**Newsletter 2 Friday 19th September** 

# Somerville News

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#### YEAR 2 TRIP TO NESS GARDENS

Last week, Year 2 visited Ness gardens as part of our science curriculum. The children had a fantastic time exploring, hunting for mini beasts and learning about the habitats of different plants and animals. The children were so enthusiastic and their behaviour was fabulous. We are very much looking forward to our trip next week to Eureka.







# YEAR 5 WORKSHOPS



This term, our Year 5 students are taking part in mental health workshops with the Mental Health Support Team Wirral(MHST). The workshops are focused on the **Five Ways to Well-Being**, a framework designed to help young people build positive mental health habits. The five pillars are: **Be active**, **Take notice**, **Keep learning**, **Give**, and **Connect**. These sessions are a great way for our pupils to learn practical skills for managing their emotions and developing resilience, all within a supportive environment. Our comprehensive personal development program is designed to equip our pupils with the skills they need to thrive, both in and out of the classroom.

## SCHOLAR PACK / PARENT PAY AND COMMUNICATIONS

This week the school office have sent out Scholar Pack Parent Pay codes to the new reception parents to be able to use the Scholar Pack website. It is important that you register as this is how we send out our communications. You will miss out on important information and dates if you do not do this in the next week.

We are a cashless school and building. All of our dinner money and school trips, is paid through the Parent Pay app. You will also need to sign up to this asap. Please ensure dinner money accounts are up to date.

#### SOMERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL - ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE BREAKDOWN

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Pupils who have good attendance enjoy better wellbeing and school performance than those who don't.

The school day is split into two sessions- one session counts as a morning or afternoon spent in school. There are only a few occasions where a child is allowed to miss school, such as illness (which dependent on your child's current and prior attendance may need to be authorised) or where the school has given permission because of an exceptional circumstance. However, if your child misses school without a good reason, local councils and schools can intervene and you may be issued a fine.

How much could I be fined if my child misses school?

In the majority of cases, schools and local authorities will try and provide support to help you improve your child's attendance first, but if this isn't effective or the absence is for unauthorised term time holiday, parents may face paying a fine.

It's the responsibility of the local authority to decide when to issue fines to parents.

10 or more sessions (5 days) missed for unauthorised reasons and/or holidays:

£80 per parent per child
(if paid within 21 days)
£160 per parent per child
(if paid within 28 days)

Second fine for the same child within a
3 year period:
£160 per parent per child.

Maximum of 2 fines in a 3 year periodafter this limit is exceeded, you may be prosecuted by the Local Authority and receive a fine of up to £2,500 and be prosecuted in court.

Please remember- as a school, we will do all we can to help support you and your child's attendance to avoid fines being issued.

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL - NON UNIFORM DAY



Next Friday 26th September we will be holding a non uniform day in return for food donations. The staff on the gates will have donation carts ready . This year we will again be supporting the Wirral Food Bank. Please see the poster below for items that Wirral Food Bank currently need.







Italian Meatballs, served in a tomato basil sauce with spaghetti and garlic bread.

Baked Potato with a choice of fillings: cheese, tuna and baked beans

Delibar with a choice of fillings: Ham, cheese, tuna mayo

Dessert:

Chocolate crispy cake
Assorted Yogurts
Cheese/Crackers
Fresh Fruit

Vegetarians/Gluten Free diets catered for.



#### Please note that INSET days are subject to change.

Autumn Term 2025	
Open	Monday 1st Sept – Friday 24th Oct
Half Term	Monday 27th Oct – Friday 31st Oct
Open	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – Friday 2 <sup>rd</sup> Jan

Spring Term 2026	
Open	Monday 5th Jan – Friday 13th Feb
Half Term	Monday 16th Feb - Friday 20th Feb
Open	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Spring Break	Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

Summer Term 2026	
Open	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
Open	Monday 1st June – Monday 20th July

### 190 Pupil days and 5 INSET Days 2025 - 2026

- 1. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2025
- 2. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026
- 3. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- 4. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026
- 5. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

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# Whole school dates for the diary

**Friday 26th September** - Non uniform day harvest donation

**Tuesday 30th** - Harvest Festival Assembly

Tuesday 7th October - Individual photo day

**Wednesday 8th October** - Reception open day for next years intake

**Friday 10th October** - Flu nasal vaccination day

**Wednesday 15th October** - parents evening until 6.30pm

**Thursday 16th October** - parents evening until 6.40pm

**Friday 17th October** - Show racism the red card - Wear something red day - Anthony Walker Foundation in school

**Wednesday 22nd October** - Monster Mash Disco - confirm details at a later date

**Monday 27th - Friday 31st October** - Half Term - School closed to children

**Monday 3rd November** - School open to pupils

**Friday 14th November** - Children In Need Day - Own Clothes - Money in the bucket at the gate

**Monday 10th November** - Anti Bullying Week Monday wear Odd socks to school -No money

# **Reception dates for the diary**

**Friday 3rd October-** Foundation Fun Course - Dough Disco

**Friday 10th October** - Foundation Fun Course - Magical Maths

**Friday 24th October-** Foundation Fun Course Awesome Autumn

**Year 1** dates for the diary

**Year 2** dates for the diary

Thursday 25th September - Trip to Eureka

# Year 3 / 4 dates for the diary

**Thursday 2nd October -** Trip to Liverpool Museums Hazel and Aspen Class

**Thursday 9th October -** Trip to Liverpool museums Holly and Beech Class

# **Year 6 dates for the diary**

**Thursday 23rd October** - Year 6 residential parents meeting

**Tuesday 11th November - Friday 14th November - Year 6 Residential - Wales**