



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



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This week, our thoughts are with all of our families affected by the situation in Iran and the Middle East. Please reach out if you need any support.

### A Message from the Chair of Directors, Jo Roberts

Dear Families,

We are writing to announce that Mrs. Mary Ellen McCarthy, Executive Principal and Founder of the Lumen Learning Trust, will be retiring, effective December 31<sup>st</sup> 2026, after 40 years of public service.

Mrs. McCarthy has served our Lumen school communities with distinction since she founded the Trust in 2013. We thank her for the dedication and leadership that has guided and strengthened our schools and her commitment to inclusive education and academic excellence.

While we will miss Mrs. McCarthy's exceptional leadership, we are thrilled for her as she embarks on a well-deserved retirement.

The Board of Directors has already begun the recruitment process for a new Executive Principal to ensure a seamless transition and continuity of leadership. News on the successful outcome of the process will be shared with families by your school leaders towards the end of the current academic year.

Jo Roberts, Chair of Directors

### World Book Day

The children and staff looked wonderful yesterday in the WBD costumes! Thank you for the effort that went into this. The children took part in lots of activities linked to books, including Reading Buddies and an author visit.

5D visited Burlington Care Home, taking their favourite books and reading them to the residents. Both the children and residents loved this experience so thank you to our staff and the care home staff for facilitating the visit.

### Progress Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended the Progress Meetings this week. I hope you found the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher informative. If you missed your appointment, the teacher will be in touch to rearrange.

### Sporting Events

On Monday, the girls played a league football match against Ashford Park Primary School. It was a very end to end game with both teams having lots of chances to score with Saxon coming out on top with a 3-0 win. The girls showed excellent teamwork and communication along with some brilliant long-range passing. At the end, the referee noted it was a very clean and respectful match between the two schools, and no fouls were called during the whole 40 minutes that were played. The girls should be so proud of the way they played. They have been improving so much in training, and they really deserved the win. Well done, girls! Thank you to Coach Phil for supporting the team.

## Key Dates

### March

W/B 9 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Family Forum
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 to Bowles
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Bags Recycling
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am R&KS1 Celebration Assembly (invited families only)
	pm Reception Cartoon Club
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am KS2 Celebration Assembly (invited families only)
	pm SSA Discos
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	1:45pm End of Spring Term

### April

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Roman Trip

Well done to the Netball team who played their first tournament yesterday. They showed excellent team work skills, and played some really close matches. There were 6 teams split into two and Saxon came second out of their section. Well done, children.

## Family Forum

A reminder that our first Family Forum takes place next Friday, 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm. We'll be discussing parental engagement opportunities and transitions. Your views are important to us so please sign up and come along if you're free:

<https://forms.gle/6vY8AvjRR9rr9SoY7>

## Nursery Stay & Play

It's not too late to come along to our Nursery Stay & Play session tomorrow. If you have a child due to start Nursery in September (or even January/April), you are very welcome to come along and see the environment and meet the staff. The session is from 9:00-10:00am and we look forward to seeing you then. Please share with friends and family too.

## Mobile Phones and Online Safety

Deciding when your child needs a mobile phone can be a difficult decision – do they need one or do they just want one because everyone else has? Families have to balance safety in public with safety online, and all the challenges having a mobile phone can bring. The NSPCC have published this guidance to help you make an informed decision:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>

Whether your child has a phone or not, online safety on any device is extremely important. The Kids Online Safety Government Campaign is a way of finding out practical, trusted information about steps to protecting your child online. You can find more information here:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

## 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. 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-1535791>

**Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting:** We are looking to appoint a class Teaching Assistant on a fixed term contract who has a passion for creating lifelong learners, are committed to inclusion and equality and have 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 further information please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-fixed-term-contract-1535789>

## Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, proactive, skilled and reliable individual to take on the role of Office Assistant in our busy school office. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone wishing to be part of a dedicated, fast paced team where you can make a real difference to our children. Riverbridge Primary School is a three-form entry primary school, with a diverse catchment and a strong team spirit.

For further information please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/school-office-assistant-1536666>

## Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting:

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a part-time Finance Manager to work as a member of the finance team. The post will be based at Saxon Primary School in Shepperton and is a permanent, part-time role - 15 hrs per week to be worked over 3 days/ 38 weeks per year. Under the direction of the Head of Finance, the Finance Manager will provide accurate financial reporting, compliance with financial regulations and strategic financial support.

If you have experience of financial management, ideally within the education sector, but more crucially, are professional in your approach, possess strong financial skills and are tenacious in your desire to make a lasting personal contribution to our children's lives, we want to hear from you.

For further information please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/finance-manager-1536888>

## Happy Bags

Happy Bags have been sent home with your child today. Please bring your full bags in on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** at drop off time.

**What we collect**

**We accept:**

- ✓ Adults and children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes
- ✓ Handbags, belts, hats, jewellery
- ✓ Toiletries, perfumes,
- ✓ Souvenirs, unwanted gifts

Please ensure that all items placed in the bags are in good REUSABLE condition. Please ensure that the bags remain dry on rainy days. Thankyou

If unsure about anything, please call us on 0179 868 6021

**We do not accept:**

- ✗ Uniforms, underclothing
- ✗ Bric-a-brac, toys, DVD'S, CD'S
- ✗ Rugs, blankets, curtains, books
- ✗ Household linen, pillows, duvets
- ✗ DIRTY, DAMAGED, or WET clothes

## Achievement Certificates

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

### KS1

RL *Poppy (A) & Raiden (B)*  
RM *Isaiah (A) & Thisini (K)*  
1B *Sienna (K) & Mahnoor (A)*  
1S *Logan (A) & Billy (R)*  
2A *Vinnie (R) & Samantha (K)*  
2P *Zuzanna (K) & Aadhi (A)*

### KS2

3B *Poppie (T) & Daisy (A)*  
3T *Matthew (R) & Ruby (B)*  
4B *Sienna (K) & Leila-Hope (K)*  
4M *Mohammed (R) & Bonnie (B)*  
5D *Ava (B) & Hetty (B)*  
5W *Jessica (A) & Max (B)*  
6A *Lily (B) & Kush (B)*  
6P *Sienna-Marie (A) & Ruby (T)*

## Outside Achievements

Very well done to:

- Mabel (1B) for performing two jazz routines at the ACT Theatre in Kingston for over 340 people
- George (1B) received his first trophy at Karate, working really hard to enable him to go for his blue belt grading
- Savvy (3T) for achieving her 2<sup>nd</sup> yellow belt in Kung Fu

## Stay on Green



Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Betsy & Jude (N); Raiden (RL); Kit (2A); Nina (2P); George G (3B) Ethan & Rami (4B); Raymond (4M) and Lily (5W) and Sienna-Marie (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

# 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



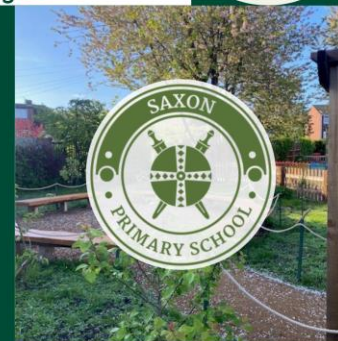
Is your child due to start Nursery in  
September 2026?

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

## Outside Clubs

### Surrey Community Games 2026



**A chance to learn a new activity for FREE!**

Have a go at something fun, new and local to you. We're offering some amazing activity options for complete beginners this Spring. 6 weeks of FREE coaching in the build up to showcase events.

To be eligible, children must either live or go to school in Spelthorne.

Activities	School Years / Ages
Basketball	School years 7 - 9
Dance	School years 3 - 8
Football (Girls)	School years 4 - 6
Hockey	School years 5 - 6
Judo	Ages 8 - 12
Tennis	School years 3 - 4

For details and to sign up, visit [www.spelthorne.gov.uk/surreycommunitygames](http://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/surreycommunitygames)  
For more information, please email [leisure@spelthorne.gov.uk](mailto:leisure@spelthorne.gov.uk) or call 07939 244545




## GO PADDLEBOARDING ADVENTURES

### Easter 2026 paddleboarding sessions

Silverwing Lake, Wraysbury, TW19 5BY

**£25 per session 12 - 3pm**



**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
easter holidays

**For age 8-16 years**

Learn to paddleboard ★ Team challenges ★ Fun and games  
★ Run by Paul Davies BCAB Paddle UK Coach ★





**BOOKING OPEN NOW!**  
[www.gopaddleboardingadventures.com](http://www.gopaddleboardingadventures.com)

## PLG SPORTS COACHING

— PLAY, LEARN, GROW —

### EASTER ACTIVITY CAMP

@ Saxon Primary School  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

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



**BOOK HERE**

Offering a huge range of activities including: 20+ sports, arts & crafts, swimming\*, zorbing, fun with food, escape rooms, team games and more!

**07351 316222** | [info@plgsportscoaching.com](mailto:info@plgsportscoaching.com)

\*Subject to availability

## Golf Starz

JUNIOR PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

30 March - 2 April | Ages 5-11

### KIDS EASTER CAMP

Fun, friendship and positive energy take centre stage!

- Engaging GOLF activities
- Safe and specialist equipment
- LOTS of GAMES
- TEAM challenges and relays
- CREATIVE and mind-sharpening FUN
- Relaxing side activities
- Healthy food and habits
- Rewards and certificates

**No Golf experience needed!**

Hazelwood Centre Sunbury

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