



Somerdale Educate Together Primary School
'Learn Together to Live Together'
Newsletter (Term 2 Week 2)
Friday 14th November 2025

Value of the Month
for

November:

Friendship

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

This week has been a wonderful example of our school values in action. We began with **Odd Socks Day** on Monday as part of **Anti-Bullying Week**, celebrating individuality and reinforcing the importance of kindness and respect. Midweek, we paused for **Remembrance Day**, giving pupils time to reflect on the sacrifices made for peace. Today, we concluded the week with **Children in Need**, coming together to raise funds and awareness for this fantastic cause. Thank you for your support in making these events so meaningful for our children.

Anti-Bullying Week 2025

This year's theme, "*The Power of Good*", inspired a week of reflection and action. We started with **Odd Socks Day**, celebrating individuality and the importance of kindness. Pupils explored the different roles people play in bullying and revisited our **School Anti-Bullying Charter**. We also began developing an **anti-bullying information page** for our website to strengthen awareness. Through discussions, children learnt how to be **upstanders**, not bystanders, and how to report concerns via pupil voice or trusted school staff.

Remembrance Day/ Year 5 Assembly

In our Year 5 assembly, we reflected on the meaning of **Remembrance Day** and why it remains such an important occasion. Pupils explored the significance of the **Last Post**, understanding its role in honouring those who served. We also discussed what the different **colours of poppies** represent and how each symbol carries a message of remembrance and hope. On Tuesday, we marked the event with a respectful silence and activities that encouraged reflection on peace and gratitude.

Children in Need

On Friday 14th November, we celebrated Children in Need with enthusiasm and generosity, marking its incredible 25th anniversary. Alongside fundraising activities, pupils took time to reflect on the charity's impact and considered an inspiring question: *Where do we want to be in 25 years' time?* This sparked thoughtful discussions about hopes for a kinder, fairer world and the role each of us can play in making that vision a reality. Please donate via [Just Giving Page](#)



Upcoming Important Events, Dates and Important Information:

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



World Children's Day

Next week, as part of Unicef's World Children's Day on Thursday 20th November, we will be selecting our new Rights Respecting Ambassadors for the year ahead. After the success of being reaccredited last year, this year the focus is on sharing information about rights to a wider audience.

One aspect will be helping Bob, our new rights mascot, to write regular features in our newsletters to let you know more about the different rights children have. (Article 42 – Everyone must know children's rights)

Children will find out more and have a chance to apply on Monday, with interviews taking place on World Children's Day on Thursday.

We would also love the children to come to school wearing blue to celebrate World Children's Day on Thursday 20th November.

Parent and Carers Workshop Supporting your child with Managing their Emotions

This coming **Tuesday, (18th November 9am-10am)** in the school hall, we'll be having a workshop to help your child manage their emotions.

It's a safe, non-judgemental space and all parents and carers are welcome. The session 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.

Tea/coffee and biscuits provided.

FoSET Christmas Fair

FOSET are very excited because it's only 8 sleeps until the Christmas Fair at the school on **Saturday 22nd November from 1-3pm.**

 If you would like to **volunteer** to help by running a game, please grab a committee member in person or contact us at friendsofsomerdale@hotmail.com

We have the following games that work well to be run by a family:

 Splat the Sprout

 Teacher tin can alley

✦ Hoopla with tinsel hoops

  Poo in a loo

 Guess the name of the Teddy

 Guess the number of sweets in the jar

 Lucky Lollies

 And don't worry if you can't make the Christmas Fair, you can still help us by contributing to the following:

  **Cake donations** 

If you would like to donate a cake/biscuits, drop them to the school office with an ingredients list on **Fri 21st Nov or the Hall on the morning of Sat 22nd Nov.** Home bakes and purchased items gratefully received. Our school is nut free.

 **Board games, Pre-loved Christmas items & Tombola donations** 

 If you just happen to be doing a pre-Christmas clear out, then please send any unwanted **board games, pre-loved Christmas items and tombola donations** into the school office by the end of **Wednesday 19th November.**

St John's Church Christmas Tree Festival

We will be decorating a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival again this year. You will be able to go along from **Friday 5th to Sunday 7th December** to see our tree alongside others decorated by the local communities. Crafts, live music and refreshments available.

Friday 5th : 3.00pm - 7.00pm, Saturday 6th : 10.00am - 6.00pm, Sunday 7th: 12.00 - 5.00pm

Entry is free, programmes are £1

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](#).

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>	KS1 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	<i>Christmas Dinner</i>	10.12.25 12:00-1:00pm*	*Pre-school children not attending school on 10.12.25 are invited to attend the Christmas dinner.

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.

REMAINING INSET DAYs (2025-26)

INSET Day 3	Friday 19th December 2025
INSET Day 4	Friday 13th February 2026
INSET Day 5	Wednesday 22 nd July 2026

Week Beginning	Week	Rights Focus	Global Goal Link	Event(s)
(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)				

Messages from the wider community:





The Chocolate Quarter Mini Christmas Markets 2025

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER

FROM 9AM TO 1PM

Different stalls each week!!!

Come and browse unique gifts,
handmade crafts, festive treats &
more!

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

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