



FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2025

As we hit October and the wetter, colder weather arrives, please can you ensure your child has a coat in school. We like to ensure the children are out as much as possible but we cannot send children out if they are not warm and dry.

Thank you.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Action Group

Looking after children's mental health is just as important as supporting their learning, especially with all the pressures young people face today. Good wellbeing helps children feel safe, happy and ready to learn.

Our Mental Health & Wellbeing Action Group has been running for a year, and we'd love some new parents to join our friendly group of staff and parents. Together we share ideas about how to promote Somerford Primary as a Mentally Healthy School for children, families and staff.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 20th October at 2.15pm** – please come along, have a cuppa, and see what it's all about.

Rags2riches collection

This is an opportunity for you to have a clear out and to help reduce waste going in to landfill. All donated clothes are currently being sent to Ukraine to support families at this difficult time.

Our next collection is **17th October**.

You are also supporting the school as we get funding for every kilogram we manage to collect. Feel free to bring your bags to school at anytime as we can store them for you.

Harvest Festival

We will be walking to Highcross Church on **Tuesday** morning for our Harvest Festival. Please ensure children have a coat in school and that you have given consent for local visits on Arbor before Tuesday.

Unfortunately, there is not room in the church to invite parents. We will be collecting for Christchurch Foodbank so would welcome donations of tins and packets to stock their shelves.

Currently they are particularly in need of UHT milk, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned tuna, custard, crisps and biscuits.

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Our focus for this year

- To embed the 'I do, we do, you do' approach to lessons across the school

We use this approach in all our lessons across all year groups. Teachers start by explicitly teaching and modelling new content in the 'I do' part. Then the class work through some examples together to ensure understanding in the 'We do' part. Finally, children are confident to practice the new skill themselves in the 'You do' part. Adults constantly check for understanding throughout the lesson and scaffolds and support is given to children who may need some more help.

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 over the last two weeks

	Year group	Attendance	Met expectation?	
We have had some bugs in school over the last couple of weeks—we hope everyone starts to feel better soon :-)	Whole school	95.78%	Broadly in line	Well done!
	1	97.78%	Above	3 year groups are continuing to track in line with expectations!
	2	93.56%	Below	
	3	95.58%	Broadly in line	
	4	94.12%	Below	
	5	92.98%	Below	
	6	96.83%	In line	

Date of next newsletter

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✦ **Parent Workshops** ✦
Supporting Neurodiverse Children
Delivered by:
 Mr Thome (SENCO) & Mrs Macmillan
 (Senior Mental Health & Pastoral Lead)

First Talk:
Understanding Neurodiversity
 📅 Thursday 16th October
 🕒 2–3pm
 📍 Somerford Primary
 ✦ *With special guest: Sue Evans*
 (SEN Parent Champion)
 Sue will introduce herself and share the
 new **support sessions** she will be
 running for parents of children with SEN
 needs.

Upcoming Talks (over the year)

- Everyday Support at Home
- School and Learning
- Emotions and Behaviour

💡 **Practical • Friendly • Easy to follow**

Come along, join the conversation, and
 leave with new ideas, strategies, and
 resources to support your child.
 All parents and carers
 welcome!

Film Club

A huge thank you to the PTA for running the first Film Club of the year tonight!

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Events in school over the last two weeks.....

- Y4 swimming continued
- Y4 samba continued

Cauliflower Cards deadline

Please ensure your child's form and card needs to be brought in to school by **Wednesday 8th October** at the very latest if you would like to place an order. After this, we will not be able to accept any further requests.

Cycle to school week—13th to 17th October

Denise from Sustrans will kick off this week with a whole school assembly on Monday and then on Tuesday there will be a Bike it Breakfast for any child who cycles to school. The team will also be running Dr Bike sessions where you can book a free bike check.

Mrs Whitehead has sent more details home.

Parent Consultations

These are being held on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October. Please book a slot with your child's class teacher if you haven't already done so.

Wellbeing Ambassadors at Somerford Primary

At Somerford Primary, we believe children's wellbeing is just as important as their learning. One way we support this is through our **Wellbeing Ambassadors**; a group of pupils trained to be friendly role models and champions for kindness. Our Ambassadors are not counsellors, & they don't "fix" problems. Instead, they:

Listen to children who may feel worried or left out.

Include others in games and activities.

Promote kindness and positive choices across the school.

Support events like World Mental Health Day and Children's Mental Health Week.

Share pupil ideas with staff so every voice is heard.

Becoming a Wellbeing Ambassador also helps the children in the role. It builds their confidence, gives them leadership experience, and helps them learn valuable life skills like empathy, listening, and teamwork.

This means the programme benefits **all children** in school – those who are supported by an ambassador, and those who are ambassadors themselves. We are proud of our Ambassadors and the way they help us make Somerford a safe, caring, and supportive place for every child.

This year our Wellbeing Ambassadors are:

Year 6 – Alexis, Kess & Evie. Year 5 – Jazmin & Leo. Year 4 – John & Ryan