



SAUNCEY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy week for our Year 5 and 6 children as we come towards the end of the year, they have been taking part in events at SJL and KWS school and Y6 have been rehearsing for their performance of The Lion King (we are in for a treat from what I have seen so far) as well as taking part in the Bikeability course so they will be able to safely cycle to their new secondary schools in September.

We have also had the Let's Dance Academy in this week for a street dance workshop. Every year group took part and the whole school (including teachers) loved showing off their dance skills.



Elm & Willow classes were able to visit Whipsnade Zoo after their original date was postponed due to the high temperatures last week. They saw all kinds of animals and were lucky enough to see the new 3-week-old baby elephant! They enjoyed learning about how a lion's jaw works and we were blown away at the size of a giraffe's bones. Both classes were an absolute credit to their teachers.



Our new climbing frame is now open. The children have had great fun climbing and improving their gross motor skills by climbing, swinging and jumping on it. Building those bigger muscles helps to develop their strength which, in turn, helps to improve their stamina for writing. A HUGE thank you for FoSW for their help with getting the funding for this.



Tuesday was District Sports Day, please see the report below from Mr Holmes.

On Tuesday 30th June, we took a squad of KS2 children to the Harpenden District Athletics Event at Sir John Lawes. They participated in a range of different events from sprint and relay races to long distance races, year 5 & 6 also competed in the javelin, long jump and triple jump. The children competed fantastically well.

We had few children who did superbly in their event: Jack Jones Yr 5 came 5th in his Long Jump and Ayden Jones Yr 6 who came 2nd in the Triple Jump.

We did quite well in the track events also!

From Yr 5 we had Theo Baker who got to the final in the sprint event, also Rory Rutherford who came 3rd in the 400m.

In Yr 6 we had Ayden Jones who got to the final of his sprint race, where he came 4th in the final.

Overall, it was a fantastic evening, the children enjoyed, representing the school and cheering on their classmates as they competed.

Well done to everyone who competed they did fantastically well.

Thank you to Mr Holmes for organising District Sports and supporting all the children in their events.

If you happen to be in town over the weekend, do pop along to the annual Art in the Common event. It is a lovely way for the children to see a variety of art and Susan Dean, who the children know very well, will be there both days. We have attached the flyer with more information.

Please make sure you visit the Batford Community Festival on Sunday in Porters Hill Park. The choir will be singing, and it would be great for students and parents to come and support them. It will run from 12-4pm and there will also be a raffle run by the school.

The weather is again forecast to be very hot next week, so please ensure your child has a sun hat, water bottle and sun cream applied when they come into school.

Finally, Elm class are busy getting their pupil kitchen ready for the new academic year. We are a little short of some essential items. We are looking for: a handheld blender stick, an electric whisk, big saucepans/frying pans, loose bottom cake tins, electric weighing scales and sieves. If you have any of these items at home that you could donate, we would be most grateful. Please have a chat with Miss Goodridge (she will be in the playground/outside Elm) if you have any you can offer!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Brewis
Headteacher

Notices

Football

Watch England at Sauncey Wood! Please see the email below for details:

On Monday morning, Mr Brewis will come in and set up the big screen in the hall to show the England game.

*The match will start (kick off) at **7:30am** and be played in full. Children are invited to sit in the hall with their friends to share the experience.*

England shirts are encouraged for the day.

Before 8:30, please enter through the office. After 8:30, enter via the KS1 or KS2 gate as normal.

All children should be at school for the usual time of 8:45. Teachers will provide mindful activities until the game has finished, if they would prefer to sit in the classroom rather than the hall.

Colour Run



Please buy tickets for the colour run via classlist or the FOSW box.

Waivers have been sent home today(Friday). Please could these be signed and given in to the office early next week.

Hot Weather

Next week, the weather will get warmer again. Please make sure children are wearing suncream and come in with a water bottle and hat. We will make sensible adjustments where required but there are currently no plans to offer early pick up.

Apex Wrap Around Care

Apex will not be running wraparound care on the last two days of term: Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July. Breakfast Club on Friday 18th July will be the last session they are running. Abi will not be providing the holiday club over the summer.

Holiday Camp

We are pleased to announce we have found a provider for a holiday camp at Sauncey Wood over the Summer Holidays. Although this is under the Apex umbrella, it is being run by Simon George, an experienced PE teacher from another Harependen school. He has run holiday camps for a number of years. Currently the dates confirmed in August are: 4th, 5th, 6th, 25th, 26th, 27th. We hope to add further dates in the near future and will communicate these when we can. Please see the poster for contact details for any queries.

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BATTLE



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TAG



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MORE!

CAPTURE
THE FLAG!

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9AM - 3PM

OR



9AM - 5PM

(EARLY 8:30 AM AVAILABLE TO BOOK)

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5-11
YEARS

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Sauncey Wood Primary School,
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JULY**

11:00 - 13:00 Richard Hurford Band
13:00 - 14:00 Magic Voices
14:00 - 15:00 Harpenden Dance group

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JULY**

11:00 - 13:00 Richard Hurford Band
13:00 - 14:00 Found Harmonies
14:00 - 16:00 The Reverbs



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BATFORD

Community Festival

Sunday 5th July 2026, Porters Hill Park, Batford, Harpenden

Live Music from HEAD, Sauncey Wood and Katherine Warington Schools

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Student stalls ● Charity stalls ● Face painting ● Ice cream

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