



## FRIDAY 19 JULY 2024

This is our last newsletter of this academic year. I can't believe the year has gone by so fast! When we break up next Tuesday, I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break with hopefully some lovely weather. It has been a really successful year with the children achieving and experiencing some incredible things. They make us proud every day.  
Mrs Frampton

### Thank you

I am sure you would join me in thanking all of the incredible Somerset staff team who work so hard and are so committed to ensuring your children enjoy, achieve and aspire. I would also like to thank you for your support and constructive challenge. We really value working in partnership with you.

### 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.

#### Final attendance for the school year!

Year group	School	National
1	92.4%	94.1%
2	93.4%	94.5%
3	92.7%	94.7%
4	91.7%	94.6%
5	93.4%	94.4%
6	90.0%	94.3%

There's definitely still room for improvement next year!

Next newsletter— Friday 6th September 2024

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### 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 has been 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 has been sent home for this booking too.

Paper booking forms are available from the school office.

### School closed for the summer

We break up on Tuesday 23rd July at 1.30. Please ensure you collect your children promptly. Thank you.

### Reminder of upcoming dates

Monday 22nd—Y6 Leavers' assembly

Monday 22nd—Non uniform day for Malala house (Y6 come in uniform first please and bring clothes to change in to)

Tuesday 23rd—Last day of school—school closes at 1.30pm

Tuesday 23rd—non uniform day for the Foodbank—please bring a donation

### September

School returns on Tuesday 3rd September for Years 1-6. Reception join us for 2 half days on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September.

Breakfast Club from 7.45am on	Year Group	Start time	End time	Gate	will be open 3rd September.
	R	8.50	3.20	Front	
	1	8.50	3.20	Front	
	2	8.45	3.15	Front	
	3	8.40	3.15	Front	
	4	8.40	3.15	Side	
	5	8.40	3.15	Side	
	6	8.45	3.20	Side	

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## FRIDAY 5 JULY 2024

### 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

### INSET Days for next year—school will be closed to children

Monday 2nd September  
Monday 30th September  
Friday 20th December  
Friday 14th February  
Monday 30th June

### School Holiday Food Vouchers

The Local Authority has asked us to issue these again on their behalf. These have already been sent to parents of children who are registered for free school meals. If you have not received the voucher or have any issues accessing it please talk to the school office before we break up. We will not be able to help after we close.

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**If you need support this summer.....**

MASH  
01202 123334  
E-mail—[childrensfirstresponse@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfirstresponse@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Family Information Directory  
01202 093131  
[familyinformation@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:familyinformation@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Christchurch Foodbank +  
Mondays, 10am – 12pm (donations only) Tuesdays, 10am – 12pm Thursdays, 11am –  
1pm Fridays, 2pm – 4pm  
07587 371088 or 07536 983678

Citizens Advice Bureau  
[www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk](http://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

Steph Rice, our school Navigator is also running drop in sessions at the Family Hub on Thursdays between 10am and 12pm.

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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**SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**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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