

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SOMERFORD



FRIDAY 23 MAY 2025

I would like to wish you all a happy half term break. I hope the weather stays kind and you are able to rest and recharge. We look forward to seeing you at the usual times on Monday 2nd June.

Mrs Frampton

Reminders from the office team

- With the hotter weather, children often take their jumpers and cardigans off so please write their name in with a permanent marker
- Please check your child's Arbor account to make sure all data is up to date
 - Please ensure any outstanding payments are made over half term
- If your child needs medicine 3 times a day, please can this be given morning, night and straight after school, rather than being brought in to school. We are receiving a large amount of medicines in school. 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. **This has now increased to £80 per parent**, **per child**.

Attendance for the last two weeks

| Holidays! | Year group | Attendance | |
|--|--------------|------------|---------|
| We have had 7 | Whole school | 92.94% | Below |
| children on holiday over the | 1 | 94.98% | Above |
| last 2 weeks! | 2 | 90.26% | Below |
| Holidays will not be authorised in | 3 | 91.95% | In line |
| school time and a Penalty Notice will | 4 | 93.87% | Below |
| be requested. This is £80 per | 5 | 94.24% | Below |
| parent, per child | 6 | 89.92% | Below |

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Learning Events over the last two weeks....

-Year 6 were AMAZING in their SATs tests and showed real determination and Resilience—we were very proud of them!

-Year 4 continued their Stormbreak sessions with Mrs Hudson

-Our lunchtime social skills and mindfulness groups continued with Mrs Miles

-Rocksteady lessons continued after the amazing performances last week

-We enjoyed another Hot Chocolate Friday

-Year 5 enjoyed another Forest School session

-Reception and Y1 had a fantastic day at Farmer Palmers

-Y2 Maths Mates visited Bournemouth University for a celebration event

-Y5 took part in an online STEM Superstars event

-Y3 enjoyed a dance workshop with Miss Binney

-Y5 were honing their swimming skills again at Littledown

Half term

A reminder that school closes for half term on Friday 23rd May at the usual time and reopens on Monday 2nd June.

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

Last day of the year

We close for the summer holidays on Tuesday 22nd July. This will be a non uniform day for Christchurch Foodbank. **We will close at 1.30pm.**

Coming up after half term....

-Y4 go to Leeson House

-Y3 after school golf festival

-SCARF workshops in school

-Y6 swimming starts

-Y4 multiplication check—practice over half term!!

-Forest Schools starts for Y6

-Phonics screen check for Y1

-Soundstorm performance to the school

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Mrs Miles



Mrs Miles is one of our Teaching Assistants in Reception and Year 1. She is also our Thrive Assistant.

Mrs Miles has many important jobs in school including:
-teaching a RWI group
-supporting learning in Reception and Year 1
-running our Siblings Groups
-leading the Mindfulness and Social Skills groups and lunchtime
-supporting children 1:1 with their emotions and wellbeing
-supporting Mrs Macmillan with the Young Carers groups

A typical day for Mrs Miles would be working with Reception and Year 1 before break, leading her RWI group after break and working with a group of children on mindfulness at lunchtime. In the afternoon she would typically run a Siblings Group and then work with a child individually.

If you would like to contact Mrs Miles you can email on office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk or call the school office on 01202 485436. Next time we will find out more about Christina!

Lost Property

We have a few items of lost property left. If these are not claimed today they will be given to the next Bags2school collection. Please enquire at the school office if you think they could belong to your child. The full list was emailed to parents.

Date of next newsletter

Friday 6th June 2025

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