# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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It's hard to believe we have reached the end of the first half term of the 2026-2027 academic year! It's been busy with lots of wonderful learning taking place in classes as well as enrichment events across the school.

### African Drumming Workshop

We started the second week of Black History Month with a drumming workshop assembly, followed by workshops for KS2 with drummer, Mathis. The children learnt patterns, rhythms and chants using drums as well as their bodies as percussion. Thank you to Mrs Vale for organising this opportunity for us. There is still an opportunity to contribute to the cost of this workshop on Scopay; thank you for the donations we've already had. It really helps us to put events like this in the calendar for the children.

### Girls' Football Match

Well done to the girls who played in Tuesday's match. It was a hard-fought game and they played so well, however, narrowly lost 5-4 to Chennestone. It was a great effort and we look forward to the next match.

### SSA Halloween Discos

The discos were a hit with the children last night and they all enjoyed the dancing and dressing up. Thank you to all the SSA members and volunteers who stayed to help.

### Firework Night Event

After half term, it's only one week until the big night! Please, please sign up to help via this link:

We need lots of volunteers for setting up, helping on stalls and clearing up at the end of the night. See below for an update on Raffle Prizes and how you can buy tickets.

### Mufti Today

Thank you for all the chocolate donations today. Don't forget there is another Mufti day on Friday 6th November for more chocolate for our very popular Chocolate Tombola stall.

### 6JP Class Assembly

Well done to 6JP yesterday who shared their learning from this half term in a wonderful assembly to their families. The knowledge and skills they've gained in this 6 weeks is remarkable, and they presented their learning beautifully. Congratulations, children!

### Year 2 Safari

After school today, Year 2 and their families are going on Safari! I'll report more on that after half term but we hope they have a fun adventure.

### Creative Activity Idea for Half Term

Spelthorne's Arts & Cultural Team are inviting young people across Spelthorne to create a feather for our larger-than-life swan sculpture at Staines Library Hub.

It's more than an art project. Their work will also be preserved in Spelthorne Museum's archive, as a snapshot of young people's lives in 2026, for future generations.

Download the activity pack here: https://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-10/Creative%20Wings.pdf

### HSLW Support During Half Term

Shelly is available for the first week of half term on 07825 742564 if any family needs any support.

## Key Dates

**Nov**

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| Mon 2nd | Children return to school |
| Fri 6th | SSA Family Firework Event – Gates Open 5:30pm |
| Wed 11th | 4:00pm-7:00pm Parent Progress Meetings |
| Thurs 12th | 9:30am Reception 2027 Open Morning |
| | 3:40pm-6:30pm Parent Progress Meetings |
| Sat 14th | 9:00am-10:00am Prospective Reception 2027 Stay & Play Open Event |
| W/B 16th | Anti-Bullying Week<br>Year 1 Stay, Play & Learn |
| Weds 18th | Positive Noticing Day<br>Y6 Height/Weight Checks<br>YR-Y6 Nasal Flu Spray |
| Thurs 19th | 5D Class Assembly – Families invited |
| W/B 23rd | Reception Stay, Play & Learn |
| Weds 25th | Individual Photos |
| Thurs 26th | 5S Class Assembly – Families Invited |

## Vacancies Across the Trust

**Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:**
We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative individual who can bring high quality support to children in Early Years Foundation Stage. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please visit:

For more information on these roles please see:
https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-part-time-1577851

**Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:**
We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative individual who can bring high quality support to children in Early Years Foundation Stage. This position combines classroom-based support as an Early Years Teaching Assistant with class leadership responsibilities as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff.

For more information please visit:
https://www.eteach.com/job/eyfs-teaching-assistant--and--higher-level-teaching-assistant-combined-role-1577885

**Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:**
We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative individual who can bring high quality support to children in Early Years Foundation Stage. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff.

For more information please visit:
https://www.eteach.com/job/send-teaching-assistant-1577977

**Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:**
We are looking to appoint a Breakfast Club Assistant to join our thriving and extremely popular Breakfast Club community, working with an amazing, already established, team of likeminded people, committed to offering first class 'wraparound' care to our Riverbridge children. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff.

For more information please visit:
https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-assistant-1577815

**Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:**
We are looking to appoint an After School Club Assistant to join our thriving and extremely popular After School Club community, working with an amazing, already established, team of likeminded people, committed to offering first class 'wraparound' care to our Riverbridge children. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff.

For more information please visit:
https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-assistant-1577842

**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-1579144

## Achievement Certificates

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

***KS1***

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| 1BA | Isaiah (K) & Thisini (R) |
| 1B | Betsy M (A) & Lily (K) |
| 2A | Finn (B) & Mabel B (A) |
| 2F | Tommy (A) & Logan (R) |

***KS2***

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| 3S | Finley (R) & Isa (A) |
| 3T | Vethuja (A) & George (R) |
| 4B | Poppie (K) & Oliver (A) |
| 4M | Clark (A) & Phoebe (R) |
| 5D | Daksh (R) & Mia (K) |
| 5S | Ruben (A) & Freddie (R) |
| 6JP | Martha (B) & Rex (T) |
| 6MP | Zoe (R) & Holly (R) |

## Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Ralph & Rory (RL); Vogue (1BA); Amir, Molly & Callum (1B); Vinnie & Annie (3S); Daisy (4B); Myles (4M); Tamiya & Emma (5D); Daisy, Madison, Ella & Layla (6JP) and Frank & Layla (6MP) very well done to all of these children!

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.

Miss Morris
Headteacher

## Outside Achievements

- Hughie (RL) & Maeve (2A) took part in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu grading. Maeve received 2 new white stripes and Hughie 1. Hughie also achieved warrior of the week and Maeve an outstanding achievement certificate
- Molly (1B) competed at the Supreme Dance Competition - she won 1st Place in her mini Jazz Solo, the first solo she had ever done. Together with her team they also won 1st place in their Mini Lyrical group dance. Molly was also awarded Standout Dancer U8 Special Award from the judges for dancing with such gorgeous energy and style at just 5 years old
- Salahuddin (2A) received a Taekwondo medal last year in a National competition
- Finn (2A) was awarded her white belt in Taekwondo for her focus
- Jacson (2F) earned his first yellow stripe on his white belt in Jiu Jitsu and earned the two first stripes for his belt in kick boxing
- Ava (3T) & Emilia (3S) both completed some filming last summer on a movie set and are featured in some scenes in the new 'Sense and Sensibility' film that is currently showing at the cinemas
- Ruby (4M) took part in the Spirit of Dance competition at the weekend. She won 3rd place for her modern solo, with wonderful comments from the judges. She also won 1st place for her group modern dance, the first time it's been performed at a competition
- Ethan (5D) completed the Westminster Mile run recently finishing quickly in under 10mins outside Buckingham Palace to collect his medal
- Daisy (6JP) took part in the Spirit of Dance competition at the weekend, she won 1st place for her song and dance and won the judges award for the 'love of dance'. She also won 1st place for her group modern dance, the first time it was performed, and 3rd place for her senior dance. Also qualified for the finals later this year
- Corey (6MP) earned his grey and white belt but also received a certificate for outstanding performance

A huge well done to Molly who performed her dance routine in assembly this morning and was fantastic – all of KS1 were impressed!

## Term Dates 2026-2027

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

## Term Dates 2027-2028

| Autumn Term 2027 | |
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| Wednesday 1st September 2027 | INSET Day 1 |
| Thursday 2nd September 2027 | Children return to school |
| Friday 1st October 2027 | INSET Day 2 |
| Monday 18th October to Friday 29th October (2 weeks) | Half term |
| Tuesday 21st December | End of Autumn Term |
| **Spring Term 2028** | |
| Tuesday 4th January | Start of Spring Term |
| Monday 14th to Friday 18th February | Half Term |
| Friday 31st March | End of Spring Term |
| **Summer Term 2028** | |
| Tuesday 18th April | Start of Summer Term |
| Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June | Half term |
| Friday 14th July | End of Summer Term |
| Monday 17th July | INSET Day 3 |
| Tuesday 18th July | INSET Day 4 |
| Wednesday 19th July | INSET Day 5 |

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Home Learning
CLUB
Are you struggling with your learning at home?
We are starting on
Friday, the 6th of November
after school from 3:20 to 4 o'clock
Home Learning Club
Parents must accompany their child.
An ideal time to get that homework out the way, keep your weekend free, and with the realisation that it's all been done.
Come along, do the homework, improve.

## SSA

CHOCOLATE DONATIONS
FOR MUFTI DAYS
to support the
TOMBOLA
for the
FIREWORKS EVENT
Friday 16th October
Friday 6th November
PLEASE ENSURE ALL DONATED CHOCOLATE HAS A MINIMUM
DEC 26 EXPIRATION DATE
Any chocolate donations gratefully received!

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026
GATES OPEN AT 5:30PM
SAXON PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA
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RHS Garden Wisley
LOVELIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY
Bronze
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HOBBLEDOWN HEATH
Godstone Farm

## Half Term Activity Holiday Camps

🍁 **Swim Quest – Book Now!! Last Few Remaining Spaces** 🍁
**Autumn Term: 7th September – 12th December 2026**
🏊 **Swimming Lessons (Ages 3+) – Saxon School Shepperton**
**Mon–Fri:** 3.45–6.45pm
**Saturday:** 8.30am–1.30pm

- Term time only
- Small groups
- Teacher in the water
- Fully qualified instructors

🏅 **20m+ & Pre-Competitive – Bishop Wand School Sunbury (1m - 2.2m deep)**
**Wed & Thurs:** 4.30–7.00pm Ideal for confident swimmers ready to progress further.
🐣 **Preschool Lessons (Age 3+) – Shepperton**
**Wednesday mornings & Friday afternoons** Gentle, supportive classes building water confidence and early skills.
👶 **Adult & Child (6 months–3 years) – Shepperton**
**Wednesday mornings & Friday afternoons** Fun, structured sessions introducing little ones to the water.
🧍 **Adult Lessons – Shepperton**
**Wednesday evenings** Perfect for nervous swimmers and beginners.
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📩 **How to Book**
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**Gear4Music Drum Kit - £75**
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