



Somerdale Educate Together Primary School
'Learn Together to Live Together'
Newsletter (Term 5 Week 3)
Friday 8th May 2026

Value of the
Month for May:

Courage

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

As we move further into the summer term, it has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm, creativity and positivity across the school community. Thank you to all our families for your continued support and encouragement.

We are incredibly proud of Hedgehog Class and all they have achieved through their recently completed Learn Together project on making our school a better place. The children led the entire direction of the project themselves, choosing to focus on providing water bottle trollies to support clean and safe drinking across the school. Through their hard work, creativity and teamwork, they successfully raised £200, which, together with funding from Friends of Somerdale Educate Together, enabled the purchase of the new water bottle trollies for the school.

Today marked their first trial on the playground, and already you can feel the positive difference they are making to daily school life. The children should feel extremely proud of the impact they have had on our school community.

We would also like to say how incredibly proud we are of all our Year 6 children and the mature, positive way they have approached the build-up to their SATs assessments next week. They have shown resilience, determination and a fantastic attitude towards their learning throughout the year. Most importantly, we are proud of the kindness, support and encouragement they continue to show one another. We know they will all do their very best, and we wish them the very best of luck for the week ahead.

We were also delighted to receive such positive feedback from the Bikeability team about the way our Year 5 children approached their cycling training. The instructors commented on the children's excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and willingness to challenge themselves while learning important road safety skills. They represented the school brilliantly, and we are very proud of the maturity and determination they demonstrated throughout the training sessions.

A special mention must also go to Wildcats Class in Year 2 for their fantastic community work alongside the Keynsham Wombles. The children took part in litter-picking activities and showed great care and pride in helping to look after their local environment. They demonstrated wonderful teamwork and community spirit, and we are incredibly proud of the positive contribution they are making both within school and beyond.

We would also like to praise our Listening Team, who have been working closely with the Senior Leadership Team to help plan, deliver and review this year's Pupil Voice questionnaire and the actions arising from it. The children have approached this responsibility with maturity, thoughtfulness and a genuine commitment to helping improve our school community. We look forward to sharing the outcomes and next steps with the wider community very soon.

Finally, we would like to congratulate the winners of the FoSET Easter Trail, which was a fantastic success and greatly enjoyed by the children and families who took part.

Congratulations to:

- Annie Thompson
- Evie McCombe
- Chester Stuart

Well done to everyone involved and thank you to FoSET for organising such an enjoyable community event.

We look forward to another exciting and productive half term ahead.

News From Around the School

Pre School- Turtles

This term the Turtles are learning about Space, and their enthusiasm for the subject is absolutely shining through. Well done, Turtles, it's fantastic to see your curiosity. We started by looking at our home, planet Earth and the things that we can see if we look down from space. The Turtles have used collaborative art to make Jupiter, Mars and Saturn and they've even made space helmets for themselves. We have challenged ourselves with wobbly spacewalks, floating and rolling art.



Reception - Badgers

10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1, BLAST OFF! Badgers have begun their adventure around space this term. Children have enjoyed exploring planets and stars but first, they had to pack their list of things to take with them for a safe journey in their hand made rockets! We have been impressed with the children's enthusiasm so far this term, particularly when writing about their space adventures. I wonder what else we will discover in the next few weeks Badgers, strap in for more exciting rides among the stars!

Year 1 - Otters

Otters have been working hard on their art over the past couple of weeks. We are working towards creating sculptures of birds. We have focused on the key details by making observational drawings and have looked at how we can manipulate paper to make it look 3D. We have also been busy preparing for our class assembly which is coming up on Monday 18th May – we can't wait for you to see it!

Year 2 – Wildcats

This term, Wildcats have been learning all about plants. We have explored what plants need to grow and how they change over time. As part of our learning, we planted flower seeds and have been carefully looking after them by watering them and making sure they get enough sunlight. The children have enjoyed watching their plants grow and are excited to see them bloom in the coming weeks!

Year 3 - Hedgehogs

We are so proud of Hedgehog Class and what they have achieved during their recently completed Learn Together project on making school a better place.

The children have led the entire direction of the project, deciding on the focus of having water bottle trollies for the school to support clean and safe drinking. They then planned how to raise the money, coming up with the lemonade stand idea, and they all contributed with each table writing a paragraph of a letter to the Friends asking for match funding. They spoke in assembly, created posters, made the lemonade, sold the lemonade and then counted the proceeds.

They raised over £200, which is a tremendous achievement. The water bottle trollies should arrive very soon where the children will see the impact of all their incredible hard work. We all look forward to hopefully less missing or 'misplaced' water bottles going forward in the school.

Year 4 - Bumblebees

In Year 4, we have been honing our computing skills by taking our own pictures and editing them for a purpose. The children have found a myriad of ways to improve both the quality and appeal of their images, which I'm sure they'd love to share with you all at some point this term.

We have also been getting our hands, tables and (in cases) our tops mucky with paint, as we've been creating our own patterned card ready for our collages next week. Thank you for your donations of card as it will make their work far more varied and give them more options when it comes to their designs.

Year 5 - Puffins

In Year 5, we took the chance on an opportunity to take part in two new upcoming sports Mollky and Jumpball this week. We headed over to Barrs Court Primary School to learn and have a go at these exciting games and had a lot of fun meeting new young people in the process. Mollky is much like bowling but throwing a wooden pin instead of a ball. However, instead of aiming to knock down all the pins, we had to score exactly 50 points by only knocking down the correct numbers on the top.



Jumpball was much like playing the floor is lava crossed with smashing balls off of a bench for points. It really brought the energy up and we're looking forward to bringing some of these games to play leader lunchtimes soon! A big thank you to Mr Walker and Barrs Court Primary School children for having us.

Year 6 - Elephants


Elephants have been focusing brilliantly on all their preparations for the SATs coming up in May as well as thinking ahead to their PGL residential and beyond to Aladdin! Leavers Team 2026 can be seen in their bright blue hoodies below! Exciting times!




FoSET


FoSET Needs Your Help with the Summer Fair


To run the Summer Fair on Saturday 6th June from 1-3PM we need volunteers for the following :


 Games - Please feel free to create your own game

 Plant stall and associated craft




 Refreshments



 Set up and pack down - which allows you to attend the whole Fair with your family

 As always, we will need lots of volunteers to help the Fair run smoothly - so don't be shy and if you've not volunteered before this could be the event for you!

 The children have so much fun when the wider community volunteer to help.

 Please let us know if you can help by emailing us at friendsofsomerdale@hotmail.com.

  Every volunteer will get a free cake and drink on the day. 

  Thank you so much for your continued support. We could not run this event without contributions from the whole school community.

Best wishes,

FoSET

FOSET PRESENTS...

SOMERFEST

AT SOMERDALE PRIMARY

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 6**

**1:00PM
TILL
3:00PM**

**FREE
ENTRY**

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**MUSIC- STALLS - GAMES - FOOD & DRINK
ENJOY A FUN AFTERNOON AND SUPPORT
OUR SCHOOL!**

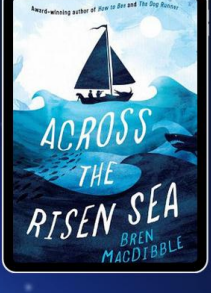
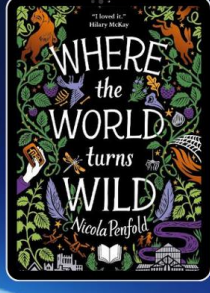
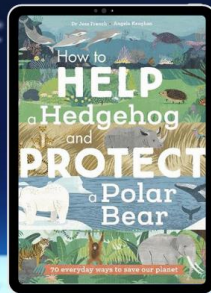
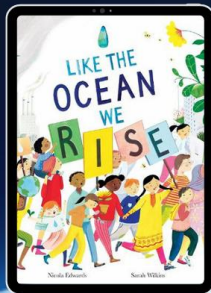
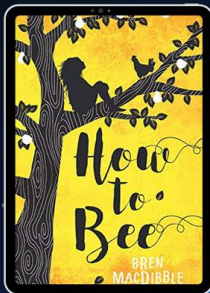
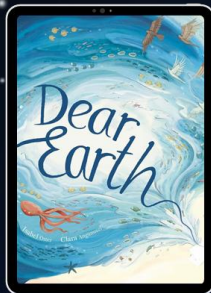
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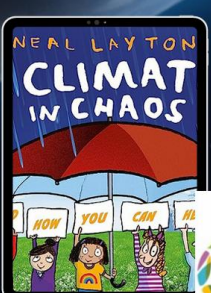
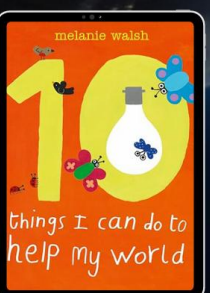
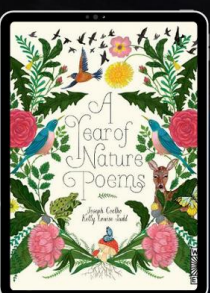
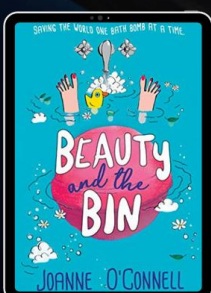
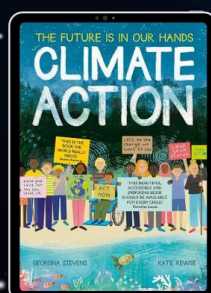


**Target
£300!**

We're raising funds to buy 70 inspiring books that connect children with our amazing planet, spark curiosity, and empower them to care for the Earth.

Every donation helps – big or small. Scan the QR code to donate.

To reduce our environmental impact, books will be bought second-hand from World of Books (Very Good condition).





Somerdale
Educate Together



CAKE BAKE SALE



Raising funds for the Year 6 Leavers Party

FRIDAY 15TH MAY
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

Cake donations are very welcome!

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

**BRING SOME CHANGE AND
SUPPORT OUR YEAR 6S!**



Help us to win £1,000

Shop with Tesco throughout May and we could be a lucky winner.

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We are so delighted to have won, it's going to make a tangible difference to the families we support over the coming summer months. The Tesco Community Pledge is such a generous way for Tesco and easyfundraising to further support community groups and we feel very grateful!



Southend Care Bank - last year's winner