

SAUNCEY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a remarkable year here at Sauncey Wood. I am so pleased with the efforts of all of our children in their learning across the school, especially those that took part in National assessments where we have seen a significant increase of children reaching the expected standard compared to last year (and proportions inline with or exceeding National standards) in Reception, the Year 1 Phonics Screening Test and Year 6 SATs.

I feel truly honoured to lead a school as wonderful as Sauncey Wood with such amazing children, fantastic staff and helpers and such supportive families. There has been a lot of change over the past year, the impact of which was highlighted in our glowing Ofsted report and it would not have been possible without the efforts and hard work of all of us in the Sauncey Wood community. The exciting part is, we are just getting started! I know the next few years are going to be just as successful in making our wonderful school the very best it can possibly be!

I don't think anything showcases what we can achieve when we work together and put in the effort as much as the production of Aladdin. I have never seen a production like it. I am extremely pleased with our Year 6 SAT's results which have improved significantly this year but the perserverence, team work and confidence demonstrated by our Year 5 & 6 children this week during their performances makes me so incredibly proud and feel like I have the best job in the world. There are more photos at the end of the newsletter.



Year 3 and 4 have been working on this fantastic painting of the woods with Susan Dean. They were focusing on pattern and texture. This wonderful artwork will be on display in the school. Well done Year 3 and 4 and thank you to Susan Dean for providing so much inspiration to KS2.



I hope that parents are happy with our new approach to homework, where children are expected to read each night, practise their number bonds or times tables and learn their spellings (whilst practising their handwriting). This should make homework far more manageable at home and these activities are absolutely vital for children to experience success in their lessons at school. Please keep up the efforts over the Summer Holidays and please encourage your child to bring me in proof of the hard work they have continued to do - I love to see their learning!

Our Willow class has been refurbished this year and we have welcomed new students with our new increased capacity. The children are settling into life at Sauncey Wood well and all of the children are continuing thanks to the fantastic efforts of Mrs Parks and her team. We say goodbye to Ms Lee next week and wish her the best in her exciting new role.

Please be aware that all medication held in school will be sent home on Wednesday, 23rd July (at 1.30pm!) so new medication can be requested over the Summer. All medication must be returned to school on the first day of the new academic year. If medication is not returned, a phone call will be made home and if it cannot be brought in immediately the child will need to go home. Thank you for your support with this.

Finally and sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Down next week. Mrs Down has worked tirelessly for the school this year. She has led both our Early Years and our Phonics provision and both areas are much improved under her leadership (noted in our Ofsted report and seen in the huge improvements both in Reading across the school and in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Test results this year). We will all miss Mrs Down terribly and wish her the best in her new school.

Have a restful Summer holiday everyone and I cannot wait to see you all again in September.

Yours sincerely

Mr Brewis

Headteacher

Dates for the Diary	
Wednesday, 23 rd July 2025	9.00am Year 6 Leavers Assembly
	(Year 6 parents and carers only please)
Wednesday, 23 rd July 2025	End of Term - school finishes at 1.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 3 rd September 2025	INSET Day - school closed
Thursday, 4 th September 2025	Children return to school



We have a school Amazon wish list <u>Sauncey Wood Amazon Wishlist</u> 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.





