



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



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Attendance

Today, I met with our new Surrey Attendance Advice & Intervention Officer (AAIO), Kelly Jackson. Miss Jackson supports our school with all things attendance and carries out termly attendance reviews. Where attendance is causing a concern, a referral to the AAIO may take place.

Our whole school attendance target for the year is 96%. Below, you can find information from the NHS about how you can identify illnesses, get help and know when to keep your child off school.

A reminder that I review attendance on a fortnightly basis and if your child's attendance drops below 95%, you may receive a letter informing you of this. If attendance drops below 90%, you may be invited to meet with me to discuss your child's attendance and what we can do to support you in improving it. If your child is late 5 times or more, this also triggers a letter informing you of this. Subsequent letters will be sent if lateness persists. These letters are not intended to make families feel 'told off', but to share the information with you and offer support. Good attendance (above 95%) is expected and vital for children's well-being and academic progress. Thank you for working with us on this.

SSA

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped out at the Welcome Back Party last Friday. It was a really lovely event and lots of fun was had by all. The amount raised was £563.95 and the mufti donations raised £310; so a great total amount raised for our school – thank you!

The next event is our Firework Night on Friday 6th November. Due to popular demand, we are bringing back Fireworks in its original format! There will be stalls, games, food and drink, finishing the evening with a firework spectacular!

More information will follow soon but please let the SSA know if you're able to help out. This event really does capture the phrase 'many hands make light work'!

The raffle is always a big part of Firework Night and each week, we'll be revealing some of the amazing prizes we have for you to win. This week's big reveal is... a Brentford FC stadium tour!

A reminder that the AGM will take place on Monday 5th October at 9am. This is a review of the events, funding and election of the new committee roles. The voting link was in the letter sent to all families this week.

Does anyone have a BBQ they can donate to the school please? Ours has broken and is beyond repair. Before we look to purchase one we thought we'd use the chance to be sustainable and recycle. Please let Mrs Hopper or Mr Rye know – thank you!

Halloween discos will take place on Thursday 15th October. See the poster below for timings and tickets are on sale via PTA events.

Key Dates

Sept

Wk Beg 28th

Book Fair

Weds 30th

9:30am Open Morning for Prospective 2027 Reception Families

Oct

Thurs 1st

Poetry Day

Fri 2nd

INSET Day 3

Mon 5th

9am SSA AGM
Start of Black History Month
Harvest Donations

Tues 6th

2pm Family Forum

Thurs 8th

9:00am 6MP Class Assembly – Family Members Invited

Sat 10th

9-10am Stay & Play Session for Prospective Reception 2027 Families

Tues 13th

7:00pm Open Evening for Prospective Reception 2027 Families

Thurs 15th

9am 6JP Class Assembly – Family Members Invited

3:30pm SSA Discos

Fri 16th

3:15/20pm End of Autumn I

Nov

Mon 2nd

Children return to school

Assembly Message Today – No Play Fighting

In both assemblies today, I spoke to all of the children about the school's rule regarding play fighting. The rule is simple: play fighting is not allowed. Play fighting causes injury and upset to children, and there is no place for it in our school. Please remind your children of this at home. Children who break this school rule will have a conversation with a Senior Leader and then there will be a phone call home. Thank you for supporting this message.

Curriculum Resources Donations

Thank you to everyone who has supported our plea for support with donations towards our curriculum resources. It makes a huge difference to enriching our offer. Feedback from families has been that instead of a donation, they would be happy to purchase a particular resource on our behalf.

This will be possible from next week through our Amazon Wishlists. We are currently setting up a list for each year group and families will be able to purchase items directly from there. We will send these out once finalised. The option to donate remains on Scopay but, however you choose to support us, thank you very much.

Boys' Football Tournament

On Tuesday 15th September, our new boys' football team were in action for the first time at a tournament against 15 other schools from across the borough. The standard was high across all the schools, and the boys played brilliantly. They showed great teamwork and their effort and determination were excellent throughout. Well done, boys, on a great start to your season. You represented the school brilliantly! Thank you to Coach Phil and Mr Venning for accompanying the children to the event.

Think Pharmacy First



As children return to school, coughs, colds and other common illnesses often start to circulate.

Community pharmacies can provide expert advice and treatment for a range of common conditions through the NHS Pharmacy First service, often without the

need for a GP appointment.

Pharmacy First can provide support and NHS funded treatment for:

- Earache (aged 1-17 years)
- Sore throat (aged 5 years and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)

You can speak to your local pharmacist for advice and, where clinically appropriate, NHS treatments.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/pharmacy/pharmacy-services/pharmacy-first/>

UKHSA: guide to keeping children healthy this school year

As children head back to school and we move closer to winter, now is a good time to familiarise ourselves with some of the common illnesses that can cause disruption to children's time in school during the colder months.

Teach good hygiene habits

Good hygiene stops infections from spreading, which means less disrupted learning time. Teach your child to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and warm water, use tissues for coughs and sneezes, and stay away from others when sick. Letting in fresh air can also reduce the spread of airborne viruses. UKHSAs [e-bug resources](#) for all ages can help you to explain and discuss hygiene habits and why they are important, to your child or teenager.

Know when to keep your child at home

The start of a new term is a good time to familiarise yourself with the symptoms of common illnesses: it's fine to send your child to school or nursery with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#) if they are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. But if your child has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better, and the fever has resolved.

If they have [diarrhoea and/or vomiting](#), they should stay home while unwell and for at least 48 hours after their last episode. This is because common causes of diarrhoea and vomiting include norovirus, which can still be excreted for up to 48hrs after symptoms stop. It is no longer recommended that children and young people are routinely tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to

stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

If your child has the symptoms of [measles](#) (outlined below) and has not had both doses of the MMR or MMRV vaccine, they should not attend school until 4 days after their rash started. This is because they will be highly infectious during this period.

The NHS has a [useful guide](#) to help parents decide whether a child is well enough to go to school, based on their symptoms.

Know how to spot the signs

There are other types of illnesses to watch out for at this time of year, including bacterial infections such as scarlet fever. Although we see cases throughout the year, they usually peak in the late winter and early spring. The most common symptoms of [scarlet fever](#) include sore throat, fever, swollen neck glands, a bumpy rash on the chest and tummy with a sandpaper-like feel, flushed cheeks and 'strawberry tongue'. If you suspect your child has scarlet fever, contact your local GP. Stay away from nursery or school for 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics.

Since autumn 2023 there have been a number of major measles outbreaks in the West Midlands, North West and London, with sporadic cases across the country. In 2024, England saw the highest number of measles cases since 2012. Outbreaks have continued in 2025 and 2026. Measles can be a very serious disease for some children and tragically it can even cause fatalities. The initial symptoms of measles are similar to those for a cold (runny nose; a cough; sneezing; a high temperature; and red, sore, watery eyes). This is followed by white spots in the mouth a few days later, and by a rash on the face and body a few days after that. It's very unlikely to be measles if your child has had both doses of the [MMR/MMRV vaccine](#) or they've had measles before.

Viral infections such as chickenpox can also spread in schools and are highly contagious. An itchy, spotty rash is the main symptom of [chickenpox](#). It can be anywhere on the body.

For more information please follow the link to the [UKHSA blog](#).

Achievement Certificates

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

KS1

1BA Dan (R) & Isabella (A)

1B Nancy (A) & Tony (A)

2A Esme (T) & Alina (A)

2F Ellis (B) & Jacson (K)

KS2

3T Eleni (A) & Noah (R)

3S Vinnie (R) & Ruby (K)

4B Siena (A) & George B (A)

4M Savannah (B) & Ella Y (R)

5D Joshua (K) & Emma (R)

5S Lily (A) & Eilidh (T)

6JP Lilah-Mae (B) & Harvey (A)

6MP Dolcie (R) & Johna (A)

Outside Achievements

- Bluebell (2F) achieved her half marathon wrist band at Park Run in Norfolk
- Martha (6JP) took part in the Thames Path Challenge on Saturday, walking 13.6 miles as part of Brown Bag Crisps' fundraiser for Breast Cancer Now. Martha and the team (all Saxon parents and ex-pupils) raised £1000 for the charity



Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Vera (1B); Maisie (2F);

Sophie, Tobias, Wilson, Oliver & Georgi (4B); Millie (4M); Marylou & Calian (5D); Shaan (5S); Johna, Hetty & Jasper (6MP) very well done to all of these children!

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

HALLOWEEN

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TICKETS £7

**TICKETS AVAILABLE
VIA PTA EVENTS**



15 OCTOBER 2026

DRINK AND SNACK PROVIDED

YEARS 1 - 2 3:15PM - 4:15PM

YEARS 3 - 4 4:25PM - 5:25PM

YEARS 5 - 6 5:35 PM - 6:35PM

Half Term Activity Holiday Camps



Play ★ Learn ★ Grow

Book Here!

**October HT Multi-Activity
Holiday Camps**

Saxon Primary School

Week 1: Monday 19th – Friday 23rd October
Week 2: Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

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The poster features a central image of a young boy reaching up towards a large, clear, spherical structure filled with blue balloons. The background is a vibrant purple with various Halloween-themed decorations including pumpkins, ghosts, bats, and candy. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the camp title and dates prominently displayed in the center.

Job Opportunity

Job Title: Family Support Coordinator

Salary: £17,319.32 incl. Fringe Allowance (FTE £30,515)

Hours: 21 hours per week

Location: Staines-upon-Thames, Surrey

Closing Date: Wednesday 29th September 2026 at 5pm

Interviews: week commencing 5th of October 2026

Registered Charity no. 1160026 www.home-startspelthorne.org



About Home-Start Spelthorne

Home-Start Spelthorne is a local charity supporting families with young children through challenging times. We believe that every child deserves the best possible start in life. Our trained volunteers provide compassionate, confidential and practical support to local families in their own homes, helping parents build confidence and overcome the challenges they may be facing.

About the role We are looking for an enthusiastic and caring **Family Support Coordinator** to join our small, friendly team based in Staines

You will:

- Manage a caseload of families, providing support and ensuring that their needs are appropriately assessed and reviewed.
- Recruit, train, support and supervise Home-Start volunteers.
- Match volunteers with families and provide ongoing supervision and guidance.
- Facilitate parenting and family support groups.
- Work with local organisations and professionals.
- Contribute to raising awareness of our services within the local community.
- Support the charity's fundraising and community activities.
- Maintain accurate records and contribute to monitoring and evaluation of our services.

About you

We are looking for someone who:

- Has good IT skills, including confidence using Microsoft Office and databases.
- Understands the experiences and challenges faced by parents and families with young children.
- Has a good understanding of safeguarding, confidentiality and professional boundaries.
- Can work independently, use their own initiative and manage a varied workload.
- Has excellent interpersonal and communication skills and is confident working with a wide range of people, both on a one-to-one basis and in groups.
- Can build positive relationships with families, volunteers and professionals.
- Has access to their own car and can travel to visit families across Spelthorne.
- Is willing to work occasional evenings or weekends when required.
- Relevant professional training and experience of delivering training would be an advantage.

What we offer

- A supportive and friendly working environment.
- The opportunity to make a real difference to local children and families.
- Flexible working.
- Pension scheme.
- Ongoing training and development.
- Community-focused charity.

How to Apply

If you want to make a real difference in your community and have a passion for helping families when they need it most, we would love to hear from you!

Contact info@home-startspelthorne.org or call **01784 463200** to request an application pack.

Home-Start Spelthorne is committed to equality, diversity, and inclusion. We follow safer recruitment practice as an important part of safeguarding and protecting children and vulnerable adults. An offer of employment will be subject to satisfactory DBS and reference checks.

Job Title: Compliance Officer

Salary: £18,445.95 to £19,013.51 pa. including fringe allowance (FTE £32.5k to £33.5k)

Hours: 21 hours per week (Flexible working pattern, required in the Staines office on Monday's)

Location: Staines-upon-Thames, Surrey

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Make a Real Difference in Your Community

At Home-Start Spelthorne, we believe every child deserves the best possible start in life. We support local families through compassionate, confidential, and practical home-visiting services powered by our dedicated volunteers. To ensure our operations continue to meet effective, proportionate and well-maintained systems of safety, quality, and charity governance, we are looking for an organised and detail-oriented individual to join our friendly team to take on a hands-on role in our small charity.

You will play a crucial role in supporting the Manager and Trustees in maintaining effective compliance arrangements for regulatory compliance, policy frameworks, and ensure our operations align with Home-Start UK Quality Standards and statutory requirements.

Key responsibilities:

- **Safeguarding & Governance:** Monitor and maintain robust safeguarding protocols, safer recruitment processes, and quality assurance frameworks.
- **Data Protection:** Support the management of GDPR compliance, secure record-keeping systems, and policy implementation.
- **Auditing & Risk Management:** Carry out regular checks of compliance records, policies and procedures, identify gaps and support the Manager in addressing them.
- **Policy Review:** Maintain a programme of policy reviews and ensure policies are reviewed and updated when required. Support the implementation of policies to all members of Home-Start Spelthorne.
- **Support & Reporting:** Deliver updates to the Manager and Board of Trustees. Manage governance documents, set up meetings and support the manager with trustee onboarding.

What we are looking for:

- Experience in compliance, policy administration, risk management, governance or a similar role.
- Excellent attention to detail and strong organisational and record-keeping skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Is confident using IT systems, including Microsoft 365 and databases.
- Can work independently, manage priorities and meet deadlines.
- Is comfortable handling confidential and sensitive information.
- Is willing to learn and develop their knowledge of Home-Start and the requirements of a small charity.

What we offer: A supportive, purpose-driven working environment where your contributions directly support local children and families. The opportunity to develop your skills and experience within a small, community-focused charity with flexible working, a pension scheme and opportunities for ongoing training & development.

How to apply

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