

JANUARY

FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2025

Welcome back to the new term!

We have hit the ground running and the children have been working really hard. I am sorry for not sending home a newsletter after the first week back. I was unwell over the new year and wasn't able to return straight away. It is lovely to see everyone now I am back!
Mrs Frampton

Forest School

We are so pleased to have secured funding for our Forest School sessions to have started this term.
All classes in KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will have taught sessions from our Forest Schools leader on a Monday afternoon through the year.
Years 1 and 2 will be able to access the provision at lunchtime on a Monday with the leader's supervision and attend the after school club.
Please see details of the after school club sent home to Year 1 and 2—sign up on Arbor.
As we progress through the year, we will open these opportunities to Reception too. Thank you so much for all of your donations to the Forest School—we are so grateful!

Learning Events so far

Year 4 enjoyed an Animation Workshop with Bournemouth University last week. They learnt about careers and made some amazing stop animation films.
A group of Year 6 have been working on their Books and Stories programme with Bournemouth University.
Our Rocksteady band members have continued their music lessons.
Year 3 have started their Forest School sessions.
A Year 5 group have begun a Stormbreak group with Mrs Hudson and are trying out our new resources for us.
Year 5 enjoyed an amazing Greek Day to start off their new topic with 'Portals to the Past'.
Luca, our reading dog, has returned to read with some of our children.
Year 5 also enjoyed a STEM day last Friday called Road to RIAT.

We've only been back three weeks!

Instagram

We now have a school Instagram account.
Follow us on Somerford 625

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SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

A focus on wellbeing

Our Mental Health and Wellbeing Action Group meets half termly to focus on how we can support the wellbeing of pupils, staff and parents. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Mrs Macmillan on Imacmillan@somerford.dorset.sch.uk or call the school office.

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 has now increased to £80 per parent, per child.**

Attendance since we returned from the holidays

Year group	Attendance	96% expectation
Whole school	94.35%	below
1	97.6%	Above :-)
2	96.85%	Above :-)
3	94.67%	Below
4	94.23%	Below
5	95.56%	Just below
6	87.91%	Below

Well done to Years 1 and 2!

Well done to the 20 children in Year 6 who also have attendance in line with or above 96%!

Come on Year 5—you can make it for next time!

Date of next newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025

Reminder—school closed

Our next staff training day is Friday 14th February and school is closed to children. On this day teachers will be completing assessments and starting to write your child's annual report which will come home in March.

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Parent PINS workshop

On Wednesday 29th January, Pearl and Sammie from the Parent Forum will be running a parent meeting here at school at 1.00. Sign in at the school office if you would like to attend.

Welcome

A proper welcome to Mrs Thorburn who is now teaching Year 4 on Wednesday to Friday now that Mrs Gregory has started her maternity leave.

We are excited to have her as part of our team and know you will make her welcome. Mr Wallace remains the class teacher on a Monday and Tuesday.

Number Day

On February 7th we will be celebrating Number Day and raising money for the NSPCC at the same time. Miss Southam will be sending information home about coming in to school dressed with numbers with a £1 donation for the NSPCC. We will be doing lots of number based activities during the day.

Mrs Luker



Mrs Luker is our Admin Officer.

Mrs Luker has many important jobs in school including:

- managing the school website
- organising the reading dogs
- booking visitors to the school
- managing Marvellous Me
- sending the newsletter
- managing the pre loved uniform

A typical day for Mrs Luker may include organising a tour for a new family, sending home some important messages, updating the website and putting in some bids for some funding and booking a Bag2school collection.

If you would like to contact Mrs Luker you can email on cluker@somerford.dorset.sch.uk or call the school office on 01202 485436.

Next time we will find out more aboutMrs Barnes!

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