



Somerdale Educate Together Primary School
'Learn Together to Live Together'
Newsletter (Term 1 Week 3)
Friday 18th September 2026

It has been a pleasure to see the school year getting off to such a positive start. The children have settled well into their new classes and routines, and there has been a real sense of enthusiasm and purpose across the school.

As always, we are grateful for the continued support of our parents, carers and wider school community. Working together makes such an important difference to the experiences and outcomes of our children, and we are looking forward to another busy and successful term ahead.

There are a number of important events and opportunities coming up over the next few weeks, including opportunities for parents and carers to learn more about aspects of school life, share their views and join us for some enjoyable community events. Please take a moment to make a note of the key dates below.

Key Dates and Reminders

Accelerated Reader Parent/Carer Meeting – 21 September at 3:20pm

Parents and carers are invited to join us to find out more about **Accelerated Reader**, how we use it in school to support children's reading development, and how you can support your child at home.

SEND Coffee Morning – 1 October

We warmly invite parents and carers of children with SEND, or anyone who would like to find out more about SEND provision in school, to our **SEND Coffee Morning**. This is an informal opportunity to meet, chat, ask questions and share ideas.

Parent/Carer Forum – 15 October

Our **Parent/Carer Forum** provides an important opportunity for families to hear about key developments across the school, share their views and contribute to our ongoing improvement journey.

The agenda for this meeting will focus on the school's **most recent Ofsted inspection**, our **latest statutory data**, and the **key areas of focus within this year's School Development Plan**. We hope this will provide parents and carers with a clear overview of our current position, our priorities for the year ahead and the work taking place across school to continue improving outcomes for all pupils. We really value the contribution of our families and hope that many of you will be able to join us.

Halloween Disco – 15 October

Also taking place on 15 October is our **Halloween Disco**! We are looking forward to a fun and enjoyable event for the children. Further details regarding timings and arrangements will be shared with families.

Please continue to keep an eye on our usual school communications for any additional information or updates about these events. We look forward to seeing many of you over the coming weeks.

Safeguarding

As part of our continued commitment to keeping all children safe, we would like to remind parents and carers that we now have a dedicated Safeguarding email address: Safeguarding@somerdaleet.org.uk

This email account is reviewed by members of our Designated Safeguarding Team and provides an additional way for families to share any safeguarding concerns or information with school.



Designated Safeguarding Lead	Chris Thomas-Unsworth
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Sam O'Rean
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Rebecca Howell

If you have a concern about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please use this dedicated email address so that the appropriate member of the team can review and respond to your concern.

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us to help keep our children safe.

Statutory Assessment Meetings

The annual Statutory Assessment meetings will take place on the following dates for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 4, and Year 6. Notes from each meeting will be uploaded to the relevant class webpages. Information about both statutory assessments and the school's internal systems — including key dates — can also be found on individual class webpages.

Assessment Meeting	Statutory Assessment	Date (Term 2)
Reception	Good Level of Development	9 th November (3:30-4pm)
Year 1	Phonics	3 rd November (3:30-4pm)
Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check	2 nd November (9 – 9:30)
Year 6	SATs	10 th November (3:20-4pm)

The whole school assessment calendar can be found at <https://www.somerdaleet.org.uk/our-curriculum/assessment/> or individually on the assessment tab of each class page.

Turtles (Pre-School)

Turtles have had a fantastic start to Pre-School! The children have settled in well and have been enjoying taking part in all the fun activities and experiences we have been offering. They are becoming more familiar with our daily routines and are beginning to follow them with growing confidence and independence. It has been lovely to see the children making new friends, exploring their environment and enjoying their time in class. I am so proud of the effort each child has made during their first few weeks. Thank you to all the parents and carers for all your efforts!

Starlings (Reception)

What a super start to school Starlings have had. They have been very busy getting to know routines, expectations and finding their way around the school, which they picked up so well! I have been so proud of every child and their successful transition to school too (a big shout out to parents/carers for supporting so amazingly with this). We have been learning how hold a pencil (pinch and flip!) and building up those fine motor skills in preparation for writing. Next week we will begin phonics, how exciting!! Have a lovely weekend and well needed rest.

Badgers (Year 1)

Badgers Class have settled wonderfully into Year 1 and have made a fantastic start to the new school year. In Science, we have been exploring our exciting topic, *Animals Including Humans*, and the children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm. In English, they have been sharing and writing wonderful ideas inspired by our core text, *Dear Greenpeace*. In Maths, the children have settled brilliantly into their learning and have been coming up with creative ways to explore *1 more* and *1 less* during Discovery time. We are very excited to see how their ideas, confidence, and skills continue to develop throughout the term.

Otters (Year 2)

It has been a pleasure getting to know the Otters over the last few days. The Otters have been reading *The Robot and the Bluebird* and have been writing descriptions of the characters and places they have encountered in the book. We've seen some really lovely writing. In Science we've been talking about what human's need to survive, the children had some very interesting ideas of what we might need on a desert island. The Otters have enjoyed making observational drawings of the natural world and drawing using continuous lines.

Wildcats (Year 3)

Wildcats have had a brilliant start to Year 3! We have been looking at 'Lights on Cotton Rock' as our text in English and they have been writing beautiful, expanded noun phrases to retell the story. Wildcats have been exploring place value in Maths, and they are doing a great job at building on from their knowledge of hundreds, tens and ones. The class have shown a keen interest in the collage artwork of Jenny Urquhart, who created the 'Clifton Collage' piece of art, and dodgeball has also been a hit in P.E! Well done, Wildcats!

Hedgehogs (Year 4)

Hedgehogs have settled in well to Year 4 and have been amazing us with their writing around our class book 'Black Dog' and with their place value skills in maths. In Learn Together, the children have been researching websites to find out more about specific rights and have been working on creating a class Google Slides full of information they have found out.

We should welcome all people and celebrate differences. This is what Article 23 is all about. It means people with disabilities should be treated fairly and equally. Disabled children should be supported to reach their full potential. They should be provided with activities with others so that they can be an active participant in their own community. Disabled people are just as important as able bodied.

Disabled children should be supported to reach their full potential. Governments should make sure disabled children receive an education, health care and opportunities to relax, play and do other activities.

Every kid is amazing. We should support ALL of them.



This right is important. There should be laws to protect children from violence, abuse and neglect from adults. This right is to protect children from violence



CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Bumblebees (Year 5)

Bumblebees have been learning about an aerial feat performed by Phillipe Petite in 1974 when he walked across a tightrope between the Twin Towers! They tried to imagine how it felt by balancing on the narrow base of the benches and discovered the objects we carried in an imaginary backpack. Lots of children have researched more about this at home and brought in drawings and models of the towers. Our science topic involved discovering space travel and the planets in our solar system.

Puffins (Year 6)

Puffins have been discovering the secrets of making gold through our book 'The Last Alchemist'. For our book launch, we wanted to capture the joy of discovery and playing with natural materials by imagining how to use alchemy to hybridise 'carrot trees'. We went out, explored the outdoors, gathered our natural ingredients and created an alchemical sequence to 'splice together' our carrot tree recipe. You can see some of our processes at work below:



Please find below some key Term 1 dates for your diary:

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 31.08.26)	1			Value of the Month Responsibility EYFS Home Visits (03.09.26 – 04.09.26)
(w/c 07.09.26)	2			Meet the Teacher Meetings EYFS Home Visits (07.09.26) Pre-School Open (07.09.26)
(w/c 14.09.26)	3			Meet the Teacher Meetings Day of Democracy (15.09.26) Day of Democracy (Elections) (17.09.26) Reception 2027-28 Tour (16.09.26)
(w/c 21.09.06)	4			Day of Peace (21.09.26) Accelerated Reader Parent/Carer Meeting 3:20pm (21.09.26) Reception 2027-28 Tour (22.09.26)
(w/c 28.09.06)	5			Value of the Month Respect Older Persons Day (01.10.26) SEND Coffee Morning School Photographs (01.10.26) School Census (01.10.26)

(w/c 05.10.26)	6			Learning Plan Meetings – (All Week) World Teachers Day (05.10.26) Reception 2027-28 Tour (05.10.26) School Governors Meeting (06.10.26) FOSET AGM (07.10.26)
(w/c 12.10.26)	7	 		Learning Plan Meetings – (All Week) Year 6 Assembly (12.10.26) Parent /Carer Forum (15.10.26) Halloween Disco (15.10.26) World Food Day (16.10.26)
(w/c 17.10.26)	8			
End of Term 1: (2310.26)				

FOSET News

Friends of Somerdale Educate Together (FoSET) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

When: 6pm, Wednesday 7th October
Where: School Hall, Somerdale Educate Together Primary Academy, Tiberius Road, BS31 2FF.
Who: All are welcome
What to expect:
Find out about our fundraising during the 2025-26 academic year & how you can get involved. Vote for the new committee. **FoSET are looking to elect a new chair and secretary, so please email us for more details friendsofsomerdale@hotmail.com**



Why do we need you? To be allowed to continue to run, we need enough people at the AGM to vote back in the members of the committee that wish to remain, as well as voting for new committee members to replace those moving on.



We'd love to see as many of you as possible at the AGM and you don't have to join the committee if you come along!



Thank you so much for your support





YOU'RE INVITED TO FOSET's HALLOWEEN PARTY

TICKETS

£4

FREE CODE

BOO

THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER

PRESCHOOL & RECEPTION 3:20PM-4PM

YEARS 1-3

4:15PM-5PM

YEARS 4-6

5:15PM-6PM

DISCO
CRAFTS
GAMES



FoSET Halloween Party

FOSET are excited to announce that their spooktacular Halloween Party will be on **Thursday 15th October**.

There are individual parties as follows:



Preschool and reception 3.20pm to 4pm



Years 1 to 3, 4.15pm to 5pm



Years 4 to 6, 5.15 to 6pm

Fancy dress is optional



Tickets will be £4 or for families who need it, they will be free using the code BOO at the checkout.

Tickets will be on sale soon

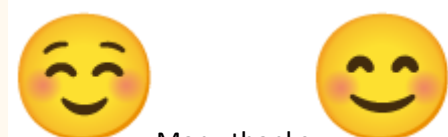


As always this event can only run with volunteers, if you're able to help with any of the parties, please let someone from the FOSET committee or your

class rep know.



You can either be in the disco or helping with craft.



Many thanks

FoSET

Friends of Somerdale Educate Together (FoSET) have signed up to the **Stikins** Name Labels referral scheme, in an attempt to help solve Lost Property at school and at the same time make money for our school.

The school can receive 30% commission on every order placed ***quoting the school reference number 36296***.

- **Easy to use**

Stikins® name labels are made of an advanced material; all you have to do is stick them onto the wash-care label of clothes. They are a one-size, multipurpose label, which can also be used on school items such as shoes, plastic boxes, water bottles, pencil cases etc.

- **Help your school**

For each order placed using Somerdale Educate Together's unique code **36296** we earn 30% commission for the school. You can order online (www.stikins.co.uk), or over the phone (01270 668076).



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Family Support & Inclusion Day

Come together, find support, and see what's out there for your family



Family Support & Inclusion Day - for parents, carers and professionals

 Wednesday 14th October 2026

 Doors are open from 9:30am - 7pm, join us at any time

 Apex City of Bath Hotel
James Street West, Bath, BA1 2DA

Ever wondered what support is out there for your family? Not sure where to start or who to talk to?

Come along, meet the teams and hear more from services

Pre-book your place or just drop in on the day!



Scan here for more information and to find updates on the event
banespcf.co.uk/event/family-support-inclusion-day



Could you tell if your child was being **exploited** **online?**



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm

06 October 13:00 - 14:30pm

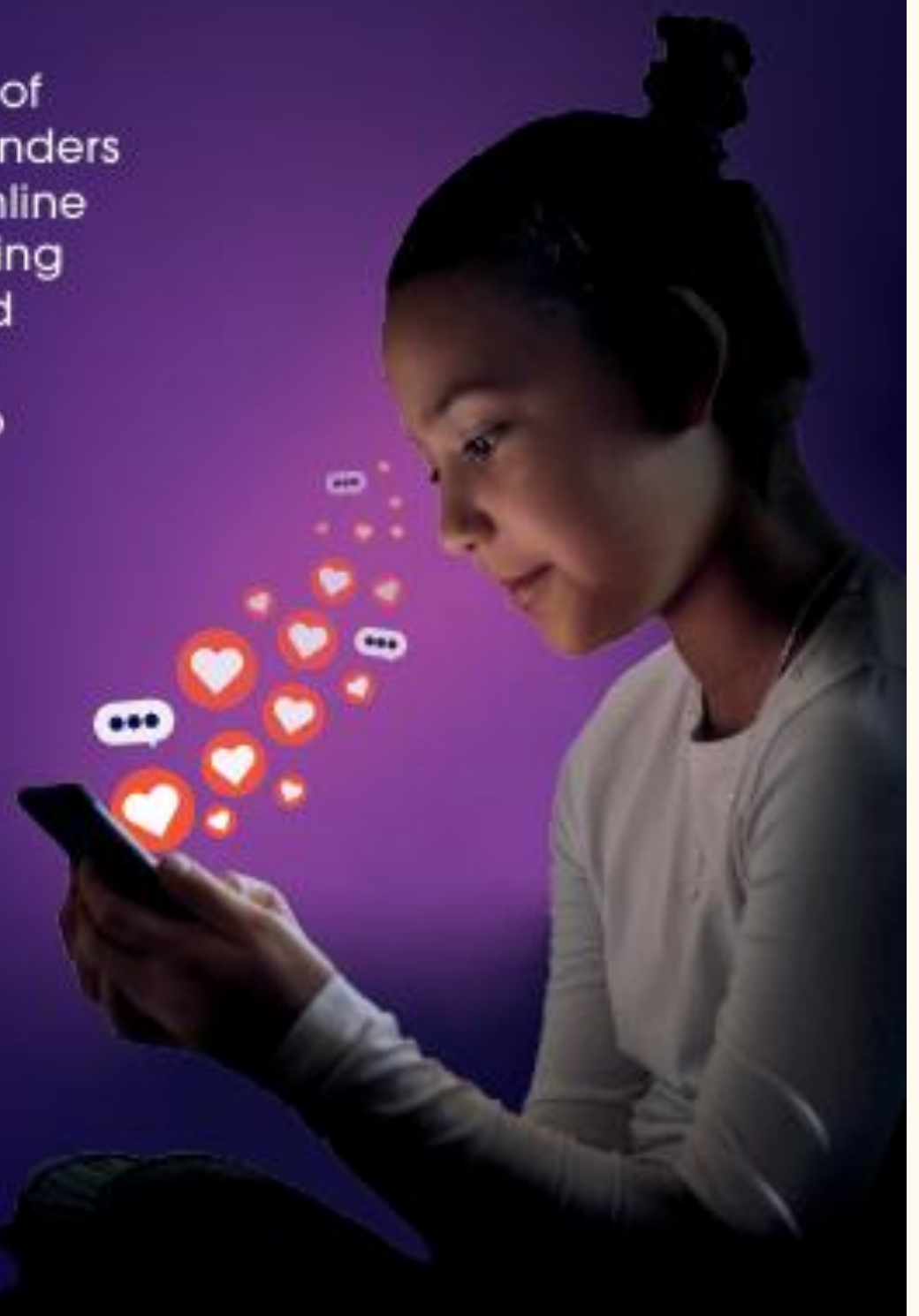
Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

29 Sept



06 Oct





BRISTOL FLYERS COMMUNITY HUB SESSIONS

VENUE: Wellsway, BS31 1PH

DAY: Monday

TIME: 5pm - 7pm

FOR: Primary and Secondary students

**Delivered by expert coaches. All abilities welcome.
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(Basketball opportunity for Years 3 to Years 6)