



## FRIDAY 3 MARCH 2023

It has been a great start to our new half term and wonderful to see our daffodils starting to open reminding us this is the Spring Term!  
It is so busy in school with exciting learning opportunities and we are keen to share them with you, more details below!  
Welcome Mrs Frampton

### Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above.  
Children need to be in school every day and on time to ensure the best chance of reaching their potential.  
Please remember that where possible, medical appointments should be made out of school time and the school will not authorise leave in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.  
Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to each parent for each child.

### Attendance at the end of this week

Whole school: **92.9%** compared to 93.5% nationally  
Year 1: **93.4%** (93.1 nationally)  
Year 2: **94.0%** (93.9 nationally)  
Year 3: **95.0%** (94.2 nationally)  
Year 4: **92.0%** (94.2% nationally)  
Year 5: **92.0%** (94.1% nationally)  
Year 6: **92.1%** (93.9 nationally)

Our analysis shows that boys attendance is lower than girls—so **if you are a boy in Year 4, 5 or 6, we really need you in school every day!**

### Facebook

The school now has its own Facebook page where we hope to share with you key events, reminders and information about the school. You can search for Somersetford Primary School and see our first few posts. We will be keeping the Twitter account where there will be more photos, but there will be more information on the Facebook page which hopefully you will find useful.  
If you have any questions, please contact the school as usual. Please do not ask them on the Facebook page as we will not monitor this daily and may miss your question. Remember to like and follow the page!

### Internet Safety

There is a great website [Skips Safety Net \(skipseducational.org\)](https://www.skipseducational.org) with lots of parent guides which are really helpful in keeping children safe on line. It is really important to understand what our children are using and how we can ensure it is used safely.

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### Arbor app

Thank you to those parents who have already set up their Arbor account and downloaded the app. If you need any help with this the lovely office team are really keen to support—just give them a call or pop in and see them. You will need this app to order school meals so please don't ignore it!

### Changes to gates and times for Y1

From after Easter, **17 April**, we will no longer be using the back gate. This means Year 1 will enter and leave from the front gate from 17 April. It also means **NO** children will be able to enter or leave from the back gate and everyone will need to use the front gate. The timings for Y1 will change slightly. From 17 April, Y1 will start at 8.50am and leave at 3.15pm.

### School Council Fundraiser

I hope all the children enjoyed wearing their PJs to school on Friday! We raised another £147.50 towards the playground equipment the School Council are saving for.

### Rags to riches collection

Thank you for all your donations. We raised just over £56. We have booked another collection for the summer term so you can have another sort out!

### World Book Day

The children all looked fantastic yesterday—thank you for your help with costumes. We learnt some great new words and tried to use them in our writing too! The children really enjoyed our poetry based learning through the day and especially enjoyed you coming to learn with them in the afternoon. Thank you for coming! Your child will bring home a paper token for a special World Day book.

### Books at Bedtime

We were so pleased to run this event again—it is a firm favourite with children, staff and parents! Thank you to Mrs Hudson for organising the event along with all our World Book Day activities and to Mrs Vey and Mrs Northey for the delicious hot chocolate!

### Reminder

Please do not bring dogs on to the school site. Thank you.

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### Theft

Sadly we have had two scooters stolen from the bike shelter at the front of school. We have the theft recorded on CCTV and have reported the crime to the police. We would really like to be able to return the scooters to their owners so if you have any information, please let us know.

We suggest that you do not leave scooters or bikes here overnight or at the weekend and make sure you always lock your bike or scooter when leaving it at school. A reminder that we cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to items you choose to leave on the school site.

### Year 6 transition

On Wednesday parents of children in Y6 found out which secondary school their child has been offered. Now we have this information we can begin our transition programmes. If you feel your child will need more support as they transition to secondary school please let us know so we can plan this in. Steph, our Navigator, will be running some 'Moving on up' sessions for Y6 children and parents in the summer term.

### Easter holiday club

We are just waiting for confirmation from BCP about some final details then we will be able to send home booking information for our Easter holiday club run by Premier Education. Please look out for the flyer and remember your child will be entitled to a free space if you are registered for benefit related free school meals.

### Honeypot residential

We are really pleased to be taking a second group of Y5s to Honeypot for a 4 day residential. A parents' meeting is being held on 7th March after school. If your child is going on the residential, please come along to the meeting. Thank you to Mr Walsh for organising this wonderful experience.

### Annual reports

Our annual reports will be sent home to parents on 17th March. We will then offer parent consultations on 28th and 29th March. If your child has very recently joined the school you will receive a summary letter on 17th March detailing how they have settled and a full report in July.

### Date of next newsletter

Friday 17th March 2023

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