



JUNE

FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2024

SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are predicted some warmer weather next week. Please ensure your child has a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream applied before school. Thank you.
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% | 94.2% |
| 2 | 93.6% | 94.6% |
| 3 | 92.7% | 94.7% |
| 4 | 91.8% | 94.7% |
| 5 | 93.8% | 94.5% |
| 6 | 90.0% | 94.3% |

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

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Stay and Play sessions at Somerford Hub

Stay and Play in the summer holidays will focus on getting children ready to start school in September.

The topics will be:

- Sharing – Friday 2nd August 1 to 2:30
- Listening and understanding – Friday 9th August 1 to 2:30
- Using sentences – Friday 16th August 1 to 2:30
- Care needs – Friday 23rd August 1 to 2:30
- Showing curiosity – Friday 30th August 1 to 2:30

Somerford Hub workshops

Sleep and Anxiety Workshop (For children aged 5-11)
26th June 1:30 to 2:30

Moving on Up (For all Year 6 parents transitioning to Secondary school)
3 July 1:30 to 2:30

Hello from the Pastoral Office! June is Pride Month and this is an opportunity to celebrate people being proud of who they are! In Pride Month people come together in love and friendship to celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community all over the world. At Somerford Primary we are proud to be inclusive and we want our pupils to know they can be themselves and they should be proud of who they are! I am going to be running a Pride Poster colouring competition during June. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize. Entries should be an A4 poster with the theme of "Pride". Please bring your named posters to the office by Friday 28th June.

Mrs Macmillan



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.

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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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New Reception children

It has been wonderful to start getting to know our new Reception children. The final induction session is on Tuesday 27th June at 1.30. This time please drop your children off at the classroom door and then leave for an hour of your own time! Please collect the children between 2.30 and 2.45.

Reminder of upcoming dates

- Monday 24th-Friday 28th—Assessment week
- Tuesday 25th—Choir singing at Avon Reach nursing home
- Wednesday 26th—Y5 at Taster morning at The Grange School
- Wednesday 26th—new YR drop and go session
- Thursday 27th—Year 2 trip to Bolderwood
- Thursday 27th—new teacher information to parents
- Thursday 27th—Parent coffee morning
- Thursday 27th—Y1 at Dance Festival
- Thursday 27th—Y6 swimming
- Friday 28th—Meet the Teacher morning and Y6 transition day
- Monday 1st—Friday 5th July—Y6 residential to Avon Tyrell
- Wednesday 3rd July—Choir singing at Somerset Arc
- Wednesday 3rd July—8 Y1/2 children at mini Olympics
- Thursday 4th July—Rags to riches collection
- Thursday 4th July—Y6 swimming for those not on residential
- **Monday 8th July—SCHOOL CLOSED to pupils—staff training day**

Welcome to our 'Online Safety Tip of The Week'

On each newsletter, we will provide you with some useful hints, tips, guides and fact sheets from the National Online Safety ([Online Safety Training For Schools | National Online Safety \(nationalcollege.com\)](https://www.nationalcollege.com)) website that you as parents and carers will be able to use to help keep your child safe whilst online.

This week's free online safety guide focuses on '[Five Nights at Freddy's](#)'.

FNAF is a series of indie point-and-click horror games whose word-of-mouth success and widespread spin-off content on YouTube have helped each of the nine instalments so far to sell almost five million copies on Steam (the PC gaming platform) alone. Set in various deserted locations at night, with creepy animatronic characters suddenly coming to life, the games are rated PEGI 12 for disturbing / violent content, mild profanity and horror themes.

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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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