



FRIDAY 17 JULY 2026

SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we approach the end of the term, this newsletter has lots of information to help you navigate the summer holidays. We know it can be a tricky time and we have signposted you to lots of things that may help.

Mrs Frampton

Staff Leavers

At the end of this academic year we will be saying goodbye to a few of our colleagues who are moving on to their next adventures. We want to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the children and families of Somerford Primary and wish them the very best as they move on.

Miss Southam is moving to teach in Egypt

Mrs Cahill is retiring after 24 years at the school

Miss Lucas is starting her teacher training

Miss Bennie is training to be a Educational psychologist

BCP Libraries - summer activities

Library Summer Reading Challenge: This year's official Read to the Beat book collection includes books about musicians, characters discovering music, sound science, cultural traditions, rhythm, storytelling through sound, breaking down barriers to music, creative expression and following your dreams.

Story Doors Trail: [Story Doors Trail | BCP](#) 24 local schools have each created a story door, and there's one hidden in every library. Download the map to begin the trail.

[Whats-on-children-and-families-summer-2026.pdf](#)

Pre Loved Uniform

SPARC, our PTA, have opened an online shop for our pre loved uniform. It shows you exactly what stock we have available and you can collect, for no delivery charge, from school. If you need an item and you are struggling to access the shop, come and talk to us in school and we will help.

You can access the shop here:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/somerford-primary-association-for-recreation-and-community-sparcs-shop>

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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 year

Year group	Attendance	National
Whole School	94.4%	94.5%
1	94.6%	94.5%
2	94.6%	94.8%
3	94.6%	95.0%
4	93.0%	94.9%
5	93.5%	94.8%
6	93.4%	94.5%



Dorset Mental Health Support Team in Schools

FREE PARENT & CARER WEBINARS

LOOKING FOR PRACTICAL TIPS AND SUPPORT TO HELP YOUR CHILD THRIVE?

THE MHST OFFERS A RANGE OF FREE PRE-RECORDED WEBINARS FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND ANYONE SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

Webinar access form: bit.ly/4wAOCxo

OR CHECK OUT OUR PODCAST
ALL EPISODES - AVAILABLE FREE ON SPOTIFY

bit.ly/MHSTPodcast

The MHST understands that the summer holidays can be both an enjoyable and challenging time for parents and carers, particularly when balancing work, childcare and family life. To support families over the summer period, they have put together a range of resources, practical advice, and signposting to local and national services

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The DfE have asked us to share this with parents and carers...

Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

FREE BREAKFAST FOR SUMMER: MORRISONS AND KELLOGG'S TEAM UP TO FEED FAMILIES

Families visiting their local Morrisons Café throughout the summer holidays can enjoy a free 'Kellogg's Breakfast', which includes a bowl of cereal and a portion of fruit. The best part, it's not just for kids, adults get to eat completely free too.

From 29.06.2026 – 06.09.2026

This offer is redeemable all-day Monday to Sunday.

Simply say 'Kellogg's Breakfast' at the till point at any UK Morrisons Café to receive breakfast, which includes a free portion pack of Cornflakes (24g), Rice Krispies (22g) with milk or milk alternative (125ml).

Limit of 1 breakfast per customer per day.

Offer is not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash.

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Support with access to food over the holidays

BCP Access to Food: Where to get food bank vouchers, Community Fridges, pantries and social supermarkets [Access to Food Partnership - local food banks and community fridges](#) | [BCP](#)

Access to Food Map: [Food Map](#) Map showing location of food banks, Community Fridges, pantries and social supermarkets

Kids Eat Free: <https://familysaveuk.co.uk/kids-eat-free>

CAP: [Where kids eat for free: summer holidays 2025 guide](#) | [CAP UK](#)

Where can Kids Eat for Free in Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole? [Where can Kids Eat for Free in Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole? - Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Mumbler](#)

Activities over the summer holidays

Family events: [Family Events - Bournemouth](#)

Primary Times: [Family activities and events for primary school children](#) | [Primary Times](#)

Dorset Mums: [Welcome to Dorsetmums](#) - lists great places to go, children's classes, half term and seasonal events, useful contacts, family campsites, pubs with play areas and more!

Cafes: [Cafes - The Parks Foundation](#) What's On

Events: [Events - The Parks Foundation](#)

Young Ranger Work Experience: 16+ [Ranger Work Experience - The Parks Foundation](#)

Soundstorm: [SoundStorm Music Education Agency](#) | [Bournemouth](#)

MBN Arts: [Holiday Clubs & Public Workshops - MBN Arts](#)

Coda Music and Arts Trust: [What's on — CODA](#)

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Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole
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Your Local Parenting Community

SUMMER ACTIVITY IDEAS FOR YOUR MINI MUMBLERS

Print this sheet & colour in when you've done the activity. We've left some blank so you can add your own favourites too. Have a great summer!

#Mumblerhood

FREE OUT & ABOUT		FREE AT HOME		PAID ACTIVITY	
DECORATE A CAKE	VISIT THE NEW FOREST	LITTLEDOWN MINIATURE RAILWAY	MOVIE DAY	POOLE MUSEUM	TREASURE HUNT TRAIL (WIMBORNE & POOLE)
	POTTERY PAINTING	GARDEN CAMP OUT	GO TO THE SEASIDE		PERFORM A STORY BOOK
TANK MUSEUM	PADDLING POOL	DURDEL DOOR	PYO FRUIT FARM	LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE	FEED THE DUCKS
HOMEMADE PLAY DOUGH	POOH STICKS	MINI GOLF	CARPET PICNIC	SPLASH PARK	UPSIDEDOWN HOUSE
MOORS VALLEY	CORFE CASTLE	TREASURE HUNT	SWANAGE RAILWAY	COLOURING AFTERNOON	VISIT YOUR FAVOURITE FARM
BROWNSEA ISLAND	GO CYCLING		BH AVIATION MUSEUM	GO CRABBING	PATIO CHALK DRAWING

For more summer holiday ideas visit bcp.mumbler.co.uk

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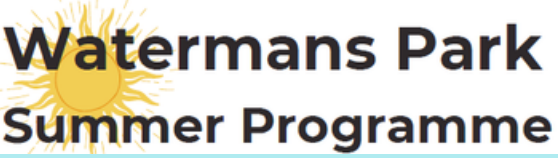


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Apps to be aware of

Over the summer holidays children tend to have more screen time. It is important you know what apps your child is using and what risks these may pose. Attached to this newsletter is a helpful summary guide to the most common apps children and young people are using. Our website has more detailed information.




Park Life Family fun drop in sessions Mondays 10am-12pm A summer series of nature and sports based activities for the whole family. From bug hunting to craft making to playing volleyball and football, come and see what we are up to - each week will be different! Free, Just drop in to the park: 26th July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd Aug 10am-12pm 	Summer Football Sessions Football training for 7 - 13 year olds 4.30-5.30pm Friday 30th July August - Thursday 5th & 12th, Friday 20th & 27th We've teamed up with Poole Town FC's Kids Initiative and their coaching partners Champion sports group to provide a summer of football fun. Free Event, booking through Eventbrite. 
Watermans Family Picnic with ARC Saturday 24th July 12:30 - 2:30pm We will be at the park for some nature based activities. Come and find our camouflage critters and make some nature-based crafts. Drop In - no need to book. 	Wildlife Exploration Walk Saturday 31st July 9.30 - 10.30am Be amazed at the diversity of your local park. We'll be led by a wildlife expert and will discover the wonderful creatures that have made Watermans Park their home. Free event, please email to book your spot. josh@parksfoundation.org.uk 

Book via Eventbrite: bit.ly/Eventbrite-ParksFoundation
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