



FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2026

SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

As the weather has turned colder and wetter, please can you ensure your child has a coat in school with them every day. If you have any spare coats that your child has outgrown we would be very grateful to take them off your hands!

Mrs Frampton

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generous donations for our Harvest Festival service. These will be gratefully received by Christchurch Foodbank. The children represented the school brilliantly at HighCross Church and we would like to thank Rev Paul and his helpers for hosting us.

Beach Cove

Our new Specialist Inclusion Base - the Beach Cove - is now open and being led by Mrs Ellard with Ms Pugh and Miss Hammond supporting.

We are really proud to be offering an additional opportunity to local children with an EHCP who need a provision in between a mainstream and specialist setting. When up to full capacity we will be supporting 16 children in the Cove and they will be fully integrated with the main school.

Parent Governor

We are still keen to find a parent to join our Governing Board. Information was sent via email but if you think you might be interested, please let us know in the office and we can contact you. Alternatively, please email Brian Townshend at clerk@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

Individual photos

Frasers will be in school on Tuesday 20th to take individual photos of the children. Sibling photographs will be taken of children in school. Unfortunately we cannot offer family portraits after school.

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Half Term

School will be closed for half term from Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October.
We return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Free Breakfast Club

Our free breakfast club opens at 8.15 each day.
Booking is essential by 7.30am on the morning via Arbor.
Cereal, toast, fruit and drinks are available each day.
During the **week of 9th November** we will be running special events and would like as many children as possible to book and attend! More details to follow but get booked now!!

Events coming up....

Tuesday 20th October - photographs
Wednesday 21st October - Sparcfest
Friday 23rd October - Young Carers' Party
Monday 26-Friday 30 October - Half term
Monday 2nd November - Y6 national measuring programme
Thursday 5th November - Rags to Riches collection
Thursday 5th November - Fire Service visit
Thursday 5th November - Piano concert
Friday 6th November - Cricket sessions for whole school start

Rags2 Riches Clothes Collection

Our next collection is on the 5th November 2026. We are happy to take any donations(bags) you may have as soon as they are ready. Remember, the more donations we have, the more money the school earns.

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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 so far

Year group	Attendance
Whole School	95.9%
1	97.6%
2	95.3%
3	95.2%
4	97.3%
5	94.9%
6	94.3%

Photos on social media

We have made the decision not to show photos of children's faces on our social media any longer. We will still be showcasing the amazing learning and activities our children do but due to the risks of AI manipulation and advice received from partner agencies side on, backs and hands will take the lead from now on!

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Family Hub

SEND DROP-IN SESSIONS

Special educational needs and disabilities

Christchurch Family Hub
(formerly The Family Hub at Somerford)

Tuesdays • 12.30-2.30pm

Come along to a BCP SEND drop-in.

2026	
13 October	10 November
8 December	

2027	
5 January	25 May
2 February	22 June
2 March	20 July
30 March	14 September
27 April	

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Breakfast Club

A welcoming start to the school day.





 **Paid session starts at 7.45 am.**

 **Free breakfast starts at 8.15 am on the dot.**

 **Toast, a choice of cereals and fruit.**

 **Water is always available.**

 **We enjoy learning about our planet while we eat.**

 **Time to play: UNO, LEGO, puzzles, drawing, building blocks, Connect 4 and more!**

 **Please book before 7:30 a.m.**

If your child is not booked in, they will not be on the list and cannot attend.

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