



Somerdale Educate Together Primary School
'Learn Together to Live Together'
Newsletter (Term 1 Week 6)
Friday 9th October 2026

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

As we come to the end of Week 6, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has already been a purposeful and positive start to the school year. Our classrooms are full of energy and enthusiasm, children are settling confidently into their routines, and it has been a real pleasure to see so much excellent learning taking place across the school.

I am incredibly proud of the way our pupils continue to demonstrate kindness, resilience and curiosity in all that they do. These qualities are at the heart of our school community, and it is wonderful to see them shining through each day.

Celebrating World Teachers' Day

This week, we also marked World Teachers' Day, which took place on Monday 5th October. Whilst this is a day to recognise the incredible work of teachers, I firmly believe that every adult in our school is a teacher in their own way. Whether supporting learning in the classroom, caring for children's wellbeing, keeping our school running smoothly or simply offering a kind word, a smile or a helping hand, every member of our team plays an important role in shaping the experiences of our children.

Children learn so much from the adults around them, not only through what we teach, but through the kindness, patience, encouragement and respect we model every day. I am incredibly grateful to every member of our staff for their dedication, care and unwavering commitment to our school community. So much of what they do happens quietly, often behind the scenes, but the difference they make is immeasurable. Our school is the special place it is because of the wonderful people who give so much of themselves to our children each and every day.

Looking Ahead – Key Dates

We have another exciting week ahead, with several opportunities for our children and families to come together:

- Thursday 15th October – Parent/Carer Forum: An important opportunity to strengthen our partnership with families, share ideas and listen to your views.
- Thursday 15th October – Halloween Disco: A fun-filled event for our pupils to enjoy together!
- Friday 16th October – World Food Day: An opportunity to celebrate food, learn about different cultures and reflect on the importance of ensuring everyone has access to nutritious food.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. It is this strong sense of community that makes our school such a special place. I look forward to another wonderful week of learning, celebration and shared experiences.

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

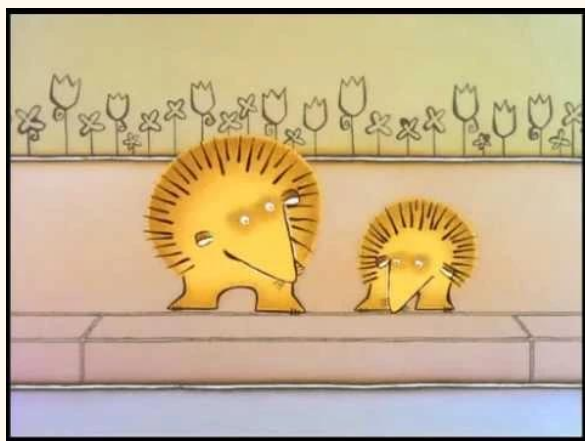
The annual Statutory Assessment meetings will take place on the following dates for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 4, and Year 6. Notes from each meeting will be uploaded to the relevant class webpages. Information about both statutory assessments and the school's internal systems — including key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

Road Safety Reminder

We have had some members of our school community get in touch with us regarding concerns over road safety around school, particularly during drop-off and pick-up times. Please can we remind everyone of the following:



-Under The Highway Code Rule H2, drivers, cyclists and motorcyclists should give way to pedestrians who are crossing **or waiting to cross a road**. Please approach junctions slowly, look carefully in every direction and be ready to stop.

-Please do not stop on double yellow lines to unload, as this may obstruct the road and make it harder for people to see clearly.

-Please do not drive above 20mph in the area.

-Please ensure children are fully strapped in, using child seats where required when driving.

For further information, Brake, the road safety charity, has excellent guides to support parents. This includes:

-The law around child seats

-How to stay safe when walking with children

-Tips on conversations to have with your children regarding road safety.

Turtles (Pre-School)

What a wonderful week we have had in Turtles! The children are becoming increasingly settled and confident with our daily routines, and it has been lovely to see their personalities shine through. This week, we have been exploring what makes each of us special and unique. We have talked about our differences and similarities in our families and the people around us, both in school and in our wider community. The children enjoyed creating their own self portraits and talking about what makes them special. We are continuing to develop our attention and listening skills through lots of fun, engaging activities and games.

Starlings (Reception)

Our amazing Starlings have continued to settle into the school, routines and expectations so well! We have enjoyed investigating the change in season, with local walks and visits to our nature area to find Autumn resources we can build, create and design with. Children's use of vocabulary has been fantastic along with lots of questions and curiosity. We continued to develop our fine motor skills and pre-writing patterns as well as introducing letter formation and oral blending. The children have put in so much effort and focus; they have really impressed me with their resilience and growth mindset. Well done everybody! Have a lovely weekend.

Badgers (Year 1)

Badgers Class have had another fantastic week! The children have all settled brilliantly into the routines and learning expectations of Year 1 and are showing great enthusiasm in everything they do. In Writing, we have been writing letters to Greenpeace about our favorite animals, asking thoughtful questions and sharing our ideas. In Science, we have been exploring different types of animals and learning about their characteristics. We have another exciting and busy week ahead, with our school trip to Blaise Castle, practicing our Harvest songs, and celebrating with our well-earned Pom Pom Reward. Well done, Badgers!

Otters (Year 2)

The Otters thoroughly enjoyed their trip to The Guildhall; we saw Shifty McGrifty, performed for us by the author and illustrator. Later we took part in a workshop session where the children produced their own Slippery Sams, the illustrator's step by step instructions made it seem deceptively easy! There was an interactive team board game and a performance of Shifty McGrifty's Halloween tale, The Rober Ghost. At the end of the performance each of the children was given a signed copy of the The Rober Ghost. This week has been Poetry Week, and the Otters have worked hard towards their performance of Woodlice by Simon Mole. The children did a smashing job of performing the poem and actions to the rest of the school. Well done Otters!



Wildcats (Year 3)

Another great week for Wildcats! So much so that they have already filled up their pompom jar and have made mini pizzas as a treat! The children have written an alternative ending to 'Lights on Cotton Rock' as their final write, and they all worked so hard to include expanded noun phrases. In Maths, Wildcats are becoming more confident to use their understanding of place value, to help them solve addition and subtraction problems. We also focused on the poem 'Nature Bites Back' by Vanessa Kisuule, during poetry week, and Wildcats put on a fantastic performance of this, in front of the rest of the school! Good work, Wildcats!

Hedgehogs (Year 4)

Hedgehogs have really enjoyed exploring electricity this term. This week they conducted an investigation to work out which materials are electrical conductors and insulators. They were so focused during this time and enjoyed experimenting with different materials. As geographers, they have also undertaken some fieldwork this week – surveying traffic coming into the Somerdale Estate to get a better understanding of pollution levels.



Bumblebees (Year 5)

In Science, Year 5 investigated how shadows change throughout the day as part of our unit on Space. They measured carefully every hour and a half and plotted their results on a graph. In their conclusions, they noted that shadows are longest at the beginning and end of the day and shortest at midday this proves that the Earth is rotating on its axis.



Puffins (Year 6)

Puffins had a great time at the Bath Literature festival. We met Ross Welford and his many magic tricks as he launched his new book with us - 'The Unlikely Diary of Prince Kal'. Author Ross explained to us that he had been writing for 15 years and that Prince Kall was his first series. We learned more about what it takes to become a published writer and keep creating imaginative worlds that take readers to amazing places.

Even better still, we got a copy of his book to keep for our 4 weekly reads. Delicious!



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	 28 ACCESS TO EDUCATION		Value of the Month Responsibility EYFS Home Visits (03.09.26 – 04.09.26)
(w/c 07.09.26)	2	 29 AIMS OF EDUCATION		Meet the Teacher Meetings EYFS Home Visits (07.09.26) Pre-School Open (07.09.26)
(w/c 14.09.26)	3	 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS	 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	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	 24 HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT		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	 13 SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY		Value of the Month Respect Older Persons Day (01.10.26) SEND Coffee Morning (29.09.26) School Photographs (01.10.26) School Census (01.10.26)
(w/c 05.10.26)	6	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD		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	 24 HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT	 2 ZERO HUNGER	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	 28 ACCESS TO EDUCATION		
End of Term 1: (23.10.26)				



FoSET Halloween Party - TICKETS ON SALE NOW

FOSET are excited to announce that their spooktacular Halloween Party is 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 are £4 or for families who need it, they are free using the code BOO at the checkout.

Please purchase your tickets ASAP using the link below:

<https://friendsofsomerdale.wixsite.com/website/event-details/halloween-party-2026>

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*****.

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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



Free Online Parent & Carer Webinars



Join the Mental Health Support Team for 1-hour online webinars for parents/carers of Primary School aged children to understand more about your child's mental health and learn some tips to help



Understanding Anxiety in Children and Young People

- Understanding anxiety
- Signs of anxiety
- Tips on how to support children who are anxious

Mon 19th Oct
9:30-10:30am

Click here
to sign up



[Teams Event Link](#)



Sleep Hygiene

- Understand more about sleep
- How sleep relates to mental health
- Tips to improve sleep

Tues 20th Oct
4-5pm

Click here
to sign up



[Teams Event Link](#)



Recognising and Understanding Barriers to School Attendance

- Anxiety and attendance
- Talking about school worries
- Working together
- Parent wellbeing

Weds 7th Oct
4-5pm

Click here
to sign up



[Teams Event Link](#)

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) provides early mental health and wellbeing support for pupils aged 5-18. We offer individual and group support for mild to moderate anxiety and low mood.

If you feel your child would benefit from support, speak to your school's Mental Health Lead about a referral to the MHST

NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

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

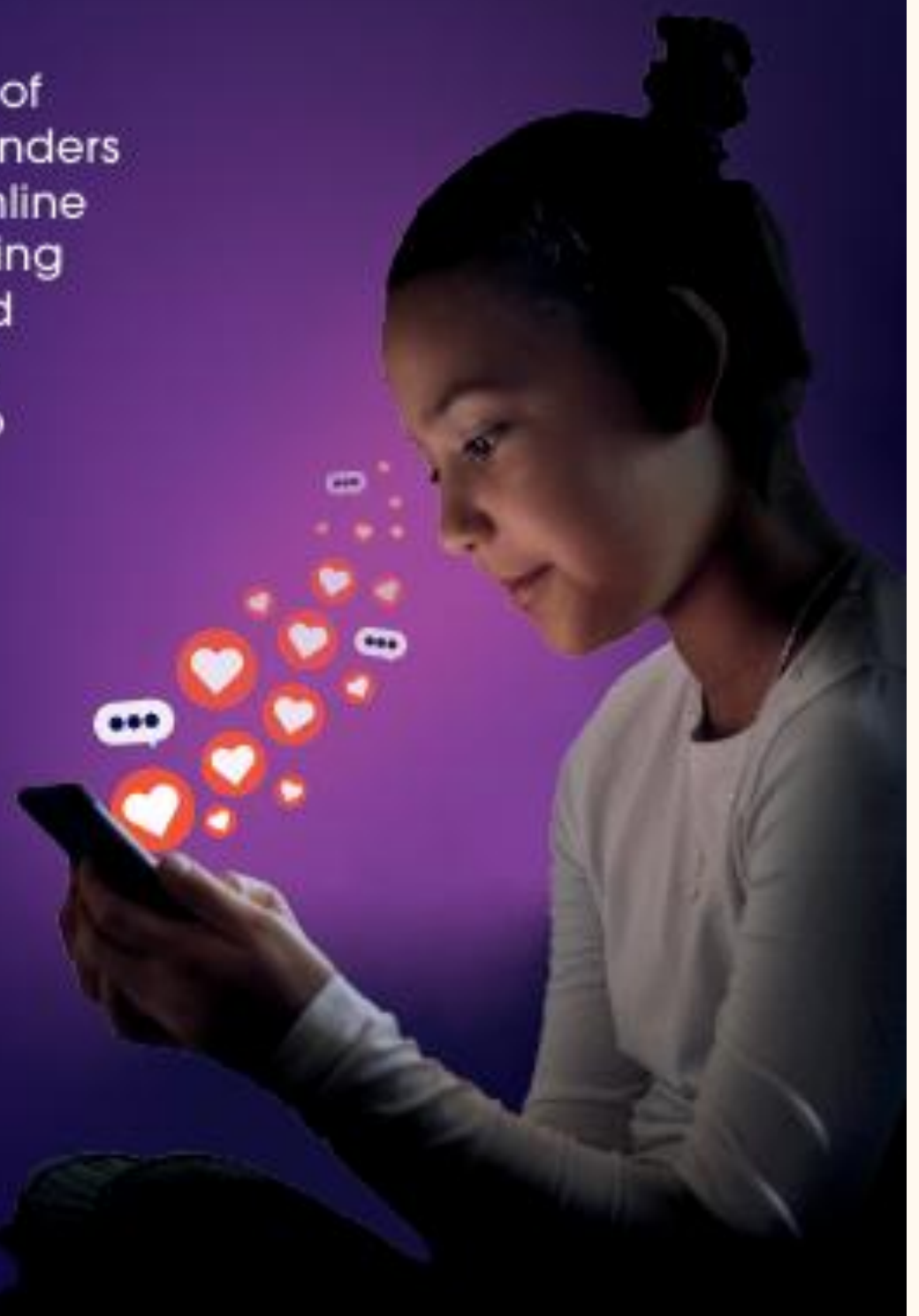
Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

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.
Basketball focusing on developing skills, game play and fun.



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(Basketball opportunity for Years 3 to Years 6)