



Somerdale Educate Together Primary School
'Learn Together to Live Together'
Newsletter (Term 1 Week 8)
Friday 24th October 2025

Value of the Month
for
October:
Respect

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

As we come to the end of Term 1, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support. It has been truly lovely to see the children settle so well into the new academic year — their enthusiasm, resilience and joy in learning have been a pleasure to witness across the school.

Term 2 is always one of the busiest in our calendar, filled with exciting learning opportunities, seasonal celebrations, and key events that bring our community together. Below, you'll find an overview of the main events planned for Term 2 to help you stay informed and involved.

Thank you once again for being such an integral part of our school's journey. We look forward to another term of growth, achievement and shared success.

Statutory Assessment Meeting

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	10 th November (3:30-4pm)
Year 1	Phonics	5 th November (3:30-4pm)
Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check	6 th November (9 – 9:30)
Year 6	SATs	4 th November (3:20-4pm)

Staff Training – 18th December 2025

Following the practice of our other Educate Together schools, we will be closing at 1:15pm on Thursday 18th December to allow our staff the time for essential training. Therefore, it is important that all children are collected at 1:15pm. On this day, there will be no after school childcare provision available, so it is crucial that arrangements are made for your child to be collected at the earlier time of 1:15pm. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter as it is important for the continued professional development of our staff.

INSET DAYS (2025-26)

INSET Day 1	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
INSET Day 2	Monday 3rd November 2025
INSET Day 3	Friday 19th December 2025
INSET Day 4	Friday 13th February 2026
INSET Day 5	Wednesday 22 nd July 2026

Term 2

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 3/11/25)	1			November – Disability History Month Value of the Month: Friendship 03.11.25 – INSET – School Closed
(w/c 10/11/25)	2			10.11.25 – Anti-Bullying Week 10.11.25 – Year 5 Class Assembly 10.11.25 – Odd Socks Day 12.11.25 – Remembrance Day 14.11.25 – Children In Need
(w/c 17/11/25)	3			17.11.25 - Road Safety Week 18.11.25 – RE:SET Parent/Carer Workshop 20.11.25- World Children's Day 22.11.25 FOSET Christmas Fair
(w/c 24/11/25)	4			25.11.25 – Governor Meeting 25.11.25 – FOSET Meeting 25.11.25 – SEND Coffee Morning
(w/c 01/12/25)	5			Internal Assessment Week Value of the Month: Peace 03.12.25 – International Day of Persons who have a Disability 04.12.25 – FOSET Christmas Panto
(w/c 08/12/25)	6	Class Choice		10.12.25 – Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day 11.12.25 – KS2 Songs by Candlelight 12.12.25 – KSI Christmas Performance
(w/c 15/12/25)	7	Class Choice		16.12.25 – EYFS Christmas Play 18.12.25 – School Closes at 1:15pm 19.12.25 – INSET Day
End of Term				
Term 3: (05.01.26)				

Listening Team Election Results

As we welcome a new group of representatives to the Listening Team this year, we want to take a moment to celebrate and thank the children who served during the 2024–25 academic year. These pupils worked incredibly hard to represent their classmates' views, contribute to school-wide discussions, and help shape positive changes across our community.

A heartfelt thank you to:

- Year 2: Rupert, Ella
- Year 3: Zoe, Charlie
- Year 4: Tom, Holly
- Year 5: Hayden, Freya
- Year 6: Rowan, Kingsley

We also extend our thanks to Rosemary and Emilia, who are now in Year 7 — your commitment and leadership have been greatly appreciated.

The 2024–25 Listen Team will continue their work on our Road Safety and Travel Plan until the end of Road Safety Week in November, helping us promote safer, more sustainable travel for everyone in our school community.

Thank you all for your dedication and thoughtful contributions! Welcome to this year's new Listening Team!

Year	Listening Team Representatives 2025-26
1	Max and Kiira
2	Nora and Reuben
3	Sasha and Alfie
4	Austin and Ben
5	Anna and Jessie
6	Amber and Finn

Children In Need 2025

Somerdale will be raising money for Children In Need on **Friday 14th November**. This year the theme “Challenge Yourself to 25”. We would like the children to come in on this day dressed as what they would like to be in 25 years time. Perhaps they will be a doctor, astronaut, electrician or hair stylist. The list is endless! Alternatively, they can come to school wearing yellow. The suggested donation for Children In Need will be £1 - no cash please. Please donate via out [JustGiving page](#).

Anti-Bullying Week 2025

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from **Monday 10th - Friday 14th November**, with the theme: **Power for Good**. The week will kick off with **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 10th**, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. As a school we will be reviewing our school Anti-Bullying Charter and developing resources for a new Anti-Bullying page on our school website.

World Children's Day 2025

On **Thursday 20th November**, we would love the children to come to school wearing **blue** to celebrate World Children's Day 2025.

Parent and Carers Workshop Supporting your child with Managing their Emotions

On **Tuesday 18th November 9am-10am** in the school hall. **Tea/coffee and biscuits provided.**

It's a safe, non-judgemental space and all parents and carers are welcome. The session will help with supporting your child with Managing their Emotions and will again be delivered by Alice from RE:SET.

Details of the session content are as follows:

Session Aims:

- To develop knowledge around supporting children to manage their emotions.
- To explore and share ideas about how we can talk to children about healthy friendships.
- To learn about where we can get additional help and support for parents/carers and children.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Younger children are welcome to attend.

Christmas Dates

Year Group	Event	Date/Time	Description
Key Stage 2 Year 3-6	Songs by Candlelight <i>Top Playground</i>	Christmas Carol Concert (11.12.25) 4.15pm – 5.15pm	Join us for some festive songs chosen by the children in the top playground. Wear your best Christmas jumper and Christmas hat! (Children to arrive at their classrooms for 4:15pm then songs from 4:30-5:15pm)
Key Stage 1 Year 1-2	Christmas Performance <i>School Hall</i>	KSI Christmas Play (12.12.25) 2.10pm – 3pm	<i>Max of 2 adults per family.</i>
EYFS Pre-School & Reception	Nativity Play <i>School Hall</i>	EYFS Nativity (16.12.25) 14.15pm – 3pm	<i>Max of 2 adults per family.</i>
All Children	Christmas Dinner	10.12.25 12:00-1:00pm*	*Pre-school children not attending school on 10.12.25 are invited to attend the Christmas dinner.

Christmas Jumper Day – 10.12.25

On the 10th December we will be raising money to support Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Whilst we encourage children to wear Christmas clothing on the day we will be marking the event by making special Christmas dinner hats. The children will have the opportunity to make their hats in school but we welcome home-made entries. Here are the details of our Save the Children [JustGivingPage](#).

The UK's biggest story writing competition is back...

500 Words, the UK's largest and most successful children's writing competition is open for entries until 9pm on Friday 7th November. Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read in 500 words or less. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked. 50 finalists will be invited to a star-studded grand final, where they could see their story read by a superstar celebrity! See all the details on [the BBC website here](#).

FoSET

FoSET would like to thank the school community for their support at our AGM on Tuesday 14th October. We are excited to announce that Paula Harding is joining the committee as Secretary and Jules Chappell is joining FoSET as a committee member. For the full committee for 2025/2026, please see the graphic.

FRIENDS OF SOMERDALE EDUCATE TOGETHER COMMITTEE 2025/2026

Name	Role
Lynette	Treasurer
Rosie	Committee Member
Caroline	Chair
Lisa	Committee Member
Natalie	Committee Member
Amy	Grants Lead
Jules	Committee Member
Paula	Secretary
Laura	Committee Member



BLACK HISTORY MONTH LIBRARY FUNDRAISER



This October, let's celebrate Black History Month by enriching our school library with a curated collection of inspiring books.

Donate Here!

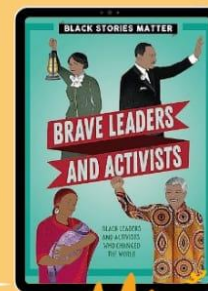
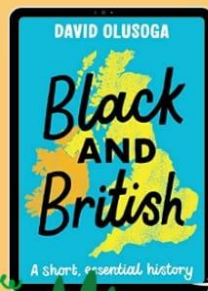
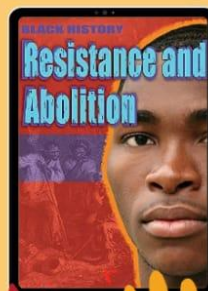
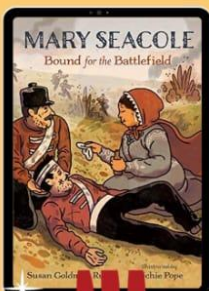
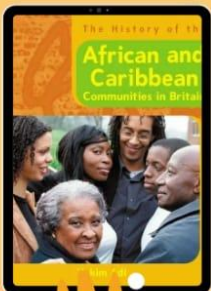
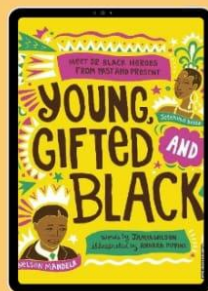
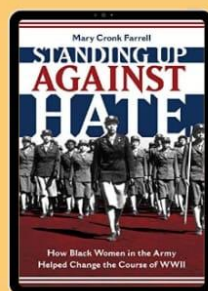
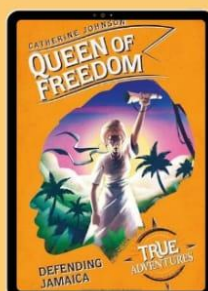
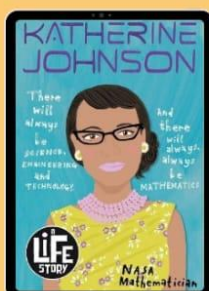
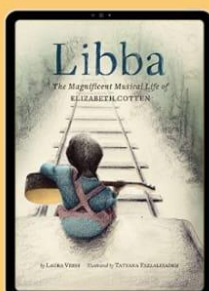
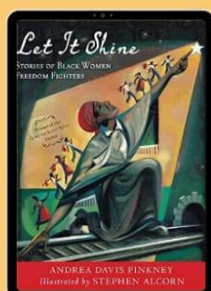


Donate Here!



Help us reach our target of **£180** to purchase our carefully chosen titles that highlight Black history, voices and stories. Every donation helps, big or small. You can donate quickly and easily by scanning the QR code above.

*if we lucky enough to have money left over, we will purchase much needed books for KS2!





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Christmas **FAIR**

Join us for live music, stalls, games, delicious
treats and lots of Christmas fun!

22nd Nov 2025
1-3PM

Somerdale School,
Tiberius Road,
Keynsham, BS31 2FF

**FREE
ENTRY**

