

Somerville News

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AIMING HIGH TOGETHER



YEAR 5 PLAY LEADERS



Year 5 have trained by an external trainer over the past few weeks to become play leaders. They have created and learnt lots of games to keep our Year3/4 children active at lunchtimes. **What a team!** The lady who has been training them spoke to Mrs Connolly, our PE leader, to tell her what a fantastic group of polite and willing children they have been whilst training. A credit to our school. It is important to us to provide leadership opportunities in school so children can develop a wide range of skills alongside their academic classes.

NEW INITIATIVE LAUNCH – BOOSTING PUPIL WELLBEING WITH ZONES OF REGULATION

We are thrilled to announce an exciting new addition to our whole-school Personal Development offer designed to further support your child's wellbeing: the introduction of The Zones of Regulation! This initiative provides a common language for children (and staff!) to understand, talk about, and manage their feelings and emotions effectively. It is an excellent tool that builds self-awareness and self-management skills—both crucial for happy and successful learning.

What is The Zones of Regulation?

The program helps children sort all their different emotions into four coloured zones. Each zone helps them understand what their bodies and minds are feeling.

Learning in Class: Over the coming weeks, every class will explore what feelings belong in each colour, what those feelings look and feel like, and, most importantly, what tools can help them when they are in a specific zone.

Building a 'Toolbox': In the next four weeks, your child will be actively working on creating their very own personal 'toolbox' of strategies and coping mechanisms they can use to manage their emotions and move back to a calm, focused state (The Green Zone).

What's Happening Next Week?

We will be launching the program fully next week by focusing on our first colour:

The Blue Zone: The Slow Zone (Feelings like sad, tired, sick, or bored)

We encourage you to chat with your child about what they are learning. We will be sharing more resources and information in the future so you can support this important work at home.

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 period- after 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.



2025 - 2026

Please note that INSET days are subject to change.

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

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

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

190 Pupil days and 5 INSET Days 2025 – 2026

1. Monday 1st Sept 2025
2. Monday 5th Jan 2026
3. Monday 13th April 2026
4. Monday 1st June 2026
5. Monday 20th July 2026

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Whole school dates for the diary

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

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

