



Early Years Newsletter

Summer 2026

Welcome

Welcome to Early Years at Saxon Hill Academy!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your child into our Early Years class!

In Early Years, we love to learn through play, singing and sensory experiences. We know that every child is unique, so we would also love to hear about how your child learns best, as well as the things they enjoy and are interested in.

Throughout the year, please keep us updated with any new interests, experiences, skills or achievements your child has made through our Evidence for Learning app. These observations are a wonderful way for us to celebrate their progress and interests together and help us to build on their learning in school.

We look forward to working closely with you and making this a happy, exciting and successful year for your child!

**Jemma Dimmack
Class Teacher**

Our Team

Now to introduce you to our fabulous team...

Emily Beck has successfully been appointed as the new Assistant Senco and therefore will no longer be in Early Years. Jemma will be the Early Years Class Teacher with support from Eve on a Thursday.



Jemma
Class Teacher
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri



Eve
HLTA
Cover Jemma on Thurs



Carol
Classroom Support



Sara
Classroom Support



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Wow Weeks

Our Focus Children

In Early Years, we have one or two focus children each week. During their focus week, we plan activities around their individual interests, experiences and next steps in learning. This helps us to provide meaningful, child-led learning opportunities that are tailored to each child. The week before your child's 'Wow Week', we will send home our class bear with your child. We would love for you to share what your child has been doing at home, including their interests, experiences and achievements.

Please feel free to send in photos, drawings, notes or information about any upcoming celebrations or special events. This information will help us to gain a better understanding of your child and plan exciting, child-initiated learning opportunities based on what is important to them.

We can't wait to celebrate your child and all the wonderful things that make them unique!



Forest School

Our Forest School sessions are on a Friday Afternoon. Please send in some warm clothing- coat/all-in-one/boots/hat & gloves (but ones that you don't mind getting a little dirty!) on a Friday or labelled for us to keep in school for the term.



Hydro and Rebound

Hydro and Rebound therapy will run on alternate Mondays and therefore we are asking that you send in your child's swimming kit to leave at school, we will send this home when it has been used. Please send it back in when clean and dry.

Your child will need:
Swimming costume
Swim nappies
towel



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Evidence for Learning

Each week we will upload observations of the children to ensure we are keeping families up to date with the children's progress and learning. We would love to hear back from you through the comments area. Please upload things you and your children have been up to at home so we can get to know their interests and include this into our weekly planning!

If you need support in accessing Evidence for Learning, please let me know and I will be sure to help where possible. There is also an Evidence for Learning Section on our school website: Evidence for Learning.



Topic

This term, our topic is 'All About Myself'. Each week, we will have a focus book that will inspire and support our learning across the Early Years curriculum.

To begin the year, we will focus on *The Colour Monster Goes to School* to help the children settle into their new environment, explore their emotions and talk about how they are feeling. We will then explore a range of books linked to feelings, emotions, ourselves and our bodies, helping the children to develop their understanding of who they are and what makes them unique.

Alongside our topic, we will also explore a variety of celebrations, traditions and special events, including Harvest, Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. These experiences will provide opportunities for the children to learn about the world around them through stories, songs, sensory activities, creative experiences and play.

Snack

We have milk, water and a variety of fruit available at snack times but please send in snacks and drinks if you would like your child to have anything specific.

If your child has a special/preferred drinking cup/bottle, please send it in and we will do our best to get a replica in school for them.

Please note we are a nut-free school.





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