



FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2026

SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We've reached the end of our Spring Term already! Thank you all for your support and engagement with us this term. It is a highlight of my day seeing you all at the gate - even though it has usually been raining! Thank you also for the fantastic attendance at our events. I know how tricky it can be to come in to school during the day so it has been wonderful to see the school full of parents on several occasions.

Mrs Frampton

Easter Activities

I must say a HUGE thank you to Mrs Cahill for organising an incredibly fun Easter egg hunt this year. The adventures of Blue and Belle and all their baby bunnies were quite something - they even went on a cruise! The extra work these things take does not go unnoticed and we are all very grateful.

Cake Sale

Thank you for supporting the School Council with their fundraising efforts at the cake sale this week. They raised close to £150!

Thank you from the Foodbank

Thank you for your generous donations today. They will make a real difference to families in need of a little extra support over the holidays.

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.

Easter holiday

School closes today for a two week break. We re open on Monday 13th April.
We hope you all enjoy a lovely holiday with family and friends.

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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 school year to date

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

Well done to Year 1 for exceeding national attendance figures and developing good habits.

Year group	Attendance	National
Whole School	94%	94.6%
1	94.9%	94.5%
2	92.9%	94.9%
3	92.5%	95.2%
4	94.0%	95.1%
5	92.2%	95.0%
6	94.3%	94.7%

Attendance Drop Ins

After Easter we will be holding weekly Attendance Drop In sessions where you can pop in or call - no appointment needed - to ask a question about attendance or get some support if you are worried about your child's attendance. Mrs Frampton, Mrs Northey and Mrs Macmillan will all be available to chat to you over a cuppa.

Dates and times will be shared after the holidays.

Date of next newsletter

Friday 17th April 2026

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National Year of Reading

The government has called 2026 the year of reading and at Somersetford we are delighted to take part as we love all things reading!

So far, classes have made reading pledges, we've had an extreme reading challenge and enjoyed World Book Day and Books at Bedtime amongst other things.

This holiday, why not try and visit Christchurch Library, they always have fun holiday activities on as well as a quiet space to share books and stories together.

Remember the power of reading a bedtime story to your child too - it is invaluable!

Holiday activities

There are lots of brilliant, family friendly activities happening across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole this Easter - perfect for keeping children busy, active and creative. From outdoor trails and seaside adventures to crafts, museum sessions and fun at our leisure centres, there's something for all ages to enjoy.

Many activities are free or low cost, and there are options both indoors and outdoors, whatever the weather. It's a great chance to get out together, explore our local area and make some lovely spring memories.

Full Easter Programme [here](#).

SPARC holiday activity

SPARC, our PTA, have created a really fun activity for all families over the holiday period. It's called a Doorstep Adventure and it is an interactive trail that takes you around our local area looking for clues and learning about our area.

You can sign up for FREE here <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/doorstep-adventure--1-2>



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