



Quick Links

Term Dates

School Calendar

FOWO

Curriculum info

Healthy Lunches

Pastoral Support Team

Uniform

Trust Jobs

Attendance

Online Forms

Online Safety

## Headteacher's Message

The staff INSET day last Friday was spent as part of a gathering of all 450 Lumen Staff. Mrs. ME McCarthy and Mrs. S Kober led an inspiring and collaborative presentation, where we learnt about the history and development of the Lumen Learning Trust and reflected on our core purpose, what we offer the 3206 children in our collective care and the difference we make. It was inspiring to sit in a room with colleagues from across the seven schools and think about how, regardless of political noise and opinions, we stay true to our values around enabling children become successful lifelong learners and happy, fulfilled adults who can make positive choices about their future. Walton Oak staff then returned to school for some training around our whole school approach to handwriting.

Today, I was yet again inspired by the voices of our Pupil Leaders, who held their very first meeting with me to share some "Big Ideas" for projects they would like to lead this year and how they plan to deliver them. After a short period of reflection, we will meet again next week to make our final decisions and establish an action schedule. The children are immensely keen to get involved, with ideas ranging from leading assemblies and workshops to developing quizzes, newsletters and even fundraising for important causes. There will certainly be lots more news to follow on this!

Our prospective parent tours also began this week and it is always a privilege to meet new local families looking for places for their upcoming Reception children. Several visitors commented on how calm the children are around the school and how settled our current Reception children are, marvelling that they have only been at school for a few short weeks!



In other exciting news, our first Forest School session of the year took place on Wednesday. The children had a fantastic time painting with mud and natural dyes like beetroot and turmeric, foraging and preparing soup and bread over the fire - a perfect feast for a rainy day! A huge well done to Mrs. Bailey, Miss Bessant and the Year 3 team for running such a successful outdoor session. It is Year 4's turn next week, and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures!

Thinking a bit further ahead, please see the term dates for the 2027-2028 academic year below as well as important information about booking Parent/Teacher consultations.

Siân McCarthy

## General Information

### Parent/Teacher Consultations – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> November

Parent consultations are taking place on 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 1.50-4.30pm and 4<sup>th</sup> November from 4-7pm. Please ensure you book an appointment to see your child's teacher using your scopay account.

### School Lunches – School Grid

A plea, if you have booked a school lunch for your child on school grid but then decide to send your child with a packed lunch or your child is absent, please cancel the booking on school grid. Meals booked and not eat will still be charged to the school.





### Photographic Images – Consent Form

If your child has been given a Photographic Images & Names of Children Consent form today, please complete, sign and return to the school office next week.

### Lost Property – Naming Clothes

Please can we ask that you name all your children's uniform, lunch boxes, water bottles, winter coats & hats. We have an ever-increasing amount of lost property.

### Stay, Play and Learn Sessions for EYFS

We invite you to come and join in some phonics learning with your child in their classroom and get involved in their play and learning. This will be followed by a brief information session to help you support your child at home with their phonics.

### BUTTERFLIES

Tuesday 13th October 9am-10am: <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2408410>

### LADYBIRDS

Thursday 15th October 9am-10am: <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2408415>

### NEW - Shake, Rattle and Rhyme

Do you have a little one aged 1–3 years? Bring them along for a joyful, music-filled adventure at our Shake, Rattle & Rhyme sessions! Together we'll sing, move, and explore fun instruments, perfect for sparking curiosity and conversation.

We're running our next session on:

- Friday 13th November 10.00am-10.45am

Do you know other families with toddlers? Invite your friends and make it a playful outing together, we'd love to see you there for plenty of smiles, music and fun!

Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Herron-Duke look forward to welcoming you for an exciting musical session.





## Term Dates 2027-2028

| Autumn Term 2027                                                   |                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September                                | INSET Day 1                         |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September                                 | Children return to school           |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October                                     | INSET Day 2                         |
| *Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October | HALF TERM (two weeks)               |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November                                    | Children return to school           |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December                                  | Last day of term (finish at 1.45pm) |
| Spring Term 2028                                                   |                                     |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January                                    | Children return to school           |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February         | HALF TERM                           |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February                                   | Children return to school           |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March                                      | Last Day of term (finish at 1:45pm) |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April - Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April       | Easter Holidays                     |
| Summer Term 2028                                                   |                                     |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April                                     | Children return to school           |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June          | HALF TERM                           |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June                                        | Children return to school           |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July                                       | Last day of term (finish at 1:45pm) |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                                       | INSET Day 3                         |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July                                      | INSET Day 4                         |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                                    | INSET Day 5                         |

## Transition

### Reception Intake 2027 - Head/Deputy headteacher group tours

We are running several Head/Deputy headteacher group tours. Please do come along to see the school in action and find out more about provision for children at Walton Oak. Click [here](#) to book a place.



### Walton Oak Nursery – places available for 2026 and beyond!

We are incredibly proud of the Nursery provision at Walton oak, rated as Good as part of our most recent school Ofsted. Although the Nursery remains very popular, we still have a few 15 and 30 hour places for 2026-2027 available and we welcome applications for our waiting list. Unlike many private nurseries, there are no registration fees and children can be registered from birth. If you have younger children not yet registered we would encourage you to complete the application form found [here](#). Please do share this link with any friends and family that may want to join the Walton Oak Community. Further information can be found on our [website](#).

### Surrey CC Guidance for Secondary Transition

If your child will reach the age of 11 between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027, they will be due to start secondary school in September 2027. You can apply for a secondary school place from **1 September 2026**. The closing date for on-time applications for secondary schools is **31 October 2026**.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary>

Local Secondary School Admissions information and open events for the 2027 Y6-7 Transition:

[Heathside Walton](#)

[Three Rivers Academy](#)

[Thamesmead](#)

[Esher Church of England High](#)



## Reading



We know that busy family life can make it hard to find time to read together, but even a few minutes can make a difference. Sharing a book gets children's brains working as they follow the story, remember details and think about what might happen next. It helps build vocabulary, concentration and understanding, supporting their learning across the curriculum. Stories also develop empathy by encouraging children to imagine how others feel and see things from different points of view. Alongside sparking creativity and imagination, reading together offers a special moment to connect, talk and unwind. Whether it's a bedtime story or a few pages after school, these small moments can support your child's wellbeing and nurture a lifelong love of reading.

## Oracy

Take Home Focus – Let's Talk!





## Tiny Happy People



### Rhythm

This week's activity is all about rhythm. Find yourselves some pots and pans and have a go at the activity below;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/drumming-games/zbd2tbk>



Lots of children love to make noise, this activity will allow them to have fun making noise but also learn about rhythm, develop their hand and eye coordination and understanding of syllables.

## Extra-Curricular Events

### RE Pause Day – Celebrating Harvest



This week, children across the school took part in our RE Pause Day, with a focus on Harvest and Christianity.

Each class completed a special Harvest-themed activity during the day, giving children the opportunity to learn about why Christians celebrate Harvest and why this is an important time for many Christians. Through creative and engaging activities, the children explored the importance of giving thanks for the food we have, appreciating where our food comes from and sharing with those in need.

It was wonderful to see lots of creativity, curiosity and love of learning across the school, while developing the children's knowledge and understanding of Christian beliefs and traditions.

Well done to all of our children for another fantastic RE Pause Day!



### Year 3 - Forest School Day



On Wednesday, Year 3 enjoyed a Forest School Day, with the whole day linked to their current topic, The Stone Age. Although it was a wet day, the children embraced the weather and enjoyed the opportunity to be outdoors, exploring nature and braving the elements. Working in groups, they rotated around four exciting activities, developing their teamwork, creativity and practical skills.

**Using Tools** – The children used tools to carefully shape soap into bone shapes, giving them a hands-on experience of how Stone Age people used tools to work with different materials.

**Cave Painting** – The children discovered how Stone Age people could have used natural materials to create paints. They used ingredients such as beetroot, turmeric and berries to make colourful pigments before creating their own cave paintings.





**Gathering** – The children headed into Woody Oaks to gather a variety of vegetables, just as Stone Age people would have gathered food from their surroundings. The vegetables were then used to create a wonderful Stone Age stew. They also created their own dough to make bread!

**Village Making** – Using natural resources found around our school environment, the children worked together to create their own Stone Age villages. They used their creativity and problem-solving skills to design and build shelters inspired by how people may

have lived during the Stone Age.

The afternoon finished with a real Stone Age-style feast! The children baked bread over an open fire and enjoyed dipping it into honey or their delicious homemade vegetable stew. It was a wonderful way to bring their learning to life and experience, as closely as possible, how Stone Age people may have gathered, prepared and enjoyed their food.



## Pastoral News

### North East School Nursing Team

Following the success of our first school nurse sessions in school, the next date is **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 11:00-13:00.**



Our parent feedback was very positive with one parent saying "We found it helpful and are meeting with her again in a months' time, Thank-you for the appointment"

Another parent shared – "the school nurse was absolutely fantastic. She was very knowledgeable and supportive. Such a good idea and would definitely recommend continuing it for other families."



North East School Nursing Team  
Care Group

Book a one-to-one 15 minute session with Sarah Barnes from the North East Nursing Team

**Thursday 5th November 2026,**  
sessions held between 11:00-13:00 on a pre-booked basis only!

Are you looking for advice or support with your child for:

- Toileting/continence
- Diet/Healthy eating habits
- Sleep routine
- School Readiness
- Dental Hygiene
- Other Health concerns

If you would like to book a session with Sarah Barnes then please reach out to Natasha Herron Duke (HSLW) via the school office or on 07938 645 949






If you are unsure about booking in for a session with Sarah Barnes, please reach out and feel free to contact me on the number provided, and I would be happy to talk it through in more detail with you.



## Enrichment Activities

### Reception Stay, Play and Learn



On Tuesday and Wednesday, Reception had a wonderful time welcoming parents and carers into school for our Stay, Play and Learn sessions. The children loved having their grown-ups in the classroom and showing them how they get stuck into all of our exciting activities! We also held a phonics workshop for parents, sharing how we teach phonics and early reading in Reception. A big thank you to everyone who came along, it was lovely to have you with us!



## Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

**Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:** We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative individual who can bring high quality support to children in Early Years Foundation Stage. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please **click on the link on page 1**.

**Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:** We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative individual who can bring high quality support to children in Early Years Foundation Stage. This position combines classroom-based support as an Early Years Teaching Assistant with class leadership responsibilities as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please **click on the link on page 1**.

**Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:** We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative individual who can bring high quality support to children in Early Years Foundation Stage. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please **click on the link on page 1**.

**Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:** We are looking to appoint a Breakfast Club Assistant to join our thriving and extremely popular Breakfast Club community, working with an amazing, already established, team of likeminded people, committed to offering first class 'wraparound' care to our Riverbridge children. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please **click on the link on page 1**.

**Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:** We are looking to appoint an After School Club Assistant to join our thriving and extremely popular After School Club community, working with an amazing, already established, team of likeminded people, committed to offering first class 'wraparound' care to our Riverbridge children. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please **click on the link on page 1**.



FOWO

### Christmas cards created with love – Order before the deadline

You would have all received your card with your children's designs for Christmas Cards this year. Don't forget to scan the QR code or log on and place your order for the School Christmas Card Project this year before the deadline of **11 October 2026!**

As a school we will raise valuable funds from your purchases (**FOWO gets 30%**) so you're not just getting professionally printed gifts and cards, but helping the school at the same time. It's great when all the orders are delivered to school and we can hand them out to the kids rather than having them delivered home (with you having to pay the postage).

**Log in here and search for Walton Oak:** [order.schollprintwork.co.uk/find](https://order.schollprintwork.co.uk/find)

### Rules are made to be broken – For one day only!!

On **Wednesday 14 October 2026**, swap standard uniform for some silly fun for "Break the Rules Day". These are the rules that can be broken for the day:

- Wear Non-Uniform
- Wear Nail Varnish
- Temporary Tattoos/Face Paint
- Squash in Your Water Bottle
- Any Snack (NO NUTS)
- Odd Shoes/Socks
- Crazy Hair
- Wear Your Jumper Backwards

**How it works:** Cash can be handed to your teacher or paid on Classlist to support FOWO and help raise funds for our school - 50p per broken rule or go for £3 for ALL of them! **Pay on Classlist -**

<https://app.classlist.com/s/W3QDEA>

### Esher Fireworks are ready to spark a fantastic night for FOWO

As Autumn arrives and the evenings draw in, there are plenty of firework displays popping up across the local area — from low-bang shows to full funfair extravaganzas. This year, we're excited to share that FOWO has teamed up with **Esher Rugby** to offer a special promotional code for their fireworks night on **Friday 06 November**.

**Book your tickets for the Esher Rugby Fireworks below and help support FOWO and Walton Oak at the same time.** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/esher-rugbys-2026-fireworks-night-tickets-1996970204639?aff=WaltonOak>

Using this code when booking your tickets means that **a proportion of the ticket sales will be donated directly to FOWO**, helping us support the school while you enjoy a fantastic community event.

Keep in touch with us on socials



[@friendsofwaltonoak](https://www.instagram.com/friendsofwaltonoak)



[FriendsofWaltonOak](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofWaltonOak)



[fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)



## Celebrations



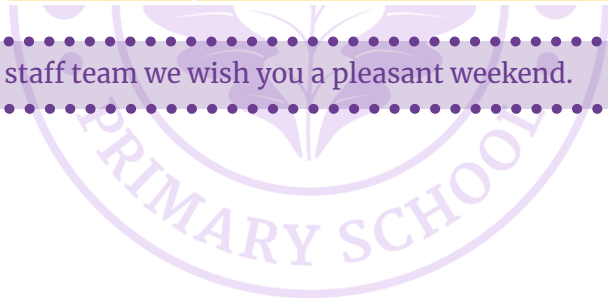
### Gold Leaves

Well done to the following children who all received a gold leaf this week for following our Walton Oak Way Values:



|                  |                                                                                                          |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Hedgehogs</b> | Arabella, Reign, Navy, Barney, Theo, Ayaan, Polina, Mason & Kayson                                       |
| <b>Squirrels</b> | George, Elsie, Nathalia, Mylo-James, Elsie, Nathalia                                                     |
| <b>1N</b>        | Toby, Louis & Elodie                                                                                     |
| <b>2H</b>        | Alice                                                                                                    |
| <b>3C</b>        | Luke, Muhammed & Cole                                                                                    |
| <b>4C</b>        | Eva C, Sienna & Abi                                                                                      |
| <b>4PA</b>       | Evie, Rudraam & Sandra                                                                                   |
| <b>5R</b>        | Brandon                                                                                                  |
| <b>5BD</b>       | Jazib, Theo, Ronnie & Jasmine                                                                            |
| <b>6B</b>        | Omar, Musbah, Joseph, Libby, Ben, Jaxon, Amelia, Lyra-Jane, Tommy, Brody, Elliot, Georgia, Noah & Adiyat |
| <b>6J</b>        | Alex & Suraiya                                                                                           |

On behalf of the Walton Oak staff team we wish you a pleasant weekend.





## Upcoming dates for the diary

|                                                 |                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct                        | Butterflies Stay, Play & Learn 9-10am    |
| Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct                       | Ladybirds Stay, Play & Learn 9-10am      |
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct | HALF TERM                                |
| Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov                         | Parent Teacher Consultations 1.50-4.30pm |
| Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov                         | Parent Teacher Consultations 4-7pm       |
| Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Yr6 Bristol Residential                  |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov                        | Individual/Sibling Photos                |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Antibullying week                        |
| Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov                        | FOWO Christmas Fair                      |
| Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Y6 Bikeability                           |
| Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec                         | Flu Vaccinations R-Yr6                   |







## FUTURE ENGINEERS CAMP

**DESIGN • BUILD • CODE • PLAY**

**Become a game creator at our exciting two-day coding camp!**

**Can your child build the city of the future?**

Over two action-packed days, young creators will explore Minecraft coding, automation and creative problem-solving before teaming up for the ultimate challenge: designing and building their very own futuristic city!

From smart buildings and transport systems to sustainable features and interactive creations, their imagination is the only limit.

**Key Information**

Venue: St. George's College Weybridge

Dates: 29-30 October (2-day camp)

Times: 8:30am - 4pm

Ages: 8-13



**BOOK NOW!**

\*\*USE CODE TWQ196 FOR A £20 DISCOUNT UNTIL MIDNIGHT 15 OCTOBER\*\*

**net**

## NEARLY NEW SALE

**Buy preloved maternity, baby and items for children age 0 to 11+ including clothes, toys, books and much more**

**Entry £2 per person (children free)**  
**Cash, contactless and major credit/debit cards accepted**

Sunday 15th November, 2pm - 3.30pm  
 The Echelford Primary School

Sponsored by:  **STAINES PREPARATORY SCHOOL**  
Educating today's children for the challenges of tomorrow



## Free half-term activities

Activities suitable for primary school aged children




**10:30am to 12:30pm**

**Join us for Shout! stay and play activities on Wednesday 21 October at Lower Green Community Centre**

Join us for a session packed with:

-  arts and crafts
-  indoor play
-  story time
-  music and movement

**No booking needed!**

Visit [elmbridge.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://elmbridge.gov.uk/holidayactivities) to see all activities available this October half-term.



**Elmbridge**  
Borough Council

## Free half-term activities

Activities suitable for primary school aged children




**10:30am to 12:30pm**

**Join us for Shout! stay and play activities on Thursday 29 October at Coronation Recreation Ground.**

Join us for a session packed with:

-  arts and crafts
-  indoor play
-  story time
-  music and movement

**No booking needed!**

Visit [elmbridge.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://elmbridge.gov.uk/holidayactivities) to see all activities available this October half-term.



**Elmbridge**  
Borough Council

Call 01932 565764 to book your place





## Need fun, reliable childcare this holiday? Let your kids get creative the eco-friendly way through my EcoKids Craft Camps

I'm Jacqui, a Furniture Artist, a keen upcycler, former Assistant Headteacher and I love to teach. I've helped over 60 adults and nearly 40 children this year upcycle household items saving them from landfill.

### Features and Benefits

- ✓ Small class sizes (max 8) so your children can learn a new skill
- ✓ A new upcycling craft is taught daily leaving with a beautifully upcycled item.
- ✓ Additional craft activities available using recycled materials
- ✓ Learn about sustainability and the circular economy
- ✓ Fully inclusive environment with an experienced SEN teacher
- ✓ 15 years teaching experience as well as development of the art curriculum in schools.
- ✓ Stunning studio on the banks of the River Thames, Shepperton.
- ✓ Half Day and Full Day Craft Camps are available with the option to extend the day to suit you (additional cost).

October Half Term Camp dates:  
Week 1 - 20th to 22nd October  
Week 2 - 26th to 30th October

£30 half day EcoKids Craft Camps 10am-12.30pm.  
£55 full day EcoKids Craft Camps 10-3pm  
Discount available for 2 or more children.



Jacqui@vintagechicreloved.co.uk  
07516 573 868

"Such a lovely class, my daughter loved it and made something sustainable to keep! Great welcome activity - thank you!" - Rachel  
vintagechicrelovedbyjacqui



For All  
The  
Family

1st Saturday  
of the month  
1.30pm-3.30pm

## Museum Makes

Join us for a fun family craft activity where imagination meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!



FREE  
DROP IN  
SESSION



Chertsey Museum, 33 Windsor Street, Chertsey KT16 8AT  
chertseymuseum.org



**DON'T DELAY!  
ORDERING CLOSES  
VERY SOON!**

Order your school Christmas cards now!  
Os Smith  
Partner Class  
Silverton Primary School  
To place an order for your class visit:  
[www.order.schoolprintworld.co.uk](http://www.order.schoolprintworld.co.uk)  
or scan the QR code to go directly to your child's page.  
11th November 2023

**ORDER.SCHOOLPRINTWORLD.CO.UK/FIND**

**HALF TERM  
NETBALL  
CAMP!**

£26 PER SESSION

UNLEASH YOUR NETBALL SKILLS THIS HALF TERM!  
27TH, 28TH & 29TH OCTOBER  
9.30 - 12.30  
SPORTS HALL, THREE RIVERS ACADEMY, HERSHAM, KT12 5EJ  
SCHOOL YEARS 3 - 8

[www.surreynetballcoaching.co.uk/camps](http://www.surreynetballcoaching.co.uk/camps)

SURREY  
NETBALL  
COACHING



QR code

**ESHER RUGBY**

# ESHER RUGBY Fireworks NIGHT

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**GATES OPEN 5PM | FIREWORKS DISPLAY 8PM**

**FUNFAIR** **STREET FOOD VENDORS** **BEER & MULLED WINE** **DJ**

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**  
DON'T MISS ESHER RUGBY'S BIGGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR!

★ UNDER 2s ARE FREE ★ UNDER 16s - MUST BE WITH AN ADULT (PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE) ★



**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2026**  
**GATES OPEN AT 5:30PM**

**SAXON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA** **BAR** **RAFFLE** **CRAFT STALLS** **FIREFWORKS** **GAMES STALLS** **FOOD STALLS**

SPONSORED BY

**bazely & co**  
Independent estate agents

**Brown Bag Crisps**

QR code

**WEST END GARAGE**  
Your Local Kia Dealership  
[www.westendgarage.co.uk](http://www.westendgarage.co.uk)

BUY TICKETS HERE  
<https://www.eventline.co.uk/tickets/saxon-primary-school-fireworks-night>  
<https://www.eventline.co.uk/tickets/saxon-primary-school-fireworks-night>