



**Somerdale Educate Together Primary School**  
**'Learn Together to Live Together'**  
**Newsletter (Term 1 Week 3)**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

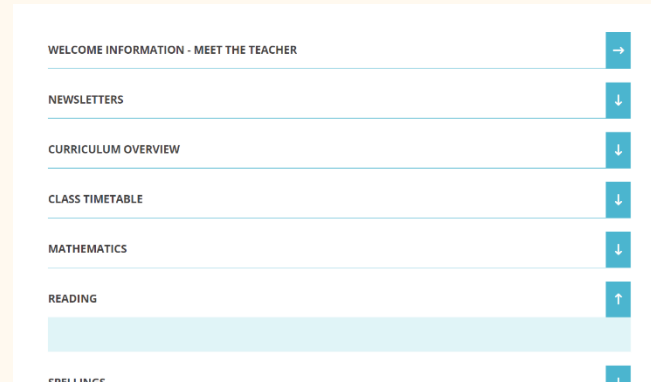
Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of Our School Community,

A warm welcome to the new school year at Somerdale Educate Together! It has been a joy to see our children return with such enthusiasm and to welcome new families into our school community. Already, the classrooms and corridors are alive with curiosity as pupils settle into routines and begin shaping their enquiry questions. It has also been lovely to hear how well the *Tiger Class* are settling into Year 7 – they look so grown-up in their blazers! We are proud of the way everyone is embracing new challenges, supported by a dedicated team of staff who are committed to helping each child thrive. Together with you, we look forward to an exciting year filled with learning, growth, and success. Please remember that our doors are always open if you wish to talk through any aspect of school life.

**Class Pages – School Website**

Please refer to the class sections on our school website where you can access information relating to areas such as:

- Class timetables
- Newsletters
- Curriculum overviews
- Parent workshop slides
- PE days
- Assessment



**Class Welcome Meetings**

During weeks 2 and 3 of Term 1, we will be holding our parent/carer welcome meetings. These sessions are an important opportunity to share key induction information, including class routines, timetables, curriculum plans, and assessment approaches. They also provide a chance to meet your child's teacher and ask any questions you may have about the year ahead. If you are unable to attend, please don't worry – all welcome meeting slides will be uploaded to the school website after the meetings so that you can access the information at your convenience.

**Bob the Rights Respecting Gnome – Gromit Unleashed Exhibition**



Bob has arrived at The Mall in Cribbs Causeway, ready for the 'Greatest Dog Show on Earth 3' exhibition which runs from Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025. You can support The Grand Appeal and visit Bob alongside other 'Norberts' and all of the large sculptures from this summer's trail by purchasing tickets from their website: <https://www.grandappeal.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/events/the-greatest-dog-show-on-earth-3/>

Bob will return to the school in October, where he will then become our official Rights Respecting Mascot!

**News from around the school**

**Preschool – Turtles**

Welcome to, or back to, Preschool! It has really been a pleasure to see the children settling so smoothly and becoming familiar with the routine, we are very proud of our returning children for the kindness and welcome that they have shown. In these early days we are working to establish our class identity, we are the Turtles, and to work towards some collective goals. We have a pom-pom jar in our classroom, and a child might receive a pom-pom for being kind or for demonstrating good learner behaviour etc. Once the jar is full, we celebrate our success with a small event of the children choosing. The Turtles have chosen to play with the parachute and bubbles when the pom-pom jar is full and as there are several pom-poms in the jar already, I don't think that will be too far away!

**Reception**

Welcome to Reception Class! The children have settled in incredibly well and have been busy learning about our classroom routines, exploring the environment and making new friends.

Our class name has now been voted for by the children, we are... Badger Class!! Badgers had a huge decrease in number but were luckily given protective status in 1992 to save their rapid decline. Badgers are an important part of the ecosystem and known as 'ecosystem engineers', their digging activities create and modify habitats for other species, enhance plant and insect diversity, and enrich soil.



### Year 1 – Otters

Otters have had an amazing start to the year. We have started our Phonics and Maths this week and have been practising our sentence writing each day. I have been so impressed with the children's learning behaviours when they are on the carpet, and they are super at tidying up too! Next week, we will begin our wider curriculum now that we are more settled in and we will also begin our English work with our key text 'Dear Greenpeace'.

## Year 2 – Wildcats

Wildcats have made an excellent start to the year! In *Learn Together*, we created our Class Charter and explored the Zones of Regulation. The children are already getting used to new routines and showing a positive attitude to their learning. In writing, we have been inspired by the story *The Robot and the Bluebird*, using it to build on our Year 1 skills and add more detail to our sentences.

### Year 3- Hedgehogs

The Hedgehogs have impressed Tiarna and Sam so much since starting Key Stage 2 last week! We feel so proud of the children and the effort they have put into their learning so far. This term we are beginning our Spanish sessions, and the children have really enjoyed finding out more about the history of Educate Together, and looking at photos from when our school opened. Later this term, they will interview Jo and Chris to find out more about how the school has grown and changed since September 2017.

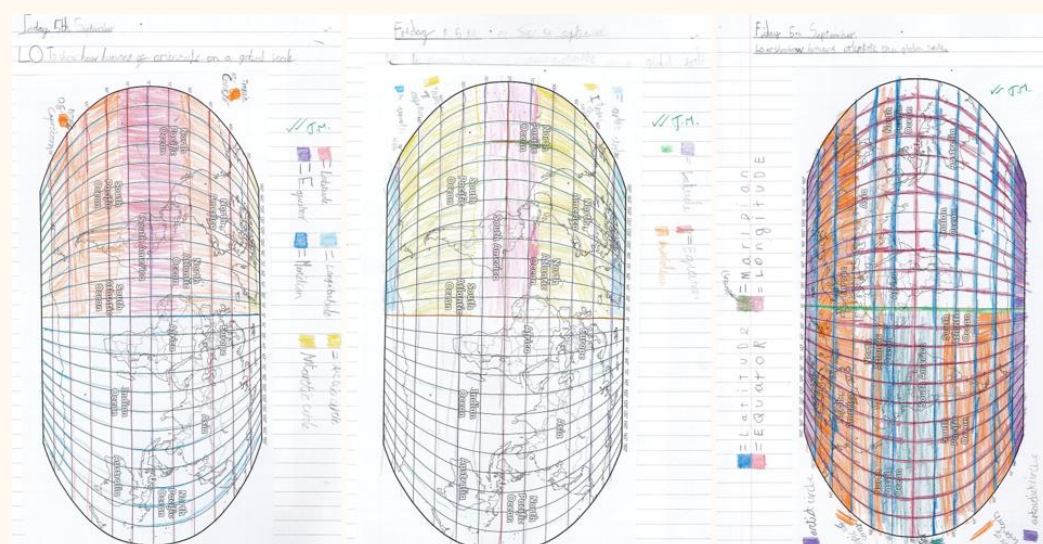


## Year 4- Bumblebees

Sonia and Alice have been super impressed with Bumblebees so far this term, they have settled in really well and have already shown some great learning – particularly writing! This week we have explored belonging in Learn Together, balancing and running in P.E, clean air zones in Geography, place value to 10,000 in maths and prepositions in English. We had great fun writing clues for hidden objects using prepositions. We are also very excited to be learning about electricity in science!

### Year 5- Puffins

Puffins have been hard at work with our geography topic around lines of longitude and latitude connecting this to our space enquiry topic too. We've been busy exploring how the angle of the earth's axis creates different tropics and how there is even a 24-hour daytime in the Antarctic! Check out our maps below:



### Year 6 – Elephants

Elephants have made an excellent start to this year! In Learn Together, the children discussed which rights were the most important for our classroom and chose six to create our Charter. Then they created graffiti versions of their names to add to it to show they agreed with the importance of those rights in our classroom. We started to learn about democracy in our country and what promises they would make as politicians in their manifestos. Then we had a mini election to see which goals most children agreed with.





**Healthy Relationships Online: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

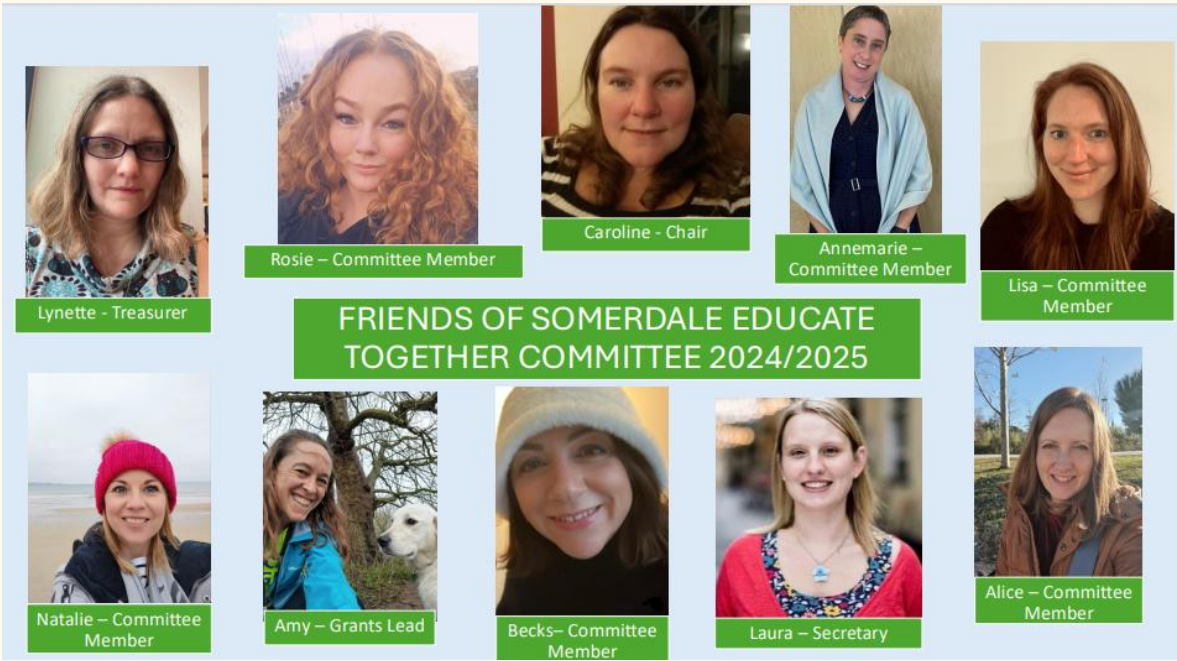
We would be delighted if you could join us for our upcoming workshop focusing on Healthy Relationships Online. This is being delivered as part of our involvement in the RE:SET Programme, and our commitment to becoming a Healthy Relationship Champion School. Staff have recently received very similar training and found it very informative and useful. It will take place in our hall on Wednesday 1st October 9-10am and is open to ALL parents and carers. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Please come along to find out how best to support our children with the growing risks we all face when using technology.

**The Session Aims:**

- To develop a good understanding of the risks and potential online harm to young people using technology and online platforms.
- To develop further skills and knowledge in how to support children and young people when using technology or online platforms.
- To identify, locate and name sources of support for parents, carers and young people.

**This session is for parents and carers and is not suitable for younger children due to its content.Friends of Somerdale Educate Together (FOSET)**

FOSET plays a vital role in supporting the school community through fundraising events and activities. We warmly invite all parents and carers to get involved and help us continue making a positive impact. This year’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025\_and we would love to see as many of you there as possible. Whether you would like to join the committee or simply find out more, everyone is welcome! For more information and updates, please visit our [school website](#).



**Open Evening at Broadlands**



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We can't wait to meet you!

Year 6 into Year 7 Open Evening:

Wednesday 24 September from 4-7pm

Year 6 into Year 7 Open Mornings

Monday 29th September - Thursday 2nd October 8.30am - 10.30am

Want to come along and see what makes Lift Broadlands Great!



If you have any questions - please email Lisa James at [ljames@liftbroadlands.org](mailto:ljames@liftbroadlands.org)



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## Term 1

Dates and times are available on the school website: <https://www.somerdaleet.org.uk/parents-and-community/upcoming-events/>

Week Beginning	Week	Rights Focus	Global Goal Link	Event(s)
(w/c 01/09/25)	1			Value of the Month: Responsibility INSET Day (02.09.25) Term 1 (Y1-Y6) (03.09.25) EYFS – Home Visits
(w/c 08/09/25)	2			Reception AM/PM split (08.09.25) All Reception children in school (09.09.25) Year 6 Welcome Meeting (08.09.25) (2:50pm) Year 4 Welcome Meeting (09.09.25) (2:50pm) Year 3 Welcome Meeting (10.09.25) (9am) Year 2 Welcome Meeting (10.09.25) (2:50pm) Year 5 Welcome Meeting (15.09.25) (2:50pm) Year 1 Welcome Meeting (12.09.25) (9am)
(w/c 15/09/25)	3			Listening Team Election Week Pre-School Welcome Meeting (15.09.25) (2:50pm) Day of Democracy (15.09.25) Reception Welcome Meeting (16.09.25) (2:50pm)
(w/c 22/09/25)	4			
(w/c 29/09/25)	5			Value of the Month: Respect Day of Elders (01.10.25) SEND Coffee Morning (01.10.25) (9am) Tender Parent Workshop (01.10.25) Poetry Day (02.10.25) Parent Forum (02.10.25) (9am)
(w/c 06/10/25)	6			Local Governing Board Meeting (07.10.25) FOSET Committee Meeting (07.10.25)
(w/c 13/10/25)	7			FOSET AGM (14.10.25) World Food Day (16.10.25) FoSET Disco (16.10.25)
(w/c 20/10/25)	8			Parents/Carers Evening (20.10.25) Individual Photographs (22.10.25) Parents/Carers Evening (22.10.25) United Nations Day (24.10.25)
End of Term				