



# SAUNCEY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children come to school each day, ready to learn. Good attendance plays a vital role in helping children achieve their full potential, both academically and socially.

Every school day counts. Lessons build on what has been taught before, and missing even a short amount of time can make it harder for children to keep up. Regular attendance helps children:

- Develop strong learning habits
- Build confidence in class
- Form lasting friendships
- Feel secure and part of the school community

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve well and enjoy school life.

Even small absences add up, it can be surprising how quickly time away from school adds up:

Missing 1 day a fortnight = nearly 4 weeks of school missed in a year

Missing 2 days a month = over 3 weeks of learning lost

Even occasional absences can have a big impact over time.

I understand that children do get unwell, and of course they should stay at home if they are genuinely too ill to attend. However, appointments and holidays should be arranged outside school hours wherever possible. If your child is reluctant to come to school or you are experiencing difficulties, please let us know – we are here to help.

Our school aim is for all children to have attendance of at least 96%. We celebrate good attendance and punctuality through assemblies and rewards, and we closely monitor attendance to ensure every child is supported.

Together, we can give every child the best chance to succeed.

Thank you once again for your support in making school a happy, safe, and successful place for all our children.

Have a wonderful long weekend!



Mr Brewis  
Headteacher

<b>Dates for the Diary</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday (School Closed)</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 Year 6 Isle of Wight Visit (3.30pm)</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 4 Visit to The Higgins Bedford</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>SATS Week</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Big Draw Event (all day)</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Information Meeting for Parents/Carers Year 4 Phasels Wood Visit (time TBC)</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Proms in the Playground and Community Afternoon</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term (School Closed)</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 6 Residential Trip to Isle of Wight</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>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>FoSW Summer Disco Reception/KS1 Disco (4.00-5.00pm) KS2 Disco (5.15-6.15 pm)</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 2 Swimming at Hatfield Swim Centre</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Elm and Willow Visit to Whipsnade Zoo</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>NSPCC Workshops</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET Day (School Closed)</b>

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



We have a school Amazon wish list [https://amzn.eu/04hNqyIR\\_](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)**

