



## FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2026

The newsletter is back! I am sorry that we haven't been sending newsletters this term. I am pleased to say we are back in action and we have a bumper addition for you to get you up to speed on all things #teamsomerford!

Mrs Frampton

### Easter Activities

Next week we will be walking to HighCross Church on Tuesday for our Easter service. This for children only. We will also be learning about the Easter story in school through RE lessons and assemblies. On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Cahill has organised our annual Easter Egg Hunt with our school bunnies Blue and Belle - we can't wait to see what adventures they have got up to this year!

### SPARC Discos

A huge thank you to our amazing PTA for running tonight's discos - we can't wait to show the children our moves!

### Young Carers' Afternoon

Our Young Carers will enjoy an afternoon of fun activities on Tuesday next week with Mrs Macmillan as well as some time to reflect on the amazing work they do in their homes.

### Holiday food vouchers

As you know, we issue these to parents on behalf of BCP and they have told us there will be vouchers for this holiday period for all children in receipt of benefit related free school meals. Mrs Luker has issued these this week. Please note, if you have more than one child receiving a voucher, you need to check your mobile and your email.

### Y3 Roman Day

On Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, Y3 are holding their Roman Day. Details have been sent home. Parents are invited to join their learning at 2.45pm in the hall. Please sign in at the office.

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## 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 term so far

Year group	Attendance
Whole School	94%
1	94.1%
2	91.2%
3	92.1%
4	92.9%
5	93.5%
6	94.3%

Now the winter bugs are passing, let's get those attendance figures back up to the high 90%!

Well done to Year 5 who have increased their attendance by over 2% this term.

## Attendance Awards

Next week we will give out our awards for those children who have achieved 96% or more this term. There will also be a special nomination for a child in each class who may not have quite reached 96% but has shown improvement or missed it for a specific reason - we want to notice those children too.

## Date of next newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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### School Closed for Easter Break

We close at usual times next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March for a two week break. We return to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Premier Education are running their holiday club at school during the break. If you would like to book on, please contact the office for more details. If your child is eligible for free school meals, this is a free club.

### Non uniform day

Next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, is a non uniform day for Christchurch Foodbank. Please bring a tin or packet of food as a donation. They are currently particularly in need of tinned carrots, soup, UHT milk and small Easter eggs. Thank you.

### Y5 Greek workshop donations

The deadline for paying donations for the Y5 Greek workshop is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. A decision will be made on Friday as to whether the workshop can go ahead.

### Foodbank—thank you

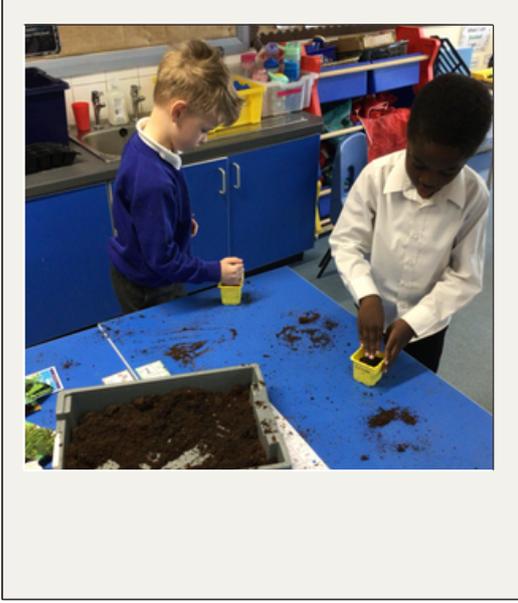
Thank you for your donations to the Foodbank today. They will be of great support to many families this Christmas. If you need any support with food over the holidays, please pop down and see Tracy and her amazing team.



In Reception we have been learning about 3D shapes and we have made 3D shape footprints. We have been busy digging out all the weeds in our garden so that we can plant vegetables. We have been Learning about Chinese New Year.

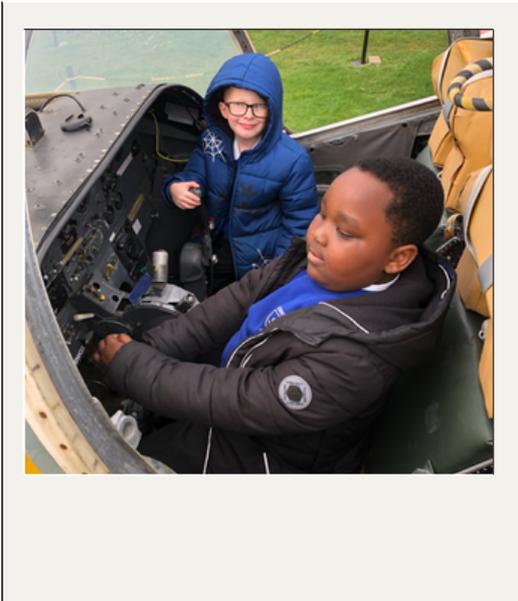
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## Year 1

This term in Y1 we have been learning about plants in Science. We have been developing our understanding of how plants grow and even had a go at planting our own seeds which are finally starting to grow! We have also enjoyed being creative in D&T where we have been designing and building kites.



Year Two have had a lovely term. We really enjoyed our trip to the Bournemouth Aviation Museum and found out lots of information about the types of aircraft there. We also had a great time taking part in the E-coding adventure organised by Get With the Program, learning about computer programming and having a go at writing our own algorithms.

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Year 3 were visited by some volunteers from Vitality who supported us in our computer coding on March 19th. We really enjoyed learning to program a robot and exploring Scratch. Also, this term we have been learning about plants and flowers. Our favourite session was when we were allowed to dissect a flower to find all the different features including the stigma, stamen, anthers, petals and ovary.



This spring term, Year 4 have been developing their writing skills by creating persuasive letters about deforestation, focusing on how to include strong arguments to support their opinions. In geography, they have explored where tropical rainforests grow around the world and why these environments are so important to every living thing, including us. Alongside this, pupils have been learning to code using Scratch and Stop Motion Animation, building their confidence in creating simple programs and animations.

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Year 5 have had a fun and exciting term. We visited the Tudor House Museum in Southampton, we had our own Tudor day and yesterday we visited the Christchurch library.



This term, Y6 have explored the circulatory system and written explanation texts in our science lessons. In History, we have been learning about WW2 and the impact it had on Britain. We had a fantastic trip to the Tank Museum to support our learning. We have also been learning about rivers in geography and we identified some of the major rivers of the world.