



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

Mrs Dillon, HLTA who teaches across the school, is going to be leaving us at the end of the Spring Term. Mrs Dillon has a very young family at home and wants to spend more time focussing on her children. We thank Mrs Dillon for all her hard work and wish her all the best.

Attendance Update

Our current whole school attendance figure is 96% - thank you to everyone who has ensured good attendance for their children, helping us to remain on track to meet our target of 96% by the end of the year.

Children's Mental Health Week

The week started with assemblies introducing the theme of the week 'Place to Be', which was linked to our value of Belonging. In class the children have been discussing this theme and ways of helping everyone feel like they belong in our school. Thank you to Mrs Brown for leading us in the week.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, lots of learning took place about being safe online. There was also a Lumen Learning Trust AI themed quiz which children in all 7 schools participated in. The children had to become 'AI Detectives' and try to work out if an image was real or AI generated - not an easy task! Thank you to Miss Skulczuk for leading the day.

Family Forum

A letter was sent this afternoon to invite families to join us in an exciting new opportunity to bring home and school even closer together. Our Family Forums will be a chance to meet with Mrs Vale and I about school-related issues

and to gain your perspective. Please see the letter emailed earlier for all the details.

Toys From Home

We are seeing a vast number of toys from home coming into school, across all year groups. Some of the children have also been trying to sell items to other children. Children should not be bringing in toys and they definitely shouldn't be bringing in money to buy them. The children were told in assembly this week that any toys brought in from home will be confiscated until the Easter holidays. Please reinforce this message at home. Children should also not be bringing in chewing gum or coming into school chewing it.

Children Cycling to School

A gentle reminder to support our children in cycling safely on their way to school. When riding on pavements, it's important that bikes are kept at a slow, controlled speed and that pedestrians are given plenty of space. Busy pavements can include younger children, older people and pushchairs, and cycling too fast can lead to accidental collisions. Thank you for helping keep our routes to school safe for everyone.

Parent Progress Meetings

A reminder to book an appointment with your child's class teacher via Scopay. The online system closes at 3:30pm on Wednesday 25th February.

Changes to Medical/Dietary Requirements

Should your child have specific medical or dietary requirements and there is a change to their diagnosis or treatment at any point in the year, it is your responsibility to

Key Dates

February

Mon 16th – Fri 20th Half Term

Mon 23rd Start of Spring II

March

Tues 3rd 3:40-6:30pm Progress Meetings

Weds 4th 4:00-7:00pm Progress Meetings

Thurs 5th World Book Day – children invited to dress up

W/B 9th Book Fair

Weds 18th-Fri 20th Y5 to Bowles

Tues 24th Happy Bags Recycling

Fri 27th 1:45pm End of Spring Term

inform school of this. Please keep us up to date in order for us to keep your child safe in school. Thank you.

World Book Day Author Visit

On Thursday 5th March, for World Book Day, we have the author Sammy Harris visiting us, who has written the book 'My Sunken Treasure by Charlie Short'. Instead of charging us for her visit, Sammy's books will be on pre-sale after half term for you to order through Scopay. The children will be given their copy on the 5th March so they can have it signed by the author.

Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character for World Book Day, and bring in the book which the character is from.

We are a No Nut School

We would like to remind you that Saxon is a no nut school therefore we do not allow any food containing nuts to be consumed anywhere on the school grounds. Please do not give your child any food that contains nuts. This includes Nutella, pesto, cereal bars, peanut butter, chicken satay etc. If you are unsure, we would be grateful if you could check the ingredients before you pack their lunches, this will be highlighted in bold on the ingredient list. This is very important as there are children that have a severe nut allergy and we all need to adhere to this rule to keep everyone safe.

Passwords for Collection

Thank you to everyone who has provided us with a password to help ensure children are dismissed to the right adults. If you haven't given us one, only the Priority 1 and Priority 2 contacts will be allowed to collect the child. They will be sent to the office for clarification on who is collecting. It is essential you share this password only with the adults you want collecting your child/ren, and that you don't share it with anyone else. The majority of people who collect the children are familiar faces, however, if your child is going on a play date or a family member is collecting for a one-time, special occasion, they will be asked to give the password. Please be assured, that if a member of staff is ever unsure about an adult collecting, even if they have the password, we will contact you to double check.

NSPCC Cake Sale

This raised a super £181.97 last week. Thank you to everyone who supported this.

Pupil Data Collection

We are no longer sending home the pupil data sheet for parents to check and amend. If there are any changes to your contact details, medical or dietary requirements for your child etc. please ensure you inform the school office.

Boys' Football Matches

This week, Saxon year 5/6 boys played two league home football matches. On Monday 9th February, the boys played Springfield Primary School. With some excellent teamwork, great passing and fast play down the wings, Saxon won 6-1.

On Thursday 12th February, the boys played again, this time against a very strong Buckland Primary School team. The boys gave it everything right until the end, but Buckland were very strong and the final score was 6-1 to Buckland.

The boys should be really proud of themselves this week. Playing 2 matches in 4 days is tiring but they conducted themselves brilliantly and even when things weren't going their way, they never gave up.

Thanks to Coach Phil and Miss Parsons for organising the matches and supporting the children.

Random Acts of Kindness Week – Half Term Challenge

We're inviting children to take part in the five-day Kindness Challenge to celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Week. Each day, they will be tasked with doing a specific kind activity and writing about how they felt when they did it. Not only will they be helping other people, they will also be helping themselves; because when we're kind it improves our own physical and mental health. Visit this website for the challenge sheet:

<https://schoolofkindness.org/random-acts-of-kindness-week>

Children who complete the challenge and come to show it to me, will receive a proud slip for showing our value of Kindness.

Information for Families

From 1 January 2026, children started to be offered the MMRV vaccine (measles, mumps, rubella and varicella/chickenpox) instead of the MMR vaccine as part of the routine childhood immunisation schedule. This means children will receive protection against four diseases instead of three.

Why this matters

While many people consider chickenpox to be a mild childhood illness, it can lead to serious complications including bacterial infections such as strep A, brain and lung inflammation, and stroke. In rare cases, it can be fatal. The introduction of this vaccine will help protect children from these serious complications and reduce hospital admissions.

The MMRV vaccine has been safely used for over 10 years in countries including Canada, Australia and Germany, where chickenpox cases and hospital admissions have fallen dramatically. Introducing this vaccine will also reduce missed nursery and school days for children and families.

Who is eligible

- Children born from 1 January 2025: Two doses of MMRV at 12 months and 18 months
- Children born between 1 July 2024 and 31 December 2024: MMRV doses at 18 months and 3 years 4 months
- Children born between 1 September 2022 and 30 June 2024: One MMRV dose at 3 years 4 months
- Selective catch-up programme: Children born between 1 January 2020 and 31 August 2022 will be offered a catch-up dose between November 2026 and March 2028 if they haven't already had chickenpox or two doses of chickenpox vaccine
- (MMR vaccine will still be available for older children (and adults) who are ineligible for MMRV but are not yet fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella)

What families need to do

GP practices will contact parents and carers when their child is due for vaccination. They are encouraged to book their appointment when they receive their invitation.

[How the MMRV protects against 4 potentially serious illnesses, including chickenpox - UK Health Security Agency](#)

Surrey Transport

Surrey County Council are consulting on proposed changes to the Under-16 and Post-16 Travel Assistance policies for the 2026/27 academic year. Young people, parents, carers, schools, colleges and other stakeholders are invited to share their views; have your say and help to shape future travel assistance in Surrey.

Parent Survey Request about our Catering Provision

Our caterers AIP have published a survey which we would be grateful if you could complete so they know your views on the school meal provision they provide at our school. Whether your child normally has a packed lunch or school dinner please click on the link below; Parent Survey Link:

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

Mental Health Support

[New Quick Guide: Mental Health Support for Children & Young People in Surrey | Surrey Education Services](#)

Achievement Certificates

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

KS1

RL *Eden (B) & Betsy L (B)*
RM *Darcey (A) & Isaiah (A)*
1B *Mabel W-C (A) & Kacper (A)*
1S *Penelope (A) & Maisie (K)*
2A *Toby (K) & Charlie (A)*
2P *Roscoe (R) & Emma (K)*

KS2

3B *Noah (A) & Montana (R)*
3T *Tobias (A) & Dylan (R)*
4B *Sophia (K) & Lola (A)*
4M *Eloise (R) & Luna (R)*
5D *Dafne (B) & Harvey (A)*
5W *Niamh (B) & Tiffany (A)*
6A *Jacob (R) & Annie (B)*
6P *Nellie (T) & Alyssa (T)*



Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Hattie & Betsy M (RL);

Thisini (RM); Ayan, Jake, Grace, Harriet & Zaydan (1B); Georgi, Jenson & Paul (3B); Rami, Eilidh, Scott & Joshua (4B); Ellie, Lily & Jasmine (4M) and James, Freya & Isaac (5D) well done to all of these children!

Have a lovely half term and we'll see everyone back on Monday 23rd February.

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

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...?

The "Mirror" Effect: Children primarily learn to manage their emotions by observing parents; a calm, consistent response from a caregiver helps build stronger, better-regulated brains in children.

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/SAXONPR
IMARYSCHOOL](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.



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We can't wait to
meet you!



junior parkrun - where everyone is



welcome

junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14.

2k junior parkrun events take place on Sunday mornings and are for the whole community to come together to walk, jog, run and volunteer. Join in on the fun at junior parkrun!

Laleham junior parkrun

junior parkrun event: _____

Thames Side, Laleham, TW18 1SS

Location: _____

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/laleham-juniors/>

Arrive for 0850 - prompt start at 0900

Time: _____



junior parkrun



★ Play ★ Learn ★ Grow

FEBRUARY HT ACTIVITY CAMP

@ Saxon Primary School

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

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



Briar Road, Shepperton,
Middlesex, TW17 0JB.



Camp times: 9am – 4pm
Free extensions from 8am – 5pm
available.



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before and receive a refund
with our flexi-pass plan.



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*Subject to availability




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Pre Order "My Sunken Treasure by Charlie Short" on Scopay.
All books bought will be signed by the author Sammy Harris



READ YOUR WAY!

AUTHOR: SAMMY HARRIS

I am very excited to be coming into school with my writer's hat on **Thursday 5th March**. I will be sharing a chapter of my children's novel "My Sunken Treasure by Charlie Short"

Charlie wants to be the best in his class at Hollingford Juniors. As he sets out on his quest to find hidden booty from a watery underworld, he will need all the help his friends and beloved Nan can give him. But he alone will have to conquer new depths.

A rip-roaring children's story by Sammy Harris, for 8 to 10 year-olds or anyone who loves to read to their children.

If you would like to buy the novel "My Sunken Treasure by Charlie Short" – it can be pre-ordered on Scopay for a discounted price of **£5** I would love to then write them a note in their books and sign them for the children.



A helping hand for a healthier family

Do you need help to achieve a healthy weight for your child or teenager?

Be Your Best is a funded healthy lifestyle programme for Surrey families with children & teenagers aged 5-17 years, who are above the healthy weight range.

We can help you make a positive difference to your child or teenager's health & wellbeing.

The programme is made up of one-to-one and group sessions:

Sessions include

Live cooking workshop
Meal planning for the whole family
Easy food swaps
Managing screen time
How to become an active family
Importance of sleep

One-to-one sessions

With a health & wellbeing advisor at a mutually agreed time & location

Online group sessions for parents/carers

Week days after school via Zoom

Online physical activity sessions

Group sessions via zoom or on-demand video content

"Me and my boys are really enjoying this programme and we are so grateful to be taking part." - Mum

Find out more :

