

8th September 2023

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



Family Update

Updates

Hello everyone, **welcome back!** How wonderful to see your children's smiling faces again, quite a delight :) We hope you've had a fabulous summer and are feeling ready for a great new term.

You may have noticed that over the summer we have been busy giving certain areas of school a bit of a facelift; the **car park extension** is now completely opened which we hope will alleviate some of the congestion at peak times; we have **replaced windows** on the front of school; and on the inside we have refreshed our **bathrooms** and the **14-19 Hub Atrium** for studying and socialising. Thankfully we have **no RAAC at Saxon Hill** so are unaffected by this current national problem.

We had **dreadfully sad news** during our summer break, that our wonderful Ethan had unexpectedly passed away in the night. I'm sure you would join us in passing on our **heartfelt condolences** to his family and friends at this devastating time.

To ensure the **safeguarding** of all our children, we shall be asking to have sight of children who are **absent from school for more than 5 days during term time - this can be a video link via phones** and is just for us to do our routine safeguarding check. We know that many of our children have more health problems than most and thank you for always letting us know why your children are absent from school; but if any child is **absent for more than 21 days without us knowing why, we will enlist the help of the Local Authority** to help follow up your child's **attendance** with us.

Many thanks for your continued support to best educate and care for your children here at Saxon Hill.
Happy New Term! From your Leadership Team

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Key Dates



Macmillan Coffee Mornings in Class -
September - Teachers will confirm dates for specific classes

Friday 15th September - School Council Elections

Wednesday 27th September - Arlo's Birthday

Friday 27th October - Halloween Disco

Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - Half Term

Monday 6th November - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

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What we have been up to this week ...



Parent's Recommend

"The outdoor classroom at Wolseley wildlife centre has a proper (it's new!) changing facility! We attended an aiming high session there over the summer (Wild Families) and were able to use it."

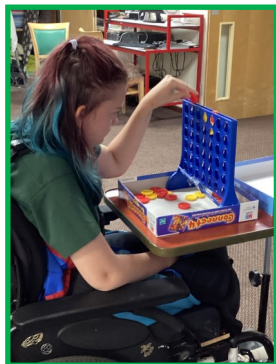
[The Wolseley Centre | Staffordshire Wildlife Trust \(staffs-wildlife.org.uk\)](http://staffs-wildlife.org.uk)

For further recommendations, please email them to:

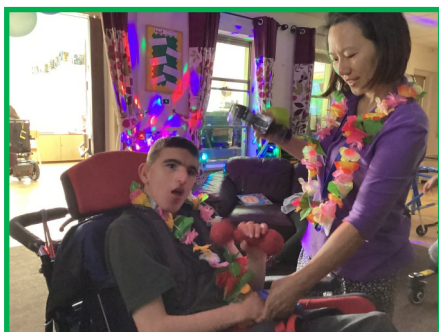
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Sleepover Club Highlights



More of our Sleepover fun. We look forward to sharing more photos of our wonderful pupils this term.



It is so lovely to see them all again.



Quiet Grotto at Dobbies Garden Centres

Dobbies in Shenstone and Atherstone are running quiet Grotto sessions again this year. These do book up fast. For more information, please click [here](#).

Santa's Quiet Grotto



Embrace the festive season with a must-have visit to our Santa's grotto this Christmas. This experience includes meeting with Santa and, of course, a special gift for your little ones

Santa's grotto is one of our most-loved festive experiences at Dobbies, and from 2.30pm on Friday 8th December, we're pleased to be able to offer visits for children with additional needs

These sessions can only be pre-booked, with no queuing on the day and a reduced number of families attending in each slot

During your visit, we'll make sure:

- All music is off
- Twinkling lights are removed or switched off
- You can choose to have your child's gift wrapped or not
- Prior to your visit, we'll email a photo of your specific grotto to prepare children for what they will see on the day

Should you wish to capture the memory of your little ones meeting Santa you can choose to pre-book one of our special photo options and save compared to on-the-day prices

Please select your preferred time and date below. Santa has selected a range of toys, suitable for different ages. You can pre-select an age appropriate gift for your child however the exact toy may vary on the day

Little Saxons

Stay and Play

A specialist provision for children 0-4 years with additional needs.

Song
Time

Rebound
Therapy

Messy
Play

Hydrotherapy

Refreshments

Sensory

Story
Time



Little Saxons

Monday & Thursday Afternoons 12.45-
2.15pm

(Term time only)

£2.00 including a tea/coffee/cold drink

For more information or to book your place please contact -

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