Somerdale Educate Together Primary School

'Learn Together to Live Together'

Newsletter (Term 2 Week 2)

Friday 13th November 2026

Value of the Month for

November

Friendship

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

It has been a wonderful start to Term 2, with lots of exciting learning opportunities and important events taking place across our school community.

Our **value of the month is Friendship**, and this has been at the heart of everything we have been doing. From exploring road safety and reflecting on Remembrance Day to supporting Children in Need, our children have been thinking carefully about how their actions can make a positive difference to others. These experiences provide valuable opportunities to explore children's rights and develop our shared values of kindness, respect and responsibility.

Looking ahead, we have **Anti-Bullying Week**, with this year's theme, *'Break the Silence'*, encouraging everyone to speak up, support one another and celebrate what makes us unique. We are also looking forward to marking **UNICEF World Children's Day**, reminding our pupils that every child has rights and that their voices deserve to be heard.

It has also been lovely to welcome prospective families through our Reception tours, and I would like to thank everyone who continues to support our school community.

As we move through the term, we have plenty to look forward to, including our SEND Coffee Morning, Parent and Carer Forum and, of course, our festive celebrations and performances in December.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

<u>Road Safety Week – Safe People on the Move</u>

During the first week of term, we explored Road Safety Week, focusing on the theme 'Safe People on the Move'. Children were encouraged to think about the importance of keeping themselves and others safe when travelling, whether walking, cycling or travelling by car. We discussed how to be responsible road users, including the importance of crossing roads safely, staying alert near traffic and looking out for others. These important conversations helped children understand how small actions can make a big difference in keeping everyone safe.



This links closely to Article 6 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which states that every child has the right to life, survival and development. By developing our understanding of road safety, we are helping children make safe choices and recognise their role in protecting themselves and others.

We encourage families to continue these important conversations at home and practise safe road habits on their journeys to and from school.

Remembrance Day

This week, we marked Remembrance Day, taking time to reflect on and remember those who have served and sacrificed their lives during times of conflict. Across school, children explored the importance of remembrance, the meaning behind wearing poppies and the significance of the Last Post. On Wednesday, we came together to observe a respectful silence, remembering those affected by war and reflecting on the importance of peace, kindness and gratitude.

This links closely to Article 38 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which states that children have the right to protection during times of war and armed conflict.

Children in Need

This week, we came together to celebrate BBC Children in Need, showing kindness, generosity and a wonderful sense of community. Through fundraising activities and thoughtful discussions, children explored the importance of helping others and making a positive difference in the lives of those less fortunate. We also encouraged pupils to think about their hopes for the future and how we can all contribute to creating a kinder, fairer world.

We were also incredibly excited to have some of our Year 5 children feature on BBC Radio Bristol! It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to share their voices and be part of the Children in Need celebrations. We are so proud of everyone involved! A special thank you to Jo and Fleur for their support.







If you missed it, you can listen to our Year 5 stars on BBC Radio Bristol – skip to 2 hours 24 minutes and 2 hours 57 minutes to hear them!

This links closely to Article 27 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which states that every child has the right to a standard of living that supports their

physical, mental and social development. Children in Need reminds us of the importance of ensuring all children have the care, opportunities and support they need to thrive.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts! If you would still like to make a donation, please visit https://www.justgiving.com/page/somerdale-educate-together-28?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL Every contribution makes a difference.

Anti-Bullying Week 2026 – Break the Silence

Next week, Monday 16th to Friday 20th November, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. This year's theme is 'Break the Silence', encouraging children to speak up about bullying, listen to others and show kindness and respect. Throughout the week, we will be celebrating our differences, supporting one another and reminding everyone that they have the right to feel safe, happy and included.

This links closely to Article 19 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which states that every child has the right to be protected from harm, including bullying. We will be encouraging children to use their voices, speak to a trusted adult if they are worried and help make our school a kind and safe place for everyone.

Odd Socks Day – Monday 16th November!

We will be kicking off the week with Odd Socks Day! We invite all children and staff to wear their brightest, funniest or most mismatched socks to celebrate what makes each of us unique. No special socks are needed – just two different ones!

You can read more about our Anti-Bullying approach here: Anti-Bullying Approach - Somerdale Educate Together Primary - Learn together to live together

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

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 02.10.26)	1			Value of the Month: Friendship Road Safety Week Statutory Assessment Meeting- Year 4 MTC (02.10.26) Statutory Assessment Meeting – Year 1 Phonics (03.10.26) Reception 27/28 Tour (04.11.26)

(w/c 09.11.26)	2			Reception 27/28 Tour (09.11.26) Reception Good Level of Development Statutory Assessment Meeting (09.11.26) Statutory Assessment Meeting – Year 6 SATs (10.11.26)
(w/c 16.11.26)	3			Anti-Bullying Week Year 5 Assembly (16.11.26) Odd Socks Day (16.11.26) UNICEF Children's Day (20.11.26) Children In Need (13.11.26)
(w/c 23.11.26)	4			Reception 27/28 Tour (23.11.26) SEND Coffee Morning (24.11.26) Local Governing Board (24.11.26)
(w/c 30.11.26)	5			Internal Assessment Week PANTO (supported by FOSET) (03.11.26) Parent/Carer Forum (01.12.26)
(w/c 07.12.26)	6			Value of the Month: Peace Reception 27/28 Tour (08.12.26) Christmas Dinner Day (09.12.26) Key Stage 2 Songs by Candlelight (10.12.26) Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance (11.12.26)
(w/c 14.12.26)	7			EYFS Christmas Performance (15.12.26) School Close 1pm- Staff Training (18.12.26)
End of Term 2: (18.12.26)				

FoSET News

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Only ***9 DAYS SLEEPS TO GO*** until our FoSET Christmas Fair on ***Saturday 21st November 1–3pm***

WE DESPERATELY NEED VOLUNTEERS!

This event simply cannot happen without YOU! We need extra pairs of hands to help with setting up, packing down and running games and stalls. Even if you can only spare a little time, it would make a huge difference. Please get in touch if you can help – we'd be incredibly grateful!

DONATIONS NEEDED!

We'd LOVE donations of:

- Tombola prizes (no alcohol)
- Pre-loved board games
- Pre-loved Christmas items
- such as books, decorations/ wrapping paper etc.
- Small party favours for lucky dip - any unwanted party bag items would be ideal!

Please drop donations at the school office. Soft toys must have a CE mark.

Finally, do we have any musically gifted parents or grandparents who would love to spread some Christmas cheer? We'd love someone to play some festive tunes on stage for around 30 minutes during the fair. If you can help, please get in touch!

Let's make this a Christmas Fair to remember – but we really can't do it without your support!

Thank you!

FoSET


FREE ENTRY
Friends of Somerdale Educate Together
CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
1PM - 3PM
JOIN US FOR LIVE MUSIC, STALLS, GAMES AND LOTS OF CHRISTMAS FUN!
SOMERDALE EDUCATE TOGETHER PRIMARY SCHOOL, KEYNSHAM BS31 2FF

FOSET News

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).



The Chocolate Quarter Mini Christmas Markets 2026

Thursday 26th November & Thursday 3rd December

9am - 1pm in the TCQ Main Reception

Different stalls each week!
Join us for festive shopping, seasonal treats and Christmas cheer!



The Chocolate Quarter Main Reception
Trajectus Way, Keynsham BS31 2GJ

Limited parking on-site, please walk or make use of public transport where possible.