



# JUNE

## FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2024

SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

I hope you all had a good half term break. I can't believe we are in our last half term of this year! It's a busy one so keep an eye on Marvellous Me and the newsletters.  
Mrs Frampton

### Rags 2 Riches

Our next collection is on 4th July. Why not drop your bags off on your way to cast your vote!

### After school club

We really need you to share your views so we can get a provision that works for you. The survey takes 2 minutes to complete. Please visit the link:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/P9jhEaL3g3>  
Thank you.

### Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above.  
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.

Year group	School	National
1	92.6%	94.3%
2	91.3%	94.6%
3	92.8%	94.8%
4	92.1%	94.8%
5	93.5%	94.5%
6	90.0%	94.4%

These figures are well below national expectations. Please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day they can be.

### Next newsletter— Friday 21 June 2024

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### **New lunch provider– Educatering**

From September, we will no longer be using HC3S to over see our meal provision and will be moving to Goosemoor's Educatering.

We are really excited about the new menus and the quality of food. Our School Council have tasted the food and now it is your turn as parents!

**Rob and the team from Educatering will be at the gates at pick up time on Wednesday 12th June with samples of food for you to try.**

The food will still be cooked by Mrs Barnes and her team and you will still be able to book and pay for meals on Arbor. New menus will be shared soon.

### **Welcome to the team!**

We are really pleased to inform you that Miss Bennett, who is currently working as a teacher in our Reception class team, will be staying with us next year.

Parents and children will be informed which teachers will be in which year group next year on Thursday 27th June before our 'Meet the Teacher' day on Friday 28th June.

### **After school provision open afternoon**

Next **Friday, 14th June**, Premier will be holding an after school provision open afternoon. The room will be open for parents and children to visit and try out some of the activities on offer. There will be games and treats and Premier staff on hand to talk to you about the provision and answer any questions.

There will also be some vouchers for free and discounted sessions.

Please pop along and have a look at what is on offer!

### **Summer Holiday Club**

Premier will be running our holiday club again this summer. It will run from 29th July to 23rd August on our school site from 9am to 3pm.

This club is free for any child on free school meals and a link will be sent to book on via Marvellous Me. There are also spaces available for children not on free school meals for a reasonable cost. A link will be sent home for this booking too.

### **Leeson House**

What a great adventure Year 4 had on their residential! They were impeccably behaved and had a wonderful time. I hope you saw the updates on Twitter and Facebook. Thank you to Mrs Whitehead, Mrs Roberts and Miss Wang for organising and attending the visit.

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### Changes to attendance rules for all schools from September 2024

Changes will come in to force from September 2024 as introduced by the DfE. Some of these have been widely reported in the media but not all. We have been asked by the DfE to share these messages with you so you are fully informed.

- All schools will be asked to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons in a rolling 10 week period
- The fine will be £80 per parent if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid within 28 days
- If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any 3 year period, it will automatically be charged at £160
- Fines will be capped to 2 fines within any 3 year period. After this, legal action such as a Parenting Order or prosecution will be considered
- If you are prosecuted for your child not attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500
- The DfE have made it clear that any form of holiday is not considered an 'exceptional circumstance' and as such would not be authorised. The 'H' code will be removed from September and therefore schools cannot code any absence as a holiday

### Uniform

Please remember we have a good stock of pre loved uniform available. Whilst we expect the children to continue to wear uniform we don't want you to buy new this end of the year. Please come and ask us if there is anything you need.

### Outstanding payments

If your child uses Breakfast Club or you order lunches and are not entitled to free school meals, it is vital these are paid for promptly. The school does not have the funds to subsidise these payments. Unfortunately, moving forward, if we do not receive payment by the end of the week, your child will not be able to use Breakfast Club or we will not be able to provide a lunch until the debt is cleared.

If you need some support financially, please do come and talk to us as we are likely to be able to help.

Please also check if your child is eligible for free school meals by checking at [Services · BCP Council Online](#)

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### Young Carers at Somerset Primary

On Monday we held our Young Carers groups.

The children started the session exploring feelings and how to talk about them and then they learnt some useful calming strategies for when they feel overwhelmed. Then they learnt how to make moon dough; which is a lovely sensory activity. I have included the recipe in case you would like to have a go with your children.

It's a cheap and fun activity has the following benefits:

1. Sensory exploration. Cloud Dough provides a multi-sensory experience. Children can explore how it feels (touch), looks (sight), and even smells (smell, if you add scented oils). This stimulates their sensory processing and helps them learn about the world around them.
2. Fine motor development. Moulding, squeezing, and manipulating Cloud Dough helps children build their fine motor skills. These skills are crucial for tasks such as writing, buttoning clothes, or tying shoelaces.
3. Creativity. Given its mouldable nature, cloud dough can be anything a child wants it to be – from pretend food to a construction site, the possibilities are endless. This stimulates their creativity and imagination.
4. Emotional regulation. The tactile experience of playing with cloud dough can be therapeutic. It can help children calm down, focus, and manage their emotions.

Mrs Macmillan

125g of cornflour  
65g of Hair conditioner  
3 table spoons of baby oil.

Add the ingredients in a big bowl and get your child to use their hands to kneed it until a soft playdough is formed. Add more oil or conditioner if it gets dry.

### Reminder of upcoming dates

- Relationships and sex education meeting for Y6 parents Monday 10th June 3.30
- Avon Tyrell meeting for Y5 parents regarding next year's visit Monday 10th June 3.30
- Y5 trip to Brownsea Island Tuesday 11th June
- Educatering food tasting for parents Wednesday 12th June 3.30
- New Reception parent meeting Wednesday 12th June 1.45
- Y6 swimming Thursday 13th June
- Active travel day Friday 14th June
- After school provision open afternoon Friday 14th June

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New After School Child Care Provision!!  
NOW OPEN!  
Book NOW!  
Details below

### After school child care provision

We are really excited to let you know that our after school child care club, run by Premier Education is now open. The club will run from the end of the school day until 5.30pm. You can book your child for either

**End of day until 5.30 (£9)**

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875746>

**End of day until 4.30 (£4)**

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875743>

**4.30-5.30 (if your child is going to a sports club at school first) (£5)**

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875748>

Children will have a snack and a drink and take part in a range of activities. The club will be held in the old computing room near the Y5 and Y6 gate. Collection is from the outside doors to the room which will be clearly signed.

Booking is essential and children cannot attend the provision without payment being made in advance. Booking can be made until 2pm on the previous day.

We appreciate the costs are higher than Breakfast Club which is run by the school.

The only way we are able to keep costs of Breakfast Club as low as they are is because we receive funding from the National Schools Programme and Waitrose.

This funding is only available to school breakfast clubs.

Premier Education do accept childcare vouchers.

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