



Summer 2026

Chestnut Class Newsletter

Welcome

Hello and welcome back to the Summer term. We hope you had a lovely holiday.

Before Easter we had lots of fun learning about heroes and villains, engaging in a wonderful day with Gwyn McCormack for, "Marvin's story time adventure show!"

This term we have lots planned, including learning about the features of cities and the countryside. We hope to go on a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum, to explore the countryside.

Please could you send in suncream and sunhats in preparation for sunnier weather, so that we can take some of our learning outside!

If you have any queries or require assistance getting on EFL; please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office, in your child's home/school book or email joanne.baker@saxon.set.org
Jo, Laura, Kayleigh and Liv.

Communication, Language & Literacy

We have a wide variety of methods of communicating in class and this includes Intensive Interaction, PODD, Makaton, switches and tactile signing.

We also do communication through story adventures, Starbox, playbox, group Intensive Interaction and pre-phonics sessions. This term we will be focussing on voice sounds and alliteration.

Our sensory story for this term is "Milo's train ride".

Thinking & Problem-Solving

During Thinking & Problem-solving sessions we use switches to control our environment and operate devices, engage in Positive Looking, explore treasure baskets, objects hanging on an A-frame or use Active learning resources to help us explore with greater independence.

We also engage in early number activities and investigate direction through play-based and sensory exploration.

We will be exploring rocks and man-made materials and how to create steam for a train.

Community & the Wider World

In these sessions we are going to exploring the features of cities and recognising familiar places through multi-sensory exploration. We will be using technology to make choices and also exploring songs and stories from countries and in languages spoken by pupils and staff in class and the wider school.

Physical Development

Our hydro session is Thursday afternoon! To give each pupil a meaningful session in the water, we work on a rota. Please ensure that your child has their swimming costume, swim pad and towels with them each week.

Our rebound session will take place on Tuesday mornings, and we will be working on our physical skills during this session. We can only take pupils that have completed signed permission forms returned and risk assessments put in place for those conditions it applies to.

We continue to work on our physical skills during PE and by working on our EHCP targets each day.

Independence & Wellbeing

In PSHE this term we will be learning about rules and laws – focussing on the word “not” and then after half term, how special people make us feel happy. If you have any questions about PSHE please get in contact.

Please send in snacks, squash and thickener for your child, if needed. Drinks of water are available throughout the day, and we stop for drinks and snacks in the morning and drinks in the afternoon. We continue to develop our independence skills at mealtimes.

We have daily wellbeing sessions, to work on laughter yoga, relaxation and sensory workouts.

Forest School and Cooking

Chestnut class will take part in forest school on alternate Wednesdays, with the other week being cooking in the morning with Eve and then art in the afternoon, with Isobel. Please ensure pupils have warm clothes or hat and suncream suitable for being outdoors and you don't mind getting dirty!

