



FRIDAY 28 MARCH 2025

SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ove this half term we have surveyed our parents and pupils and next half term our staff team will complete their annual survey. We will then have a complete picture of things we are doing well and things we can improve. This is so important to us.

I will be sharing the outcomes of the parent survey with you next week and then I'll keep you updated on actions we take to respond to any feedback. Thank you again for your responses.

Mrs Frampton

Pre loved uniform sale

On Tuesday after school we will have our pre loved uniform out. We have lots of summer items so it is worth having a look before you go out and buy new. If you have any uniform your children have grown out of, we would love to take it off your hands so we can put it in our stock for other parents. Thank you

Summer term INSET Day—school closed—reminder

Monday 30th June

School is closed on this day to pupils. Teachers will be in school focussing on transition and planning for the next academic year

Learning Events over the last two weeks....

- Year 4 completed their Forest School sessions with a fire and smores
- Stormbreak sessions continued for some children in Year 5
- Booster sessions for Y6 continued and children's arithmetic is getting better
- Open the Book came in to tell us another story in assembly
- Children from Y1 to Y5 worked really hard in their end of term assessments
- Reception enjoyed a blustery walk to Stanpit Marsh
- The choir sang beautifully at The Regents Centre
- Children from Year 4 and 5 shared their drama project with children from Little Explorers nursery
- Mr Moody worked with our Y5 Sports Leaders

Reminders

- We break up for Easter on Friday 4th April at the usual time. That day will be a non uniform day for Christchurch Foodbank. Please bring a tin or packet in exchange for wearing own clothes.
- We return to school on **Tuesday 22nd April** as the Monday is a bank holiday.

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A focus on attendance

Attendance continues to be a big focus for us. Our own in school analysis shows that children who have better attendance, achieve more. This was true at every statutory assessment from Reception to Year 6 last year.

We want to work with parents to improve attendance and encourage you to talk to us if your child is not wanting to come to school.

You can keep a track of your child's attendance on Arbor.

Have a look at our Spring Attendance Newsletter sent out this week for more details.

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. **This has now increased to £80 per parent, per child.**

Attendance for the last two weeks

	Year group	Attendance	96% expectation
	Whole school	92.59%	Well below
Year 4, 5 and 6— please make sure you are here every day!	1	93.35%	Below
	2	95.1%	Just below and improved
	3	93.42%	Below
	4	92.68%	Well below and a big drop
	5	91.81%	Well below and a big drop
	6	88.89%	Well below and a big drop
			Well done to Year 2 for their improvement!

Date of next newsletter

Friday 4th April

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Mrs Hudson



Mrs Hudson is our Y5 teacher and English lead.
Mrs Hudson has many important jobs in school including:

- teaching Year 5
- leading English across the school and choosing our amazing class reading books
- leading PSHE across the school
- running our School Council
- being the KS2 leader
- being part of the school's leadership team
- leading the transition from Y6 to Y7
- making sure we have lots of volunteers to help us with reading
- organising our World Book Day activities and Books at Bedtime

If you would like to contact Mrs Hudson you can email on
6jh@somerford.dorset.sch.uk or call the school office on 01202 485436.

Next time we will find out more aboutMiss Bennett!

Parent survey

Thank you to the 65 parents who completed the parent survey this year. Your views really matter to us. A short follow up survey has been sent to some parents to gain a little more detail and we really appreciate your time in completing that. The random winner of the shopping voucher was Mrs Chyzewska—congratulations!

Coming up....

- ⇒ End of term attendance assembly
- ⇒ Forest School starts for Y5 on Monday
 - ⇒ Y6 assessment week
- ⇒ Young Carers assembly and author visit
 - ⇒ Easter activities and egg hunt
 - ⇒ Easter assemblies
- ⇒ Y3 Roman dress up day on Friday
- ⇒ Non uniform day for Foodbank on Friday
 - ⇒ Easter holidays

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