



Somerdale Educate Together Primary School
'Learn Together to Live Together'
Newsletter (Term 4 Week 4)
20th March 2026

Value of the Month
for
March:
Justice

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

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

What a fantastic week it has been in school as we celebrate Neurodiversity Celebration Week! Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools, universities, and organisations with the opportunity to recognise the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent, while creating more inclusive and equitable cultures that celebrate differences and empower every individual. Activities that have taken place across the school this week include conversations and project work around our sensory preferences, discussions on how we learn best and reflections upon how our brains work.



Guide Dogs Assembly



A few weeks ago, we were very lucky to have a visit from two working dogs on behalf of the Guide Dogs Charity. Our special guests told us all about the role of a working guide dog, the special screening that must take place before a dog is chosen for this role and the extensive training that then takes place. We also spoke about the importance of not stroking a guide dog when they are working. What a special visit!

News From Around the School

Pre School- Turtles

The Turtles have been thinking about the things that grow in the story, *The Growing Child*. They have enjoyed making bird's nests and using watercolors to paint varying shades of eggshells. Some of the Turtles were amazed by the different colored eggs that we saw! This week the Turtles decided that their potatoes had chitted enough, and it was time to plant them out. Hopefully, we will soon see some shoots, and all get to enjoy our potatoes later in the summer. The Turtles have their fingers crossed that our runner bean seeds will soon germinate; we are looking forward to watching them grow.



Reception Badgers

This week, Reception enjoyed a wonderful nature walk around the school grounds. The children explored the outdoor environment with great excitement, taking time to notice the signs of the season, including budding plants, interesting textures, and natural treasures along the way.

Inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy, the children used the natural materials they collected—such as leaves, sticks, stones, and petals—to create their own beautiful pieces of art. They carefully arranged their findings into patterns and shapes, showing fantastic creativity and teamwork.

The activity encouraged the children to look closely at the world around them, develop their observation skills, and express themselves through art in a hands-on and meaningful way.

We are very proud of Reception for their enthusiasm and imaginative work this week—well done!

Year 1 Otters

Otters have loved getting hands on with their Maths this week! We have used cubes and rulers to measure length and height and have now moved on to use balance scales and cubes to measure the mass of different objects. We also enjoyed our pom pom reward this week where we toasted marshmallows and had a go at pond dipping. What a great week!



Year 2 Wildcats

This week, have been exploring the inspiring story of the Bristol Bus Boycott, learning about its importance in history and equality. In English, we have been developing our report writing skills by researching and writing about water pollution! In Design and Technology, we have been designing and creating our own moving vehicles, applying our understanding of mechanisms and movement.

Year 3 Hedgehogs

This term, Year 3 proudly led a class assembly focused on why we, as a school community, support Red Nose Day and the incredible impact it has on people's lives.

The children explored how Red Nose Day, organised by Comic Relief, helps raise money to support people facing poverty, hardship, and inequality both in the UK and around the world.

Year 3 highlighted that the money raised helps provide essential resources such as food, safe shelter, education, and healthcare for those who need it most. They spoke confidently about empathy, kindness, and the importance of helping others, reminding us all that we can be change-makers, no matter our age.

The assembly ended with a powerful message: when we come together and do something funny for money, we can help create a fairer, happier world for everyone.

We are incredibly proud of Year 3 for delivering such a thoughtful and inspiring assembly—well done!

Thank you to all families for your continued support in helping us make a difference.

Year 4 Bumblebees

Bumblebees have been really enjoying geography and science this term. As geographers, we have been looking at rivers and had fun collecting small sticks and stones in our playground, before adding them to water to explore deposition. We are excited for our river walk next week. As scientists, we have been

exploring classifying living things. This week we started making our own branching databases to sort minibeasts – some very thoughtful questions were asked!



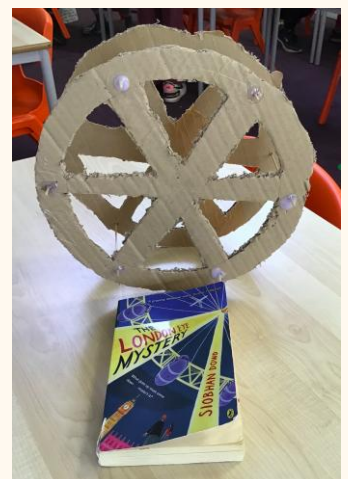
Year 5 Puffins

Puffins have been going with the flow and enjoying yoga throughout term 4. Most recently, we have explored some floor-based poses and standing balance poses creating our own sequences (flows) by selectively choosing complimenting postures we have learnt so far.












Year 6 Elephant Class

This term, Year 6 are reading *The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd and have been writing losing tales before moving onto newspaper reports about a missing person. In Design Technology, the children have been working in teams to design and make working Ferris wheels as show below! Their wheels must safely carry a Lego person through a whole rotation!



Term 4

Week Beginning	Week	Rights Focus	Global Goal Link	Event(s)
(w/c 23.02.26)	1			Value of the Month: Kindness
(w/c 03.03.26)	2			Value of the Month: Justice World Book Day (05.03.26)
(w/c 09.03.26)	3			International Women's Day (10.03.26) Year 3 – Keynsham Wombles (12.03.36)
(w/c 16.03.26)	4			Neurodiversity Week Assessment Week 16.03.26 – Year 3 Class Assembly 17.03.26 – FOSET Meeting 17.03.26 – Governors 20.03.26 – SEND Coffee Morning 20.03.26 – Red Nose Day
(w/c 23.03.26)	5			Science Week Parent/Carer Forum (27.03.26)
(w/c 30.03.26)	6			PTFA Easter Disco (31.03.26) Bank Holiday (03.04.26)
End of Term 4: (02.04.26)				



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CAKE BAKE SALE



Raising funds for the Year 6 Leavers Party



Friday 27th March – After School

Come along and treat yourself to something sweet while supporting our amazing Year 6 pupils as they prepare to leave primary school.

What will be available?



Homemade cakes and baked treats



Handmade cards created by the children

Every penny raised will go towards the **Year 6 leavers celebration.**

Bring some change and support our **Year 6s!**



FoSET





FoSET is really happy to announce that our eggcellent children's Easter party is back!

With an Easter egg hunt, disco and crafts/board games area, there's something for everyone.


Tickets are £4 each, or free with the code EASTER26 for those who need it:


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

 We'd also love some volunteers to help us make the parties eggstra-special!

 If you can lend a hand with setup, running or pack-down, please let your class rep know or speak to a member of the FoSET team


FOSET Easter Egg Trail: Maps on sale SOON!


 FOSET are very excited to announce that our Somerdale Easter Bunny Trail will be coming soon.

 Trail maps will be available from:

*School gates pick up (Wednesday 1st April and Thursday 2nd April). Cash, card & QR code payment options available.

*Pavillion Reception (3rd to 19th April). QR code payment only.

 For a suggested donation of £2 each and with a discount to £1 for siblings.

 Completed trail maps are emailed using the QR code provided on the map!

YOU ARE INVITED TO FOSET'S

EASTER
Party

PRESCHOOL/RECEPTION: 3.20PM - 4.00PM

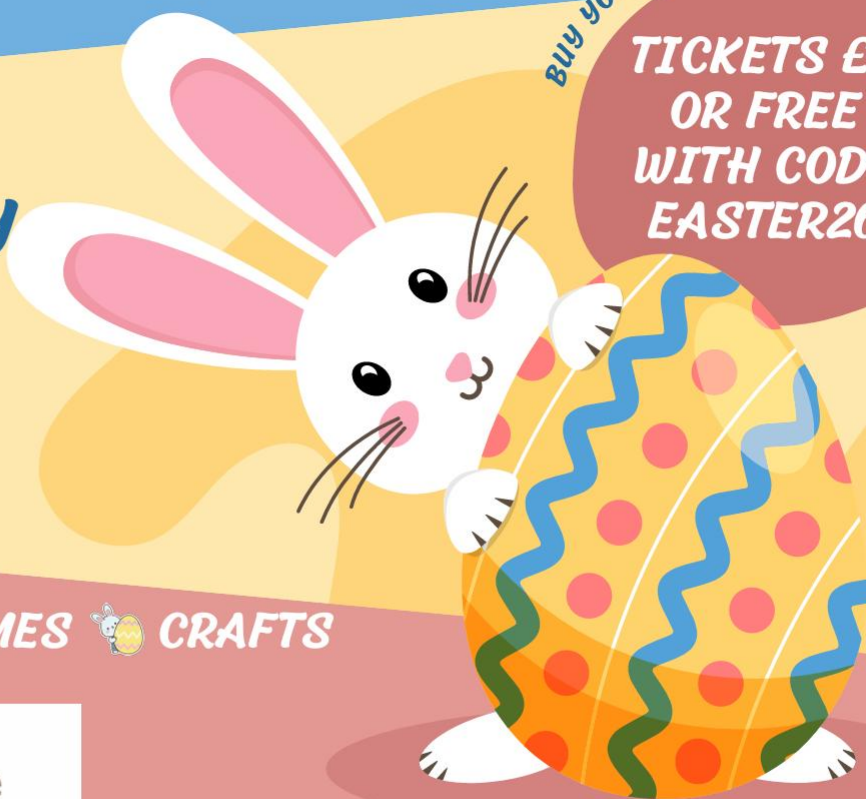
YEARS 1 TO 3: 4.15PM - 5.00PM

YEARS 4 TO 6: 5.15PM - 6.15PM

TUESDAY
31ST
MARCH

BUY YOUR TICKETS BY FRIDAY 27TH MARCH!

TICKETS £4
OR FREE
WITH CODE
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3 WINNERS
GET DRAWN
ON 20TH
APRIL



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Easter Egg Trail



**Friday 3rd April to
Sunday 19th April**

Maps will be available from:

School playground (3.20pm):

Wed 1st and Thurs 2nd April

Somerdale Pavilion:

3rd - 19th April

Suggested donation for Easter trail maps:

£2 each / £1 for siblings

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



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

18 March 7:00 - 8:30pm

30 March 10:30am - 12:00pm

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

18 March



30 March

