

# SAUNCEY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday, 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of term and I cannot believe that we are now halfway through the year! I am so impressed with the work that our children are completing and the progress they are making. Across the school, there were activities taking place for Children's Mental Health Week and children learnt about how to stay safe online in their computing lessons. Many classes discussed PEGI ratings and how these ratings help us understand if a game is for children or for adults and what age they might be suitable for. They also talked about what is safe and unsafe when using the internet.

In Year 3, Rowan had a very creative end to the term, completing their learning with hands on lessons making healthy sandwiches, Iron age jewellery and dragons to help decorate our classroom for Lunar New Year!



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Year 2 had a fantastic practical afternoon testing to find out which material would make the best umbrella. They had to make sure that it was a fair test by adding the same amount of water to each piece; using the same size cups; letting it drip for the same amount of time and collecting any drip through in the same way.

They discovered that nylon and tin foil were the best materials but didn't think a tin foil umbrella would be very good as it would crumple and rip easily! They showed what fantastic scientists they are by recording their results accurately and working well in lab teams!



Willow class worked really hard making burgers and chips for a staff feast! Following instructions, they were able to work collaboratively to make some delicious food and raise some money for Sauncey Wood.



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We also had a special music assembly from Rocksteady who taught us about different instruments and how they are played together in a band.



Our school cooks prepared special Valentine cookies for the children to enjoy today at lunchtime.

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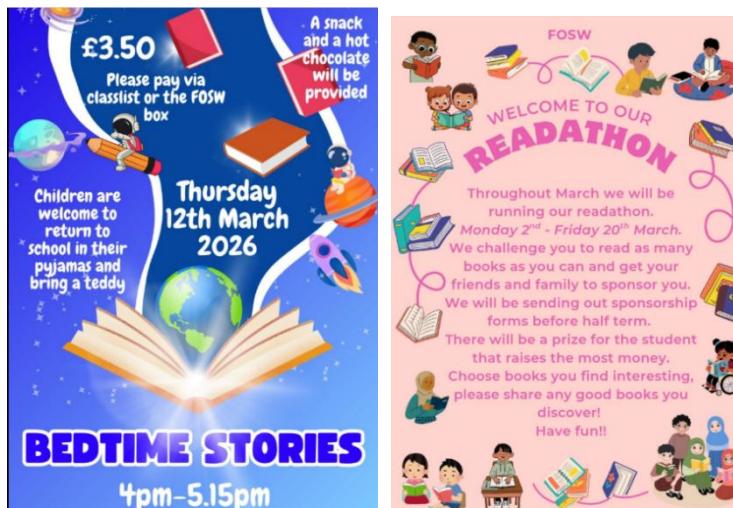
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Coming up soon will be World Book Day. As part of our celebrations, we would like to invite parents and carers into school to take part in a Mystery Reader session on Wednesday 4th March, between 9:30 and 10:30am. The Mystery Readers will visit their family member's class to read aloud an age-appropriate picture/short book for approximately 15 minutes.

The key part of the fun is that the children won't know who the reader is until the moment they arrive, so we kindly ask that this is kept a secret from the children. It would be lovely to see some surprise grandparents, older siblings, family friends etc. If you would like to volunteer, please choose a short book that you loved reading as a child and let the office know.

In addition, as part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are inviting children to come to school on Friday 6th March dressed either as a character from a book or in an outfit that is culturally significant to them and their identity, we also have our Bedtime Stories event and Readathon challenge taking place in March.

Have a wonderful half-term break all.

Yours sincerely



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Dates for the Diary	
<b>Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>Netball Match against St Helens (Home)</b>
<b>Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Football Match against The Lea (Home)</b>
<b>Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Parents' Evening - Spring Term</b>
<b>Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Netball Match against The Lea (Away)</b>
<b>Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parents' Evening - Spring Term</b>
<b>Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Netball Rally at KWS</b>
<b>Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Football Match against Markyate (Home)</b>
<b>Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Football Tournament at Wood End Sch</b>
<b>Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Football Match against Manland (Away)</b>
<b>Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Netball Match against St Nicholas (Home)</b>
<b>Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 3 Visit to the Natural History Museum, Tring</b>
<b>Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Football Match against Kimpton (Away)</b>
<b>Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mad Science Assembly for STEM Week - Whole School</b>
<b>Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 5 - Greek Vase Workshop in school</b>
<b>Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Netball Match against Markyate (Away)</b>
<b>w/c beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Extra Curricular Clubs finish</b>
<b>Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Spring Music Festival</b>
<b>Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Football Match against St Nicholas (Home)</b>
<b>Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Finish for the Easter break at 1.30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 6 Visit to All Saints Church (a.m.)</b>

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<b>Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 5 Visit to All Saints Church (p.m.)</b>
<b>Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 4 Visit to All Saints Church (p.m.)</b>
<b>Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 3 Visit to All Saints Church (a.m.)</b>
<b>Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 3 Visit to Cambridge Botanic Gardens</b>
<b>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 5 Visit to Knebworth House</b>
<b>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Information Meeting for Parents/Carers Isle of Wight Visit (time TBC)</b>
<b>Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 4 Visit to The Higgins Bedford</b>
<b>Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 Visit to Warner Bros Studio "Harry Potter"</b>
<b>Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Information Meeting for Parents/Carers Phasels Wood Visit (time TBC)</b>
<b>Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June - Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 4 Overnight Residential at Phasels Wood</b>
<b>Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 2 Visit to the St Albans Islamic Centre</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> June - 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 2 Swimming at Hatfield Swim Centre</b>
<b>Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 End of Year Celebration at Roller City, Campus West</b>

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We have a school Amazon wish list [Sauncey Wood Amazon Wishlist](#) 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)

