



Somerdale Educate Together Primary School
'Learn Together to Live Together'
Newsletter (Term 5 Week 1)
20th April 2026

Value of the
Month for April:

Dignity

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

As we begin Term 5, I am delighted to welcome everyone back for what promises to be a busy, purposeful, and celebratory part of the school year. This is always a vibrant term, filled with opportunities for pupils to demonstrate their learning, take part in wider experiences, and continue growing as active, thoughtful members of our community.

Our Values of the Month will guide our shared focus across the term. We begin with Dignity in the first two weeks, encouraging pupils to recognise the inherent worth of themselves and others, and to act with respect and integrity in all that they do. As we move into Week 3, our focus shifts to Courage, supporting children to take on new challenges, persevere in their learning, and stand up for what is right. These values remain central to our Rights Respecting ethos and underpin all aspects of school life.

The term begins with a global moment of reflection as we mark Earth Day in Week 1. This year, we are linking our learning to the achievements of NASA and the recently completed Artemis II mission. As astronauts travelled around the Moon and looked back at Earth from space, they captured a powerful reminder of our planet's beauty and fragility. We will use this perspective to inspire pupils to think more deeply about environmental responsibility, sustainability, and the importance of caring for our shared home. This real-world connection helps bring our learning to life, sparking curiosity about space, Science and the wider world.

In Week 3, we are proud to see Year 2 participating in the Keynsham Wombles project, demonstrating community spirit and active citizenship in action.

Week 4 is a significant one for our Year 6 pupils as they take part in SATs Week. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and resilience, and we wish them every success. During this week, we also look forward to welcoming families to our Parent/Carer Forum, providing an opportunity to share views and strengthen our partnership with the school community.

Week 5 is particularly eventful, with a wide range of activities and opportunities taking place across the school. We are excited to welcome a Key Stage 2 Author, inspiring a love of reading and writing among our pupils. We will also be hosting a number of important community events, including the SEND Coffee Morning, FOSET Meeting, and Local Governing Board Meeting. Alongside this, we mark School Census Day, an important date for the school.

The final week of term also brings opportunities for pupils to enjoy physical activity and teamwork during our Sports Days. We look forward to seeing our youngest learners take part in the EYFS Sports Day, followed by our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Day, which are always highlights of the term. We then round off Term 5 on Friday 22nd May.

Regular school attendance remains a key priority for us, as it plays a vital role in children's learning, wellbeing, and sense of belonging. Even small amounts of missed time can have a significant impact over the

course of the year. We understand that there can be challenges around attendance, and at Somerdale we have a range of support mechanisms in place to help families. If your child or family would benefit from additional support, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us—we are here to help and work alongside you to ensure every child can attend and thrive.

I would also like to remind parents and carers of the wide range of resources available on the class pages. These include newsletters, medium-term plans, timetables, and year group specific information designed to help families stay connected with classroom learning and upcoming opportunities. We encourage you to check these pages regularly, as they are updated throughout the term.

As always, our team is here to support you. If there is anything we can help with, or if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's experience, please do get in touch. By working together, we can ensure that Term 5 is a positive, enriching, and successful time for every member of our school community.

Chris Thomas-Unsworth
(Headteacher)

2026 Somerdale Sports Day Schedules (events to be confirmed following pupil consultation)

EYFS Sports Day Schedule – Thursday 21st May

Schedule

1 whistle announces the start of each activity.

Each activity will last 6 mins.

A whistle and an announcement will tell you when to move on.

You then have 4 mins to get to your next station.

9:15 - 9:25 Transition to field

CLASSES MUST BE ON THE FIELD AND IN POSITION FOR 9:25 START

Stage 1 - Main events

9:25 – 9:30 Opening announcements and welcome

9:30 – 9:40 Event 1 (6 min activity/4 min transition)

9:40 - 9:50 Event 2 (6 min activity/4 min transition)

9:50 – 10:00 Event 3 (6 min activity/4 min transition)

10:00 - 10:10 Event 4 (6 min activity/4 min transition)

10:10 - 10:20 Event 5 (6 min activity/4 min transition)

10:20 - 10:30 Event 6 (6 min activity/4 min transition)

10:30 - 10:35 Transition to running track

Stage 2 - Races and Adult's Event

10:35 - 10:50 EYFS Races – Preschool and Reception Blindfold races

10:50 - 11:00 Adult (Spectators/Staff) Fancy Dress Race

11:00 - 11:10 Finish (award certificates handed out) and return to classrooms

There will be 3 awards per class:

Terrific Team Player Award

For being kind, happy and helpful to your team.

Excellent Effort Award

For doing your personal best effort on Sports Day.

Super Sporting Achievement Award

For showing amazing skills on Sports Day.

KS1 Sports Day (AM) – Friday 22nd May

Schedule

1 whistle announces the start of each activity.

Each activity will last 5 mins.

A whistle and an announcement will tell you when to move on.

You then have 3 mins to get to your next station.

9:15 - 9:25 Transition to field

ALL CLASSES MUST BE ON THE FIELD AND IN POSITION FOR 9:30 START

Stage 1 - Main events

9:30 - 9:35 Opening announcements and welcome

9:35 - 9:43 Event 1 (5 min activity/3 min transition)

9:43 - 9:51 Event 2 (5 min activity/3 min transition)

9:51 - 9:59 Event 3 (5 min activity/3 min transition)

9:59 - 10:07 Event 4 (5 min activity/3 min transition)

10:07 - 10:15 Event 5 (5 min activity/3 min transition)

10:15 - 10:23 Event 6 (5 min activity/3 min transition)

10:23 - 10:30 Transition to [race track](#)

Stage 2 - Races and Adult's Event

10:30 - 10:50 KS1 Races - Y1 Sprint event, Y2 Relay race and Y1+2 Blindfold races

10:50 - 11:00 Adult (Spectators/Staff) Tug O' War Event

11:00 - 11:10 Finish (award certificates handed out) and return to classrooms

There will be 3 awards per class:

Terrific Team Player Award

For being kind, happy and helpful to your team.

Excellent Effort Award

For doing your personal best effort on Sports Day.

Super Sporting Achievement Award

For showing amazing skills on Sports Day.

KS2 Sports Day (PM)– Friday 22nd May

Schedule

1 whistle announces the start of each activity.

Each activity will last 5 mins.

A whistle and an announcement will tell you when to move on.

You then have 2 mins to get to your next station.

12:50 - 13:00 Transition to field

ALL CLASSES MUST BE ON THE FIELD AND IN POSITION FOR 13:00 START

Stage 1 - Main events

13:00 - 13:05 Opening announcements and welcome

13:05 - 13:12 Event 1 (5 min activity/2 min transition)

13:12 - 13:19 Event 2 (5 min activity/2 min transition)

13:19 - 13:26 Event 3 (5 min activity/2 min transition)

13:26 - 13:33 Event 4 (5 min activity/2 min transition)

13:33 - 13:40 Event 5 (5 min activity/2 min transition)

13:40 - 13:47 Event 6 (5 min activity/2 min transition)

13:47 - 13:54 Event 7 (5 min activity/2 min transition)

13:54 - 14:01 Event 8 (5 min activity/2 min transition)

14:01 - 14:15 Break and transition to Running Race area

Stage 2 - Races and Adult's Event

14:15 - 14:40 Children's Races - Y3-6 Sprint and Relay Races

14:40 - 14:50 Adult (Spectators/Staff) Tug O' War Event

14:50 - 15:00 Finish (award certificates handed out) and return to classrooms

There will be 4 awards per class:

Personal Best Award

For demonstrating a best possible effort across all events.

Sporting Achievement Award

For performing a demonstration of exceptional skill, aptitude or ability on Sports Day.

Sportsperson of the day Award

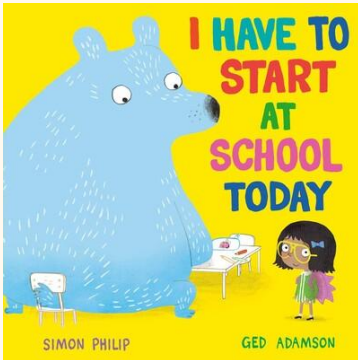
For showing strong sportsperson qualities including Growth Mindset, resilience, ambition, respect and equality.

Team Player Award

For consistently showing towards your team encouragement, enthusiasm and support throughout the events.

Author Visits – Term 5 and 6

We are delighted to announce two fantastic author visits! David Solomons will engage our Key Stage 2 students on Tuesday 19th May, hosting activities and sharing insights about his books. Ged Adamson will join our Key Stage 1 and EYFS classes on Tuesday 16th June, reading his stories and leading fun activities.








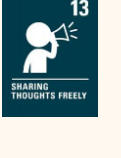



Ged Adamson is a London-based author and illustrator of children's picture books known for his whimsical, character-driven stories, including *Douglas*, *You Need Glasses!* and *Shark Dog!*



David Solomons is a bestselling British children's author and screenwriter, best known for his award-winning *My Brother is a Superhero* series!

Term 5

Week Beginning	Week	Rights Focus	Global Goal Link	Event(s)
(w/c 20.04.26)	1	 <p>30 MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION</p>	 <p>10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES</p>	Value of the Month: Dignity World Earth Day (21.04.26)
(w/c 07.04.26)	2	 <p>28 ACCESS TO EDUCATION</p>	 <p>16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</p>	Value of the Month: Dignity
(w/c 04.05.26)	3	 <p>29 AIMS OF EDUCATION</p>		Value of the Month: Courage Year 2 – Keynsham Wombles (07.05.26)
(w/c 11.05.26)	4	 <p>13 SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY</p>	 <p>4 QUALITY EDUCATION</p>	Year 6 SATs Week Parent/Carer Forum (14.05.26) 2:30pm
(w/c 18.05.26)	5	 <p>13 SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY</p>	 <p>9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</p>	Key Stage 2 Author Visit (19.05.26) SEND Coffee Morning (19.05.26) Local Governing Board Meeting (19.05.26) FOSET Meeting (19.05.26) School Census Day (20.05.26) EYFS Sports Day (21.05.26) KSI & KS2 Sport Day (22.05.26)
End of Term 5: (22.05.26)				