



SAUNCEY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers

We have been focussing on history across the school this week, with some classes taking trips to link with their topics for the half term whilst the others discuss the history of our school in preparation for our 75th anniversary celebrations.

Year 4 visited The Higgins Bedford on Wednesday to learn about Vikings and Anglo-Saxons and explore how the two groups lived alongside each other. The children examined evidence found in Bedford and handled artefacts to use their knowledge to determine whether the artifacts would have belonged to Vikings or Anglo-Saxons. They also tried runic writing and finished the session with a fun fashion show; using what they had learned to decide whether people were dressed as Anglo-Saxons or Vikings.



Year 5 have been learning about the Tudors and visited Knebworth House where they too were able to handle artifacts and learn more about life in Tudor times.



Our Year 6 children are now preparing for next week's SATs. They have worked incredibly hard throughout the year and the SATs are simply an opportunity for them to show what they already know. In school, we have focused on ensuring pupils feel confident, familiar with the test formats, and, most importantly, calm and positive about the week ahead. For parents and carers, your role at home is invaluable. Simple routines can make a big difference so please ensure children get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, arrive at school on time and feel supported and reassured.

We will be doing everything we can in school to make SATs week feel as relaxed and normal as possible. Pupils will be welcomed into calm classrooms, given clear instructions and reminded that they can do their best. After each test, the school day will continue as usual with opportunities to unwind and enjoy learning together.

All Year 6 children are invited to join us each morning for our SATs breakfast, they can attend from 8.20am and come into school via the main entrance. Children are welcome to attend even if they choose not to eat as it will be a nice, calm start to the day for all.

Above all, we are proud of our pupils; not just for their academic efforts, but for their resilience, perseverance and positive attitudes. SATs are only one measure of progress and we are keen to celebrate all of the achievements of our children during their time here at Sauncey Wood.

Yours sincerely



Mr Brewis
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary	
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May	SATS Week
Monday 18th May	Big Draw Event (all day)
Tuesday 19th May	Information Meeting for Parents/Carers Year 4 Phasels Wood Visit (time TBC)
Friday 22nd May	75th Anniversary Celebrations Proms in the Playground and Community Afternoon
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May	Half Term (School Closed)
Monday 1st June – Friday 5th June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Isle of Wight
Monday 8th June - Tuesday 9th June	Year 4 Overnight Residential at Phasels Wood
Tuesday 9th June	Year 2 Visit to the St Albans Islamic Centre
Friday 12th June	FoSW Summer Disco Reception/KS1 Disco (4.00-5.00pm) KS2 Disco (5.15-6.15 pm)
Monday 15th June – Friday 26th June	Year 2 Swimming at Hatfield Swim Centre
Tuesday 23rd June	Elm and Willow Visit to Whipsnade Zoo
Wednesday 24th June	NSPCC Workshops

Friday 26 th June	INSET Day (School Closed)
Monday 29 th June – Friday 3 rd July	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 6 th July	Year 5 Maths Enrichment Day at St George's School
Thursday 9 th July	Move Up Day and Year 6 Secondary Transfer Day
Friday 10 th July	Sports Day (pm) FoSW Colour Run (after school)
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 End of Year Celebration at Roller City, Campus West
Tuesday 21 st July	End Summer Term Finish at 1.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd July	INSET Day – School Closed
Thursday 23 rd July	INSET Day – School Closed



We have a school Amazon wish list https://amzn.eu/04hNqyIR_ and we would be most grateful if you are able to purchase something from the list for the school - this gift would be most appreciated.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS SO THAT WE HAVE THE CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR AN EMERGENCY. (INCLUDING YOUR SECOND CONTACTS)

