



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



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A warm welcome back to all of our families and a particularly special welcome to all of our new families who have joined this week across the school, and to those who will be starting in Nursery & Reception next week.

It was lovely to see the children back and enjoying their new classrooms, building relationships with new friends and staff, and reconnecting with existing friends.

8:40am Start of the School Day

Thank you to all the families who have ensured their children arrived at school on time for our new start time of 8:40am. We are mindful the reduced drop off window may have presented some challenges for families and we appreciate everyone's effort. We have had a couple of questions about why we're not opening the gates at 8:20am so we still have a 20-minute window. This change was to accommodate Surrey's decision to introduce a 2-week October half term and to ensure we are compliant with the number of hours children are legally required to be in school. By starting 10 minutes earlier, we are achieving this. Many of our staff do not start work until 8:30am, therefore, it is not possible to open the gates any earlier.

New Lunch System

The first two days of using our new lunch system have gone well. As with any new system, there is always teething issues but these weren't significant and will be ironed out quickly. Families must remember to pre-order their child's lunch at home. Please check your email for the instructions for setting up your account and ordering meals, and if you need any help, please contact the office.

Curriculum Information Meetings

Next week, you have the opportunity to come into the classrooms and meet your child's class teacher. As a year group team, the teachers will share information about the year ahead with you. Please come along and hear these important messages; the children can come too.

This year, each key stage will hold their meeting on different days to accommodate families who have children in more than one year group. Each meeting will last no longer than 30 minutes. The teachers are looking forward to meeting you.

SSA Welcome Back Party!

We're looking forward to this rescheduled event next Friday and celebrating the start of a new academic year with all of our families.

There will be different stalls, inflatables and a bbq for everyone to enjoy.

As the event starts straight from school, Friday will be a Mufti Day. This means the children can come to school in their own clothes in return for making a £1 donation.

Key Dates

Sept

Mon 7 th	Reception start part time
Tues 8 th	Reception in part time 3:30pm KS2 Curriculum Information Meeting for Families
Weds 9 th	Reception stay for lunch (until 1:30pm) 3:30pm KS1 Curriculum Information Meeting
Thurs 10 th	Reception full time 3:30pm Reception Curriculum Information Meeting
Fri 11 th	Mufti Day 3:30-6:00pm SSA Welcome Back Party!
Wk Beg 28 th	Book Fair
Weds 30 th	9:30am Open Morning for Prospective 2027 Reception Families
Oct	
Thurs 1 st	Poetry Day
Fri 2 nd	INSET Day 3
Mon 5 th	Start of Black History Month Harvest Donations
Tues 6 th	2pm Family Forum
Thurs 8 th	9:00am 6MP Class Assembly – Family Members Invited

Outside Achievements

We continue to celebrate children's outside achievements in assembly on Friday. Please use this online form to share your child's achievement before lunchtime on a Thursday, in order for it to be included in the next day's assembly.

<https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/form/?pid=140&form=21>

If you have a photo or video of your child to accompany their achievement, we'd love to see and share them too. If children wish to and it's appropriate, they can even show off their talent in the assembly. For example, a child may have moved up a grade in their piano lessons so could perform a piece for us. Just let us know in advance if your child would like to do this.

Volunteers

If you or another family member would like to help out in school on a regular basis e.g. with swimming or hearing readers, or on an ad-hoc basis for events such as trips, please contact the school office. Volunteer help is always very much appreciated and brings valuable experience and support to our school.

The Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) Project

This academic year, Mrs Lacey will be taking part in an exciting project. This is a joint project between the National Health Service (NHS) and Department for Education (DFE) that aims to support the education and health needs of neurodiverse children in schools through partnership working with local authorities and parent/carer forums.

PINS brings health and education specialists and expert parent/carers into mainstream primary settings to help shape whole school provision for SEND.

Collaboration with families is critical to the success of the PINS programme. Parent/carers are key partners in the delivery of PINS and there will be parent/carer representation at all levels.

To begin with, we kindly ask that all parents complete the initial survey using the link below. This will help shape the project and help to meet the needs of our Saxon families. Thank you in advance.

https://engage.zencity.io/surrey-county-council/en-US/engagements/9c7b452b-c9d1-474e-96f5-2a192d1bcb3?utm_medium=referral

Attendance & Fixed Penalty Notices

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19th August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19th August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

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
Friday 2 nd October 2026	INSET Day 3
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 4
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 5
Thursday 22 nd July 2027	INSET Day 6