



FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

Welcome back!

The children have made a fantastic start to the new school year—thank you for helping them to feel so prepared. A big welcome to our new children too in Reception and across the school. It has been wonderful to see them become part of our school family so quickly. It is sad to say goodbye to 2 pupils today too—good luck in your new schools!

Uniform

We still have lots of pre loved uniform in school. If you would like some spare uniform, please talk to the team in Reception who can sort some out for you. We just ask for a small donation if you are able.

PE kit is plain black shorts or joggers and a plain white t-shirt. Children use their blue school jumper or cardigan if it is cold. Hoodies are not allowed.

Children in Y2-6 can come to school in their PE kit on their PE days. Children in Reception and Year 1 need to bring their kit in a bag and leave it at school. They will change in school to help them practice getting dressed and undressed independently.

If you have any uniform your child has outgrown, we would be grateful for it to add to our stocks.

New Year R children

We have really enjoyed welcoming our new Reception children to school and have been impressed with how quickly they are learning the routines. They have looked so smart in their school uniforms and are settling in to school life brilliantly.

The children do settle really quickly when you have left so please avoid waiting at the green gate while they are lining up.

Holiday Club

We would like to thank Premier Education for running such a fabulous holiday club over the summer. Many of our children attended and all had a great time taking part in a real range of activities. We are looking forward to welcoming them back in future holidays.

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SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our focus for this year

- To improve writing outcomes across the school
- To improve maths outcomes across the school
- To embed the 'I do, we do, you do' approach to lessons across the school

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 is £80 per parent, per child.**

Attendance at the end of this week

Research shows children who have days off in the first month are likely to be persistent absentees at the end of the year—every day counts!

Year group	Attendance	National attendance
Whole school	95.8%	95.5%
1	97.6%	95.6%
2	97.7%	95.8%
3	91.8%	96%
4	94.8%	95.8%
5	93.9%	95.7%
6	98.1%	95.3%

Well done!

A great start to the year with the whole school and 3 year groups being above national averages.

Two classes have already had non uniform days for a week's 100% attendance.

Date of next newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2025

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Staff training day—school closed to children

School will be closed on Friday 26th September for staff training.

Local area trips

For trips and visits that happen in the local area and do not involve transport, we will be asking for your consent to cover all trips this year.

These may include:

High Cross Church
Waterman's Park
Christchurch town centre
Stanpit Marsh
Christchurch Priory
Christchurch Library
Grange School
Mudeford Woods

You will always be informed of the details of the trip. The one consent form is on Arbor and you will have received an email asking you to re consent on the app.

We will continue to seek consent for those trips involving transport.

Cauliflower Cards

Every child in school will be designing a Christmas card again this year and you can choose to have these designs made in to packs of Christmas cards, present tags, mugs and much more.

The children will be creating their designs over the next few weeks and will bring a letter home with their design to show you.

If you would like to order some cards, all of the information for ordering online is on the letter. You **must return your child's design** to school by the deadline so we can send them off to Cauliflower Cards for the magic to happen!

The school receives commission on each order placed so you are helping the school as well as receiving some fantastic cards.



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Events in school so far.....

- Samba has started for Y4
- Swimming has started for Y4 and some selected Y5 and Y6 children
- Rocksteady lessons have started
- Hot Chocolate Friday is back up and running

Coming up.....

- PTA Film night
- Luca, the Reading Dog returns

A message from The Grange School

Dear Parent/Carer,

Choosing the right secondary school is one of the most important decisions you'll make for your child's future. At The Grange, we understand that — and we'd love to show you what makes our school special.

We warmly invite you to our **Open Evening on Thursday 25th September**, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. You'll have the chance to explore our classrooms, meet our dedicated staff, and hear more about our culture, ethos, and vision during a short talk at 6.00pm.

The Grange is a small school with big ambition — where every student is known, valued, and challenged to thrive. Come and see how we combine high expectations with a nurturing environment to help every child succeed.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Warm regards,

Mrs Laura Concar
Acting Head of School

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