

Somerville News

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AIMING HIGH TOGETHER



SCHOOL CLUBS

Just a quick reminder that next week is the LAST week for school clubs. Please mark this in the diary so all children are picked up from school, on time, the following week. I am sure you will join us in thanking all of our teaching assistants and teachers who have run the clubs this term for our children.

THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON 1666...OOPS SOMERVILLE 2025

Our year one children have been learning about the Great Fire of London. To help this learning stick the year one team and children recreated the Great Fire here at school! The children learned about how flammable the buildings were (made of wood and straw), how close together they were and how the wind can make fire spread. Alongside this they were also taught about modern day fire safety. Have a chat with your child to see how much they can remember!



SCHOOL SAFETY ALERT

We need your help to keep all our students and families safe when walking to and from school. Recently, there's been an increase in very poor and illegal parking right near the school gates and on the corners of nearby roads. When cars park where they shouldn't, it makes it really hard and dangerous for children, especially our smaller ones, to see traffic coming. This poor visibility means that crossing the road becomes much riskier and in our school's case **DANGEROUS**. Please remember to always park legally and thoughtfully, avoiding yellow lines, zig-zags, and corners. Let's work together to make sure everyone can cross the road safely and arrive at school with a smile!

When parking dangerously ask yourself this question...

How would I feel if I was responsible for the injury or DEATH of a child or their parent because I couldn't be bothered to walk a bit further?



CUBAN TEACHER VISIT

Earlier this week we had the pleasure of hosting a teacher on an exchange visit from Cuba. It was lovely to welcome a colleague to see our school, experience our curriculum and way of teaching and meet some of our children. The exchange host sent the following email to our school.

Many thanks to you, your students and headteacher for welcoming Liuska and me to Somerville Primary School yesterday. We really enjoyed the visit and were impressed by the school's support for students as well as the inclusive curriculum. As you know, Cuba achieves so much in education already, but Liuska is taking back a great experience of UK schools. As a former secondary English teacher, yesterday's visit once again affirmed my pride in our UK teachers, thanks to you all!

Please convey our thanks to the headteacher and staff too.

I think that you will agree, these are lovely words about our school.

CHESTER ZOO VISIT

Last week, our Year 1 and Year 2 children had a fantastic time taking part in their very first Chester Zoo workshop in school. They learned all about native and non-native animals and had great fun exploring the habitats in our own outdoor area. The children were full of curiosity and enthusiasm as they discovered how animals live and survive in different environments. We're looking forward to the next two workshops, and the excitement is already building for our trip to Chester Zoo on 2nd December, where the children will complete their final workshop and have the wonderful opportunity to explore the zoo itself!



CHRISTMAS PREPARATION



Christmas preparation is well underway in school and the children have started their rehearsals. The costume boxes have been unpacked and the stage, lighting and sound system are all ready to go! It is important that the children are in school every day and on time as if they are not in rehearsals they will struggle in the Christmas Performance. There are large audiences at these performances and the children will be extremely self conscious if they don't know what they are doing.

We have put all of the Christmas dates on the diary page at the bottom of this newsletter. Each child will be issued with two tickets for their performance. Please bring these with you on the day. **Unfortunately, we can not have buggies, prams or pushchairs in the hall for fire safety reasons. These will need to be left outside no matter the weather, so please plan accordingly to avoid disappointment on the day.**

Christmas accessory days - We have three of these planned across December. The children are free to wear Christmas Jumpers or other Christmas accessories such as antlers, hair bows, even socks!

CHRISTMAS BINGO AND FILM NIGHT

Our two Christmas fundraising events have also been planned. These are extremely popular. **Please ensure you have your tickets BEFORE THE DEADLINE.** Unfortunately, tickets can not be purchased after this date due to risk assessments that need to be completed for the numbers we have, staffing sorted and refreshments bought. If you struggle with Parent Pay speak to the ladies in the office who will help you. However they can not do this after the deadline.



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

Thursday 11th December- Christmas Accessory Day - wear your Christmas jumpers, antlers, tinsel etc.

Friday 12th December - Choir children only trip to Morrisons West Kirby to sing and raise money.

Monday 15th December- Rock Steady concert for Rock Steady parents

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Film night for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4.

Wednesday 17th December Christmas Bonkers Bingo for Years 5 and 6

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Dinner Day - woo hoo! Wear your Christmas accessories and feel festive!!

Friday 19th December - Christmas themed non uniform day. LAST DAY OF TERM



Reception dates for the diary

Friday 28th November - Reception Christmas Performance @ 9.10 am

Year 1 dates for the diary

Friday 5th December- Year 1 Christmas Performance @ 9.10 am

Tuesday 2nd December- Year 1 trip to Chester Zoo

Friday 12th December- Year 1 trip to Greenacres animal farm

Year 2 dates for the diary

Tuesday 2nd December- Year 2 trip to Chester Zoo

Wednesday 10th December - Year 2 Christmas Performance @ 9.10 am

Year 3 / 4 dates for the diary

Tuesday 16th December- Holly and Aspen parents only 9.10am

Tuesday 16th December- Beech and Hazel parents only 2.00pm

Year 5 dates for the diary

Wednesday 17th December- Year 5 performance @ 9.10am

Year 6 dates for the diary

Thursday 18th December- Year 6 performance @ 9.10am