



FRIDAY 4 JULY 2025

Well done for surviving the hot weather so far! It has been great to see children with hats and water bottles and to see so many of them wearing sunscreen.

It is set to stay warm for a while longer so we should have a nice end of term.

Please do read the newsletters—we've had a few parents saying they didn't know about events that have been on here for several editions!

Mrs Frampton

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**.

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

Please remember to provide evidence for any appointments you cannot make out of school time.

Holidays continue to be unauthorised and Penalty Notices will be requested.

Year group	Attendance	
Whole school	94.15%	Below
1	93.75%	Below
2	91.81%	Below
3	95.72%	In line
4	92.29%	Below
5	94.2%	Below
6	96.54%	In line

Well done to Y3 and Y6!

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Learning events over the last two weeks....

- ⇒ A group of Y5s had a fantastic time on their Honeypot residential
- ⇒ Rocksteady band members had their last rehearsals before their end of term Performance
- ⇒ Our new Reception class enjoyed their final visit to school before September
 - ⇒ We enjoyed a fantastic sports day
 - ⇒ Year 1 and 2 took part in a mini Olympics at The Grange
 - ⇒ Reception had a sunny walk to Stanpit Marsh
 - ⇒ Year 2 enjoyed exploring the forest at Bolderwood
- ⇒ A group of Y4 and 5 children showcased their dance skills at a festival with other local schools
 - ⇒ Y6 enjoyed their final swimming lessons
- ⇒ School Council visited our friends at Avon Reach care home for a summer party
 - ⇒ Year 3 welcomed BigLittle Theatre Company to work with them

Coming up....

- ◇ Year 1 are walking to Waterman's Park on Monday
- ◇ Christchurch Library are talking to us about their Summer Reading Challenge on Tuesday
 - ◇ Our Rocksteady concert is on Tuesday afternoon
- ◇ Y5 and 6 are watching a dance company performance at The Grange School on Wednesday
- ◇ The Y4 and 5 dance group will be performing in an evening festival to parents on Wednesday
 - ◇ Y6 have their final swimming session on Thursday
- ◇ Y6 are working with an artist to create a piece of community art on Friday
 - ◇ Y6 have their final Forest Schools session on Monday 14th
- ◇ Y3 and 4 will be taking part in an after school invasion games festival on Tuesday 15th
 - ◇ Christchurch Sports Awards take place on Tuesday 15th
 - ◇ Y6 trip to Avon Beach

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Mrs Roberts



Mrs Roberts is a member of our teaching assistant team and one of our Cover Supervisors.

Mrs Roberts is currently based in Year 6 in the mornings but works across the school in the afternoons covering classes when teachers have their time out of class for planning, preparation and assessment. Mrs Roberts also covers classes if a teacher is unwell or on a training course.

Mrs Roberts loves teaching French and maths and enjoys getting to know all of the children across the school.

If you would like to contact Mrs Roberts 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 Mrs Gray!

End of year reports

On Friday 11th July, you will receive your child's end of year report which contains their reflections on the year. If your child joined since we sent the full report in the Spring Term, you will receive a full report on 11th as well. You may also receive some end of year data for your child depending on their year group:

Reception: End of EYFS assessments

Year 1: Phonics screen results

Year 2: Phonics screen result if your child did not meet the standard in Y1

Year 4: Multiplication check results

Year 6: End of KS2 assessments including SATs results

Date of next newsletter

Friday 18th July 2025

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Sparcfest

We are all looking forward to the upcoming Sparcfest event including the end of term discos! We are really grateful to Sparcs for organising and to the more than 20 staff who have volunteered to stay and help at the event.

The children have been busy making decorations for the discos and the DJ is warming up the decks.

Make sure you buy your tickets in advance on Arbor. **Booking closes on Thursday 10th July and no tickets can be bought on the night.**

Sports Day

We all had a fantastic Sports Day on Wednesday and the weather was perfect in the end. Thank you to all those parents who came along and supported. If you weren't able to make it, don't worry, we all cheered each child!

A special thank you to Sparcs for the ice pops at the end—what a brilliant treat!

The winning house was announced in Celebration Assembly today

Attenborough 304

Luther King 251

Rashford 222

Malala 216

New classes

The children all had a great morning getting to know their new adults, new rooms and new year group expectations. That morning was just the start of our transition work and we understand some children need more support than others to have a successful start in September. We will chat to you if we feel your child may benefit from a little extra and please talk to us if you have any concerns.

If your child has an EHCP, Mr Thorne will be in touch with you before the end of term to talk through what next year will look like. We have some exciting developments ahead and some support from the Local Authority to enable us to support children with EHCPs even more effectively. Watch this space!

Summer holiday food vouchers

The Council have announced they will be issuing food vouchers for the summer holidays again this year through school if your child is registered for benefit related free school meals.

This year the vouchers will be worth **£70** in total for the summer holidays for each eligible child. This is less than the previous £15 per week and will equate to about £11.66 per week per child.

Vouchers will be issued from 10th July and you will receive an email or message when they have been sent out.

If you have any questions contact the school office.

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