



FRIDAY 5 JULY 2024

SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rags 2 Riches

Thank you for all of the donations. We raised £68.36 for the school.
Thank you also to Mrs Luker for organising these collections.

School closed Monday 8th July

On Monday school is closed to pupils as we have quality time to pass information on about your children to new teachers.

In the afternoon we are continuing to refine our curriculum offer across the school. I hope the sun is shining for your day off!

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.

Year group	School	National
1	92.6%	94.2%
2	93.6%	94.6%
3	92.7%	94.7%
4	91.8%	94.7%
5	93.8%	94.5%
6	90.0%	94.3%

These figures are well below national expectations. Please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day they can be.

Next newsletter— Friday 19th July 2024

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Congratulations to Year 1 and Year 4!

In Y1 children take a phonics screening check. This year 88% of Year 1 passed this check which is above the national average for last year (this year's not released yet). This is a fantastic achievement and means they are moving to Year 2 with a really sound understanding of phonics!

In Y4 children take a multiplication check. There is no pass mark but there is national data for how many children get full marks of 25/25 and how many children get 20 or more. This year our Year 4s met or exceeded all of those national figures! Well done to Year 1 and Year 4!

Year 6 residential

Year 6 had a great time at Avon Tyrrell. We hope you have enjoyed seeing the photos on Twitter (X) and Facebook. Thank you to Miss Southam for organising the visit and to all the staff who attended.

Sports week

Next week is our Sports Week and children can attend every day in school PE kit. This consists of a plain white t shirt, black shorts and trainers. Please apply sun cream each day and ensure children have a water bottle and a sun hat.

End of year reports

Next Friday, you will receive your child's end of year report which shows their reflection of the year. It will also include any data for assessments your child has sat.

Reception—end of EYFS profile
Year 1—phonic check
Y2—phonics retakes
Y4—multiplication check
Y6—end of KS2 SATs and teacher assessments

Summer Holiday Club

Premier will be running our holiday club again this summer. It will run from 29th July to 23rd August on our school site from 9am to 3pm. This club is free for any child on free school meals and a link will be sent to book on via Marvellous Me. There are also spaces available for children not on free school meals for a reasonable cost. A link will be sent home for this booking too.

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Changes to attendance rules for all schools from September 2024

Changes will come in to force from September 2024 as introduced by the DfE. Some of these have been widely reported in the media but not all. We have been asked by the DfE to share these messages with you so you are fully informed.

- All schools will be asked to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons in a rolling 10 week period
- The fine will be £80 per parent if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid within 28 days
- If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any 3 year period, it will automatically be charged at £160
- Fines will be capped to 2 fines within any 3 year period. After this, legal action such as a Parenting Order or prosecution will be considered
- If you are prosecuted for your child not attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500
- The DfE have made it clear that any form of holiday is not considered an 'exceptional circumstance' and as such would not be authorised. The 'H' code will be removed from September and therefore schools cannot code any absence as a holiday

Reminder of upcoming dates

Monday 8th July—SCHOOL CLOSED to pupils—staff training day
Tuesday 9th-Friday 12th—Sports Week
Tuesday 9th—Y5/6 cricket at Grange
Wednesday 10th—Sports Day AM
Wednesday 10th—Dance workshops PM
Thursday 11th—Y6 swimming
Friday 12th—end of year reports home
Friday 12th—parents' Daily Mile sessions
Friday 12th—Rocksteady concert
Tuesday 16th—Young Carers afternoon
Tuesday 16th—Y3/4 Invasion games at Grange
Thursday 18th—Road Safety Day
Monday 22nd—Y6 Leavers' assembly
Tuesday 23rd—Last day of school—school closes at 1.30pm

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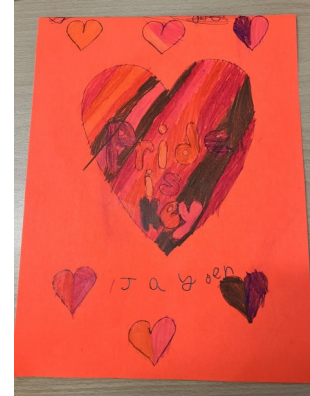


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Pride Colouring Competition

Well done to all the children that entered the Pride Colouring Competition. First place was won by Luciana in year 4, Second place was won by Jayden year 5 and Third place was won by Tiger year 4.



Welcome to our 'Online Safety Tip of The Week'

On each newsletter, we will provide you with some useful hints, tips, guides and fact sheets from the National Online Safety (NOS) website that you as parents and carers will be able to use to help keep your child safe whilst online.

This week's free online safety guide focuses on '**Discord**'. Discord is a voice, video and text chat app that's used by tens of millions of people aged 13+ to talk and hang out with their communities and friends. The majority of servers are private, invite-only spaces for groups of friends and communities to stay in touch, however, there are also larger, more open communities, generally centered around specific topics such as popular games like Minecraft and Fortnite. Users have control over whom they interact with and what their experience on Discord is.

Trip to Lymington Lido—Monday 8th July

Somerford Youth & Community Centre have places left for this coming Monday's after school trip to Lymington Lido. This is open to any young person between the ages of 8 years and 15. If you would like to book your child / young person on this please contact us. Spaces are limited and will be done on a first come first served basis. To book, text/WhatsApp us on 07785935928.

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**New After School Child Care Provision!!
NOW OPEN!
Book NOW!
Details below**

After school child care provision

We are really excited to let you know that our after school child care club, run by Premier Education is now open. The club will run from the end of the school day until 5.30pm. You can book your child for either

End of day until 5.30 (£9)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875746>

End of day until 4.30 (£4)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875743>

4.30-5.30 (if your child is going to a sports club at school first) (£5)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875748>

Children will have a snack and a drink and take part in a range of activities. The club will be held in the old computing room near the Y5 and Y6 gate. Collection is from the outside doors to the room which will be clearly signed.

Booking is essential and children cannot attend the provision without payment being made in advance. Booking can be made until 2pm on the previous day.

We appreciate the costs are higher than Breakfast Club which is run by the school.

The only way we are able to keep costs of Breakfast Club as low as they are is because we receive funding from the National Schools Programme and Waitrose.

This funding is only available to school breakfast clubs.

Premier Education do accept childcare vouchers.

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