



Somerdale Educate Together Primary School

‘Learn Together to Live Together’

Newsletter (Term 6 Week 2)

Friday 13th June 2025

Value of the Month for

June:

Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well, as we settle into the second week of our final term of the academic year. It's hard to believe how quickly the year has flown by, and yet there is still so much happening across the school in these final weeks.

Term 6 is always a busy and exciting time—full of celebrations, transitions, and reflection. Our staff are working hard to ensure a smooth and supportive transition for all pupils, particularly those preparing to move into new year groups. A special focus is being placed on wellbeing, confidence, and readiness for the year ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt **thank you to FoSET and everyone who supported the Summer Fair**. It was a fantastic community event, and we are delighted to share that **£1700** was raised! These funds will go directly towards our **playground improvement project**, which we are very excited to move forward with. A **special thank you to Nigel Fudge**, whose generous sponsorship helped make the event possible.

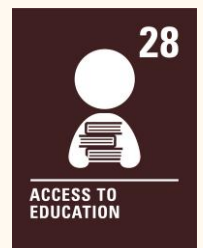
We also want to give a big round of applause to **Finn in Year 3**, who raised **£39** by selling 3D printed toys that he designed, adapted, and printed himself using a 3D printer. Impressively, the toys were made from sustainable cornstarch-based materials—well done, Finn, for combining creativity, entrepreneurship, and environmental thinking!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you enjoy reading about the many activities and achievements taking place across the school this week.

New Procedures for Late Arrivals

We wish to inform you of our new lateness procedures designed to enhance our attendance record-keeping. Effective from next week, if arrival is after 8.50am, parents or carers will be required to complete a designated lateness book available in the front office, providing the reason for the delay. This measure will help our office team ensure that attendance is recorded accurately.

We know that children who attend school regularly are more likely to make progress in their learning and achieve better life outcomes. Attendance and punctuality are therefore crucial to children's learning and achievement at school, thank you for your support.



Gnoming me, gnoming you (ahaaaa) – Raising Money for Bristol Children's Hospital!



We can finally reveal, after a top secret mission to collect him, that we officially have our very own Norbert the Gnome! Over this term, classes will create designs based on Children's Rights, which will then be drawn onto Norbert, and painted by the children. The gnome will then go on display in a large exhibition full of Norbert the Gnomes in September, as part of the Gromit Unleashed 3 project.

We then welcome Norbert back in October where he will live forever more! In order to gain our Norbert, we have pledged to raise at least £500 for the Grand Appeal which raises money for the Bristol Children's Hospital.

To help us to raise this money, we are organising a 'Gnoming me, gnoming you' Day (ahaa). On Monday 23rd June, in exchange for a donation, we are asking children to come dressed to show pride in their individuality, or they can come dressed as a gnome! We will send out details nearer the time as to how we will collect the donations, but for now, we hope you will help us in raising money for this incredible charity.

World Cultural Diversity Day

We had a great day last Friday celebrating World Cultural Diversity Day. The children enjoyed a drumming and dancing workshop led by Norman and Stephen, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone (including the



adults!). They were very complimentary of our children across the school, highlighting how they listened and followed the rhythms! We then enjoyed an afternoon of experiencing food, artefacts and games from the different cultures within our school. Thank you to the family members who gave up their time to share this with the children and make it such a wonderful day!

News from around the school

Preschool – Turtles

The Turtles have been delighted to welcome our caterpillars into the classroom, we are all amazed by how much they have eaten, grown and unfortunately pooped in the last week. It has been really intriguing to see how quickly they have changed. To support our learning about caterpillar lifecycles we have designed and matched butterfly patterns, explored what caterpillars and butterflies like to eat and continued to learn our butterfly dance. In maths we have been thinking about collections and how we can sort things in different ways. We enjoyed mixing powder paints and there were some real exclamations of joy when the children managed to make orange and purple, all by themselves.

Reception – Otters

This week Otters have been exploring sharing and grouping in maths. We have revisited vocabulary such as fair, unfair, equal, odd, even and altogether and talked about how we can use this when sharing and grouping. The children have enjoyed applying their skills in various contexts throughout the day. Such as, sharing the fruit/milk, grouping shells from our 'shell shop' and having a teddy bears picnic. We have explored how we can share equally and why groups need to be equal. Children have been confident in noticing when a quantity isn't equal and how we can group these in different ways to make it fair.



Year 1 – Wildcats

Wildcats have enjoyed creating their seasonal changes pictures. We have observed the changes throughout the school year and are now gathering our knowledge of the seasons to show this in a picture. You can see some examples below! We have also enjoyed exploring our new key text “The Secret Sky Garden” and have written some amazing character and setting descriptions.



Year 2 – Hedgehogs

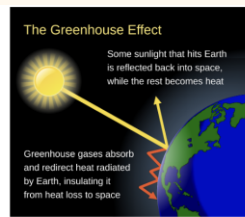
Hedgehogs have had a brilliant start to this term. The children have been bustling with energy and enthusiasm, and it's wonderful to see their eagerness to learn. We've been diving into our gardening project, growing our own herbs. We've been learning about how to care for plants and the importance of fresh ingredients. In history, we're learning about the Great Fire of London. The children are captivated by this significant event and are eager to discuss its impact on the city and its rebuilding.

Year 3 – Bumblebees

We've had a great start to the term so far with the Bumblebees settling in for their final term of Year 3! In Geography we have been exploring maps of the coastline between Clevedon and Weston-Super-Mare, ready for our school trip later this term! In Learn Together, we have been discussing feelings, as well as Pride month and equity.

Year 4 – Puffins

Last week Puffins completed the Year 4 multiplication check. We are so proud of every child. They are so confident with their times tables and should be very impressed with all the practice they have put in. Thank you to families at home for your support with this. In addition to this, we have been calculating with money in maths, learning all about Malala Yousafzai in English and discussing how to broadcast the impact of our zero-carbon project that we have been working on this year. Puffins voted on making a video which will be shared with you in the near future. Alys, Alfie and Charlie also chose to write a piece for the newsletter about what we have done:



YEAR 4 ZERO CARBON SCHOOLS PROJECT

Dear parents,

We would like to inform you that year 4 have taken part in a zero carbon schools project throughout term 5-6. In this project we have...

- Made Meat free Monday
- Suggested meat free pack lunches
- Asked about compost bins
- Meat free/plant based dessert
- Posters and writing

We hope you have seen this and hoped this has inspired you to join us on our journey of reducing our carbon footprint.

From: crazy Charlie, amazing Alfie and awesome Alys

The goal is to try and get a complete meat free Monday across the whole school! Please help us achieve this.

Year 5 – Elephants

The big news for us this week was of course our school trip to Wake the Tiger. It was an amazing day and the children thoroughly loved being immersed in such a rich environment. In the coming week we'll be writing up our own stories that we role played by completing mini-quests at the Wake the Tiger site. Take a look at the fun below!



Year 6 – Tigers

Year 6 have had a busy time so far this term learning lines, choreography and rehearsing the Wizard of Oz production for the end of term production. Exciting times!



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Summer Fair Thank You for your Support

😊 FoSET would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Fair, whether you were a volunteer, made a donation, or came along with a sunny smile on a rainy Saturday, every one of you made a valuable contribution.

We are very excited to announce that we raised just over £1,700 at the Fair to contribute towards the playground improvements.

We would like to offer a special thanks to our main sponsor Nigel Fudge Estate Agent.

We would also like to thank Beaverscapes who sponsored the plant stall and Somerdale shed who donated plants.





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**draw takes
place on
14th July**

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FAMILY OF 4 TICKET TO AEROSPACE BRISTOL
THE WAVE VOUCHER
2 X TICKETS TO ROAM SUPPER CLUB
2 X TICKETS TO SEE BLUBBER AT THE TOBACCO FACTORY
LAURA'S KITCHEN CAKERY VOUCHER
FAMILY OF 5 DISC GOLF VOUCHER WITH MENDIP ACTIVITY CENTRE
2 X TICKETS TO THEATRE ROYAL BATH BACKSTAGE TOUR
£20 BASKERVILLES GYMNASTICS GIFT VOUCHER
1 MONTH GYM MEMBERSHIP AT SOMERDALE PAVILION
BRISTOL FERRIES WATER BUS DAY TICKET FOR TWO
SIGNED ENGLAND RUGBY SHIRT & CHAMPAGNE
AVON VALLEY COUNTRY PARK VOUCHER
BBQ HAMPER FROM HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE OWNERS GROUP
PIE&LATTES PILATES STUDIO FREE GROUP CLASS
2 X TICKETS TO BROCKS OUTDOOR ADVENTURES EASTER EGG HUNT
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JAM JAR OF FLOWERS FROM WILD ABOUT FLOWERS
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MR B'S BOOK EMPORIUM VOUCHER

Tickets just £1!

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Funds raised from this raffle will solely be used for the benefit of Somerdale Educate Together Primary School*



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SOMERDALE EDUCATE TOGETHER PRIMARY ACADEMY

Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes





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GOOD QUALITY, DRY,
REUSABLE CLOTHING**

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If you are unsure what to put in the bags
STOP AND THINK
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?

Please use the clothing bag provided.
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Collection Date:

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th June leave at Reception

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Anxiety
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Social Anxiety

We are a team of Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs) from the NHS. We work with children and young people aged 5-18 years to provide early mental health support within schools for mild to moderate mental health difficulties.

We provide:

1 1:1 Sessions

Talk to us about your feelings in a safe space.
You will work with us for
6-8 sessions

2 Groups

We provide a range of group work to assist young people who are facing similar difficulties

If you would like support from an EMHP, speak to your teacher or a member of the pastoral team.

Children's Occupational Therapy Advice Line

Do you have any questions about a child or young person's ability to carry out daily tasks and activities?



01225 82 6659

**The first and second
Tuesday of each month.
2pm – 4pm**

Our Advice Line is open to Parents / Carers,
Schools, Nursery and Healthcare
professionals of children who have a
BANES GP.

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If the child is already on our Waiting List or is known to BANES OT Service, and you would like to speak to a member of the Occupational Therapy team, please contact 01225 82 4220.