



WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2026

SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you all. It has been a pleasure working with you this year. Thank you for your support, your constructive challenge and your commitment to helping your children be the best versions of themselves. I love working at Somerford and I love working with you - the amazing children and families.

Good luck to our Year 6s as they leave us for secondary school - we know you will be incredible. Good luck to those children and staff who are moving on to new schools too - you will be missed.

A final thank you to the amazing staff group who turn up every day to make a difference. I know how much you appreciate them too as parents and carers.

Have a great summer and we will see you all on 2nd September for another awesome year!

Mrs Frampton

Back to school

Years 1-6 return to school on Wednesday 2nd September. The first day counts! Write it on your calendars now!

Sparcfest

Thank you, thank you, thank you to our amazing PTA for organising Sparcfest last Friday. It was so much fun and a perfect way to end the school year.

Thank you to all the staff and parents who gave up their time to help before, during and after the event too - without you these things just can't happen.

Foodbank challenge

Thank you for your donations to the Foodbank today and for helping us build our Tin Pyramid. These donations really will make a difference over the summer. If you need any support from the Foodbank, please do pop down and see them.

Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to our new Head Boy, Theo and his deputy, Eli and our Head Girl, Felicity and her deputy, Bryoni.

We are sure you will be amazing in your new roles from September.

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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%

Timings for school day in September

Main gate:

Reception 8.50-3.20

Year 1 8.50-3.20

Year 2 8.45-3.15

Year 3 8.40-3.15

Side gate:

Year 4 8.45-3.20

Year 5 8.45-3.20

Year 6 8.45-3.20

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INSET days for next academic year—school will be closed to children

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 25th September 2026

Friday 18th December 2026

Friday 12th February 2027

Friday 2nd July 2027

Year 6 Business Enterprise

Well done to Year 6 for a very impressive sale on Monday! The goods on offer were of a very high quality and that was reflected in the number of sales made. Thank you to parents and children for spending your pennies - and pounds - at the stalls. I know how much the children appreciated it.

Ice cream van

The children and staff all enjoyed an ice cream today to say well done on a great year. We manage to do these special things due to donations throughout the year from local charities and organisations. A huge thank you to them for their ongoing support. If you know any businesses that may like to sponsor an activity or make a donation, please let us know!

Rocksteady

We are really proud to be offering 18 children the opportunity of Rocksteady lessons next year. We use our Pupil Premium funding along with match funding and bursary funding from Rocksteady. We continue to look for ways to increase this number through the year and have a waiting list of children interested in lessons. If your child has a space next year, you will have received a letter.

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If you need support this summer.....

MASH

01202 123334

E-mail—childrensfirstresponse@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Family Information Directory

01202 093131

familyinformation@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Christchurch Foodbank +

Mondays, 10am – 12pm (donations only) Tuesdays, 10am – 12pm Thursdays, 11am – 1pm Fri-days, 2pm – 4pm

07587 371088 or 07536 983678

Citizens Advice Bureau

www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk

BCP Council Crisis Advice Team

01202 096622

Connection (Dorset's 24/7 mental health line)

0300 123 5440

BHCA Domestic Abuse Helpline

01202 710777

Childline

0800 1111

Samaritans

116 123

You First

0800 032 5204

If you are really struggling and don't know where to turn, please email the school office and someone will get back to you as soon as we can. Please note the school email will not be monitored daily and we cannot respond to general enquiries while school is closed.

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**JOIN US AT
CHRISTCHURCH FAMILY HUB
FOR OUR FUN DAY**

Wednesday 29 July, 10am – 2pm



FREEBIE BAGS FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
Fun for ages 0–18+!

Enjoy **Sumo Suits, Zorb Football, Arts & Crafts, Bike Repairs, Car Seat Checks**, and meet amazing reptiles and insects with **Creature Teachers** – if you're brave enough!

Plus, look out for a special appearance from **Pantosaurus the Dinosaur!**

 Collect an information ticket from a partner agency to claim **FREE snacks and refreshments.**



No need to book, just turn up!
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