am and will last approx. 30 minutes.



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE  
SEARCH FOR  
[HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/SAXONP  
RIMARYSCHOOL](https://buytickets.at/saxonprimaryschool), SCAN THE QR  
CODE ABOVE OR CALL OUR  
FRIENDLY OFFICE TEAM ON 01932  
563035 DURING TERM TIME WHO  
CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU  
MAY HAVE



# SAXON PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY STAY & PLAY SESSION

Saturday 7th March 2026  
9:00am - 10:00am  
Saturday 9th May 2026  
9:00am - 10:00am



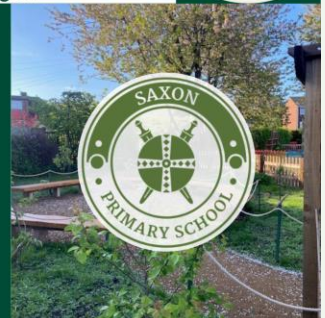
Is your child due to start Nursery in  
September 2026?

Saxon Primary School & Nursery  
would love to meet you. Children  
and families are invited to come  
and explore our EYFS environment  
and meet the Headteacher and  
Nursery Manager.



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE SCAN THE  
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We can't wait to  
meet you!





### Safeguarding Message

Roblox is used by children from a very young age, with many starting in primary school and a particularly large number of players aged around 8 - 12. There is no fixed minimum age to play, and children often share games and social spaces with much older users. This mix of ages, combined with user-generated content and social features such as chat and voice chat, means children's experiences can vary widely. As a result, generic advice like "just be sensible" gives us very little insight into what a child is actually seeing, doing, or who they are interacting with.

#### Helpful lines of curiosity include:

- What games are they accessing and are they age-appropriate?
- Is chat enabled and who can message them?
- Have they come across anything violent, hateful or worrying?
- Are they using private servers or public spaces?
- Are parental controls or age settings in place and actively used?
- Does the parent feel confident managing the platform?

#### What helps most in practice includes:

- Regular, interested conversations about what children enjoy playing, who they play with and what they notice online
- Adults showing curiosity, including watching or playing alongside children, so games are not treated as a secret or separate world
- A clear understanding of personal information, including why chats should stay about the game and when to tell an adult
- Agreed rules around spending, with children knowing when real money is involved and when permission is needed
- Reassurance that worries should be shared, including exposure to upsetting content, mean behaviour or hate-based language
- Confidence using block and report tools, so concerns can be addressed calmly and practically
- Active use of safety settings, including age-appropriate controls, chat restrictions and parent account oversight
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More information can be found here: <https://corp.roblox.com/safety-by-age>

Disclosures of concerning content on Roblox are treated as safeguarding issues. The goal is curiosity, not panic. We want to help children talk openly about what they encounter and support parents to move beyond "just be sensible".

# BREAK THE RULES DAY!

Have Fun – Be Creative – Get Silly

Friday 13th February

For one day only... the rules are meant to be broken!

→ Break as many rules as you like!

**50p PER RULE!**

- Crazy Hair
- Football Kits
- Paint Your Nails
- Odd Socks
- Wear Your Own Jumper
- Wear Trainers
- Temporary Tattoos
- Sweet Treat for Snack
- Squash in Your Water Bottle

🎉 The more rules you break, the more fun you have! 🎉

Bring your 50p coins and see how many rules you can break!



# FEBRUARY HT ACTIVITY CAMP

@ Saxon Primary School  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

From as little as £26 per day with our money saving pass



**BOOK HERE**



**Briar Road, Shepperton, Middlesex, TW17 0JB.**

**Camp times: 9am – 4pm**  
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