

SAXON WAY

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Dear Saxon Way Families

As Christmas quickly approaches and the days grow ever colder, our Saxon Way children have been extremely busy in school performing, exploring and learning. It has been yet another term of celebrations and success and we once again thank the children for giving us so much wonderful news to share!

We also want to thank you for your endless support of the children and the school. Seeing you all these past couple of weeks at all the school events has been so heart-warming and appreciated. What an evening we shared at our very first Corroboree event. It was a really magical evening of children sharing and driving learning. We also want to thank you so much for your generosity this year. Since the beginning of September you have raised £794.74 for good causes, this gives much needed money to charity which is appreciated even more given the current cost of living crisis.

We are pleased to confirm the Christmas voucher scheme will be going ahead this year. The voucher value will total £15 for each eligible child. In addition to the vouchers for one week, parents and carers will also be able to choose whether you want to send your children to available MedwayGo sessions or get an additional £15 voucher for the Christmas break. You can make your choice by using a dedicated form on Medway Council's website [medway.gov.uk/winterfsm](https://www.medway.gov.uk/winterfsm).

The Benefits and Financial Welfare team will be raising and issuing these additional vouchers directly to parents/carers using the details provided on the form. Snowboarding, football, skiing, swimming, musical theatre workshops and going to see a pantomime are just some of the fantastic activities MedwayGo will offer children over the Christmas break between Tuesday, 20 and Friday, 30 December.

MedwayGo sessions are free for children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Children attending will also receive a hot nutritious meal, made to school food standards, ensuring that children have a healthy balanced meal as they would during the school day.

The programme also offers activities at local schools and academies, leisure centres and venues across Medway. There are even activities parents and carers can take part in with their children. Free Arriva bus tickets are also available for families if you are unable to travel to a MedwayGo session. Families can book sessions by visiting [go.medway.gov.uk](https://www.go.medway.gov.uk). To find out more, book MedwayGo sessions or choose an additional food voucher, parents and carers are encouraged to visit: [medway.gov.uk/winterfsm](https://www.medway.gov.uk/winterfsm)
If you need any additional information, please let us know.

It just leaves us to wish you all a very merry Christmas and an amazing New Year!
Be safe and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4th January 2023.
Angela Sandow

Children's Mental Health WeekDay

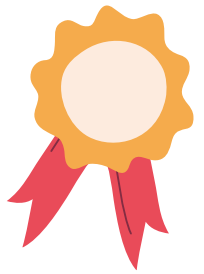
Shackleton

Fitzgerald

Mercury



Celebrations



A huge well done to the following children that have been celebrated in celebration assembly this term.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Harry T,	Tillie F.C	Neriah B	Sesanlee G,	Fikayo A	Lewis M.P
Lenny G	Dyako I	Erin T	Jimmy R	Sara M	Summer E
Julia B	Erin T	Tekena C	Zachary H.B	Billy W	Kyler G
George B	Jamie	Lily H	Kacey W	Jobie-Ray W	Harley M
Gavin A	Isobelle C	Samad O	Samuel M	Lily-Ella W	Riley H
Lilly R	Harrison S	Tochi I	Frankie D	Sebastian A	Darci B
		Amelia C	Weronika S	Kayla R	Martyna S
		Archie D	Hope C	Elliarina H.S	Muawwaz T
		Alex N	Skyla S	Darius F	Alfie R
		Violet S,	Sumeya S	Scarlett L	Yusef A
		Nassir P,	Sinan K	Lohla	Tiffany B
		Wendy L	Oliver H.T	Jayden R	Gabriel S

Proud Traditions

A Proud Tradition that we have at Saxon Way is that our choir get the truly wonderful and magical experience of singing at the Rochester Cathedral Carol service. The pupils sung beautifully and it was so lovely for the children to have so much support from our parents and community.

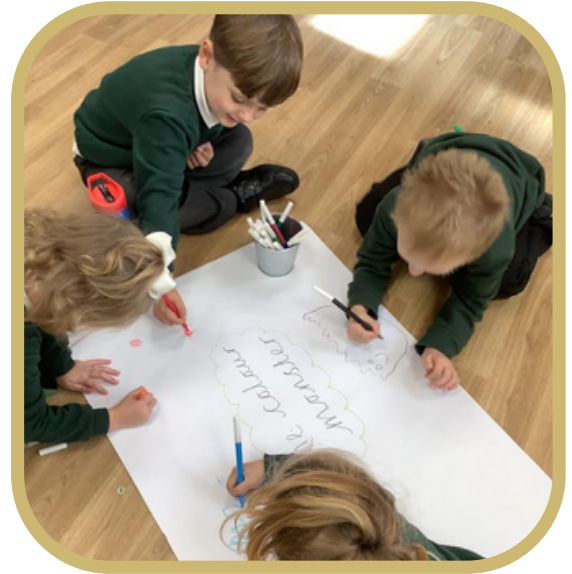


FS2

Attenborough and Donaldson

FS2 children started full time school this term and have done amazingly settling in.

This term our topic was 'I am. I can. I love'. We focused on learning about each other and ourselves. We have been learning our school values and reading lots of stories to support our learning.



Our favourite story this term was 'The Colour Monster'. The children have been learning about different emotions and feelings and why it is important to talk about their feelings.

The children in FS2 have started their Phonics lessons and have been practicing their handwriting and letter formation.

We have also started to use the Target Tracker app with the parents to support communication between home and school.

Thank you to parents for being supportive and encouraging with transition and settling in.

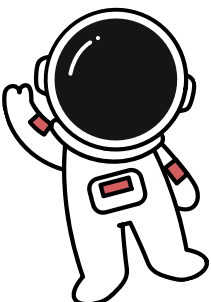
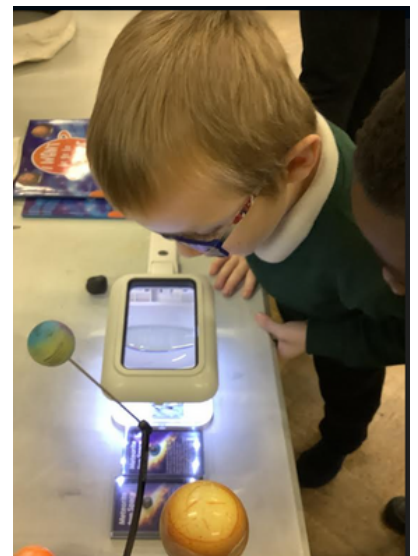
Year 1

Curie and Kahlo

Kahlo and Curie class have had a term that is out of this world! They learned all about space and even had a visit from a real life astronaut! They came up with many interesting questions and James Jefferson left them with some amazing new facts! We learned about lots of key space events and even tracked the Orion spacecraft!

The children have also been learning adding and subtracting and represented many calculations on a tens frame.

In the second part of the term, the children worked really hard in our production of the nativity. The children learned 8 new songs, many lines and stage directions and performed a brilliant show! All of the adults in year 1 were very proud!



Year 2

Nightingale and Shackleton

Year 2 – Where have humans explored?

This term, Year 2 have been thinking about where humans have explored!

We looked into Ernest Shackleton and how he explored the Arctic, we also followed the snail and the whale into the sea! We then went with the Man on the moon and explored his job on the moon, our favourite place to explore was of course the North Pole with Father Christmas!

We have learnt how to use expanded noun phrases and our range of adjectives has become amazing! We now know an expanded noun phrase is when you use 'ADJECTIVE, ADJECTIVE, NOUN'. We explored animals habitats and know the difference between and habitat and a microhabitat, we loved finding micro-habitats in our woodland walk! How lucky are we! We have loved this term and wish you all a Merry Christmas!



Year 3

Darwin and Pankhurst

This term we have been investigating all things linked to light and dark. The children have really enjoyed exploring different light sources and finding out how light travels. They made shadow puppets in order to investigate how shadows are formed and what makes them change size.

We read 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and learnt to describe settings and characters using expanded noun phrases, similes, and adverbs. Later in the term we shared the story of 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens and thought about what Christmas spirit really means. The children also thoroughly enjoyed learning about life in Victorian England, especially experiencing a Victorian style classroom.

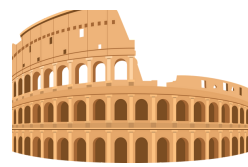
In Maths, they have built on addition and subtraction skills, using the column method to add and subtract two-digit and three-digit numbers. In English, they have practised many different skills through writing in lots of ways, learning how to use prepositions to describe place and time as well as learning how homophones can help with spelling.



In Design and Technology, we were working on recreating part of 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. We designed shadow puppets and tried them out using a screen. We are going to work with a partner to design and create a screen for shadow puppets. Thank you for your support and wish you a happy holiday.



We would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and all the very best for the New Year and look forward to welcoming the children back next term.



We have really enjoyed the Roman theme this term. We have been very busy learning all about the Roman Empire. We have been researching and sharing facts with our classmates and have created our own fact files on Roman daily life. Recently we had a special guest visit, to teach us all about the Roman Empire, its impact on Britain at the time and the legacy it left us. We had lots of fun dressing up, having a Roman feast and taking part in a Roman battle!

In Science, we have been making our own electrical circuits and experimenting with conductors and insulators. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of Roman numerals, as well as using our problem-solving skills to answer multi step word problems. We have also created our own Christmas cards to share with our families and 2023 calendars to celebrate the new year. We particularly enjoyed Christmas jumper day and having Christmas lunch with our friends and teachers.



Brunel

Wow! What a busy term 2 we have had! The children have been working so hard with learning all about the Romans. Some of the gruesome facts we have shared have had the children amazed. I was so proud of how well the children learnt and performed for their class assembly. They could remember their lines perfectly. It was lovely to be able to showcase some of the musical talent from our class too. We have enjoyed a Roman feast where we got to taste honey, grapes, flat bread and raisins, all washed down with red wine (blackcurrant really!)

Our Times Table Rock Stat scores are growing each week, so please continue your hard work at home practicing, it really does make a difference. Also, keep up the good work with the amazing home learning you do on Google classroom and of course spellings and reading.

Well done Brunel! Have a wonderful Christmas break, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year for Term 3!





Year 5

Mercury and Shakespeare



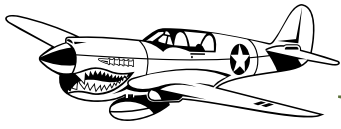
“Sing, choirs of angels...” Gabrieli ROAR is a charity that sends a cast of professional singers into schools to deliver workshops that inspire pupils to perform. The programme of music is coordinated between schools across a given region, who then meet with the professionals and sing to an audience at one of the nation’s great cathedrals. Year 5 leapt lungs-first into this project! The culmination of some serious sweat and tears was an amazing afternoon and evening at Canterbury Cathedral.

Year 5 explored the building and visited the Christmas lights of historic Canterbury town before the mass rehearsal in the spectacular 14th century Chapter House - whose ceiling one pupil described as, “painted like “fireworks”. The children’s voices drew goose bumps.



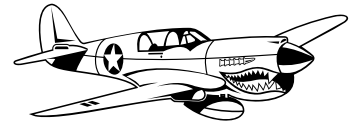
In all, 300 singing pupils from across north Kent, the Gabrieli ROAR choir and an accompaniment of 17th century instruments, reverberated around the Cathedral from the depths of the crypt to the lofty stone-vaulted roof. The 90-minute performance was tremendous and, after ten hours in Canterbury, each child boarded the bus home, buzzing – each, for their own personal reason, having shared in a truly unique adventure. Wow!





Year 6

Hawking and Williams



This term, Year 6 have been studying Michael Morpurgo's 'War Horse' and World War One. "I have really enjoyed our text this term, although in some places it was really sad." Darci

As part of our topic we also created silhouette art reflecting the sombre mood of the war and propaganda posters trying to encourage people to donate their animals to the war effort, as animals played an important part of World War One.

"I enjoyed making silhouette art, and learning about gradients." Tiffany

We also enjoyed a trip to the Centre for Experiential Military Archaeology which included a tour of a purpose built replica trench.

"I loved going in the trenches and seeing the bed that soldiers slept in, and the periscope they used." Aston

"Going in the trenches made me think I was in the war! It made me realise what life would have been like for the soldiers." Diamond



We also had our Christmas dinner/ Christmas jumper day which is always popular, and lots of children got on board with their best jumpers.



Key Dates for Term 3

Wednesday 4th January	First day of Term 3
Friday 6th January	Year 5 swimming at Medway Park
Monday 9th January	Term 3 clubs start
Tuesday 10th January	Year R and 6 Height and Weight check
Thursday 19th January	Sharing Assembly - Pankhurst Class - Parents Invited
Thursday 26th January	Sharing Assembly - Shackleton Class - Parents Invited
Thursday 2nd February	Sharing Assembly - Curie Class - Parents Invited
Friday 3rd February	Number Day
Friday 10th February	End of Term
Monday 20th February	Start of Term 4
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Friday 4th March	Founders Day



Young people are annually invited to take part in the South East's Young Cooks cookery competition with the winners receiving a share of £500! Some finalists will be selected to cook at a Showcase Lunch at The Dog in Wingham and may have the opportunity to attend a master class with an award winning chef. Not just a cooking competition but a way for children to develop an understanding of the importance of food and nutrition.

We aren't just looking for the next Master Chef, we want all children to understand that being healthy and cooking is something they can all do!

Closing date for entries: 31st January 2023

Entry requirements:

Your entry should consist of two dishes as detailed below.

You have an overall budget of £10 to prepare your dishes for four people. You have a time limit of 2 hours in which to prepare both dishes and clear away.

Pupils need to make the following:

A shepherd / cottage pie (Vegetarian acceptable)

A sponge sandwich cake with your choice of fillings / flavours

Please see <https://kmcharityteam.co.uk/competitions/> for more information.



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