Somerville Primary School

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NEWSLETTER





Parents' Evening Thank You

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Parents' Evening sessions this week. It was wonderful to welcome you into school, share your children's progress, and discuss their learning goals for the term ahead. Your continued support and partnership with school are so important for your child's success. For those who attended on Wednesday night, we hope you also had a chance to sample the delicious food on offer from our wonderful new school catering manager!

The Power of Nightly Reading



R**eading with your child for just 10 to 15 minutes every night is the single most impactful thing you can do to support their future.** Educational research reveals that children who read daily are exposed to over **290,000 more words by age five** compared to those who do not, creating a substantial "vocabulary gap" that widens as they grow. A lack of regular reading puts children at a severe disadvantage against their peers—not just within our school, but across our local area and the entire nation. According to the National Literacy Trust, daily reading **doubles a child's likelihood of achieving high reading and comprehension skills**, which directly correlates with success in later life, higher earning potential, and broader career opportunities. By contrast, missing out on this routine leaves children playing catch-up in every single subject. Please help us give your child the best possible start in life by signing their reading diary every evening

Focus in school assemblies



This week our key stage 1 assembly and our Tuesday key stage 2 assembly focused on the concept: "Diwali". The children have been learning all about Diwali, the festival of lights. We explored the beautiful traditions and stories of this celebration, focusing on the powerful themes of hope, kindness, and the triumph of light over darkness.

Thursday's assembly was about Introducing 'Protected Characteristics'. We introduced the concept of protected characteristics to help our children understand equality and diversity. We explored how everyone is unique and why it is so important that our school remains a safe, welcoming, and respectful place for absolutely everyone.

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- **Quote... pause and reflect**

""Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness." — Anne Frank

Think about how even a very small act of kindness—like a smile or a comforting word—can brighten up someone else's difficult day. How can you be a "light" for someone this week?

"Our unity is our strength and our diversity is our power." — Kamala Harris

Consider how a garden is much more beautiful because it has many different types of flowers. How do our differences make our school community a more exciting and wonderful place to be?

Christmas is coming...



This week our teachers have received their Christmas rehearsal schedules which will be starting towards the end of this month. The children need to be attending every day so that they can properly take part.

The dates are as follows:
Reception - Friday 4th December - 9.15 am

Year 1 / 2 Performance for Year 1 parents- Thursday 10th December - 9.15 am
Year 1 / 2 Performance for Year 2 parents - Thursday 10th December - 2.15 pm

Year 3 / 4 Performance for Year 4 parents - Friday 11th December - 9.15 am
Year 3 / 4 Performance for Year 3 parents- Friday 11th December - 2.15 pm

Year 5 / 6 Performance for Year 5 parents - Thursday 17th December - 9.15 am
Year 5/ 6 Performance for Year 6 parents - Friday 18th December - 9.15 am

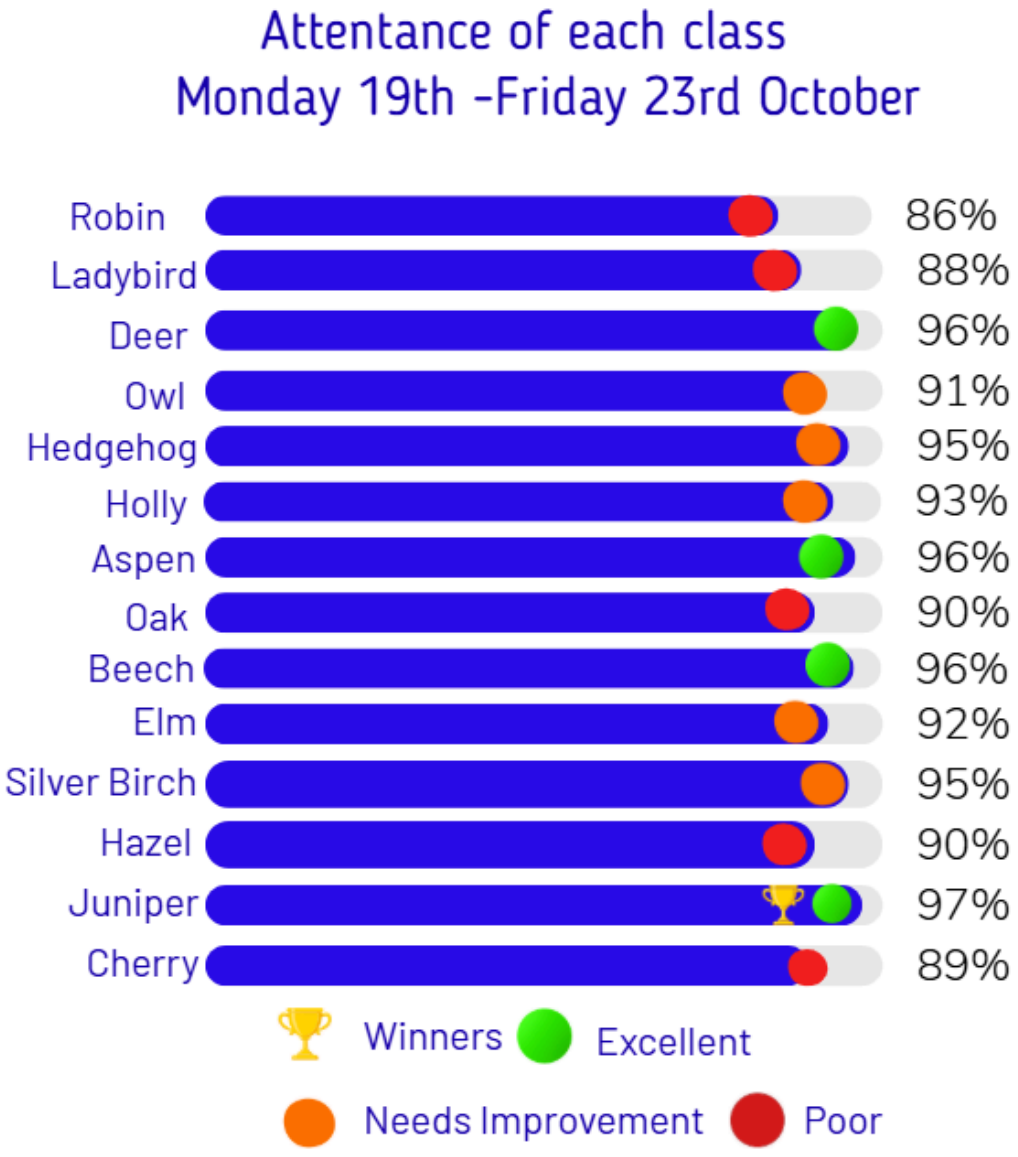
PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE START TIMES MAY CHANGE WHEN WE HAVE DONE A COMPLETE RUN THROUGH OF EACH PERFORMANCE

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Attendance and punctuality update...
Authorised and unauthorised illness

As we move further into the term, we want to share an important update regarding our school attendance. Currently, our overall attendance figures need to improve significantly, and we need your urgent support to turn this around. Put simply: we cannot teach your child if they are not in school. Every single day a child misses creates gaps in their learning, makes it harder for them to keep up with their age group, and disrupts their social connections.

To tackle this, every single pupil's attendance is now being closely reviewed. Alongside the pupil mentoring scheme we introduced in our last newsletter, we are implementing stricter measures for declining attendance. Parents and carers are advised that if a child's attendance drops below 95%, or if we notice a clear pattern of absences on Mondays and Fridays to create long weekends, we will no longer automatically excuse the time off. In these cases, absences will only be authorised if official medical evidence is provided. Please work with us to ensure your child is in school every day so they don't miss out on vital learning.



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Key dates and what's on...

Whole school dates	
Friday 13th November	Non uniform day for Children In Need donations
Monday 23rd November	Last week of clubs - No clubs in December

Reception and Years 1 and 2	
Friday 4th December	Reception Christmas Nativity for Parents
Thursday 10thth December	Year 1 / 2 Christmas Performance for year 1 parents
Thursday 10th December	Year 1 / 2 Christmas Performance foe year 2 parents

Years 3 and 4	
Friday 12th December	Year 3 / 4 Performance for year 4 parents
Friday 12th December	Year 3 / 4 Performance for year 3 parents

Years 5 and 6	
Thursday 3rd December	Year 6 Liverpool Old Dock and Museum Trip
Thursday 17th December	Year 5 / 6 Performance for year 5 parents
Friday 18th December	Year 5 / 6 Performance for year 6 parents

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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026	
Open	Tuesday 1st September - Friday 23rd October
Half Term	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October
Open	Monday 2nd November - Friday 18th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January
Spring Term 2026	
Open	Monday 4th January - Friday 12th February
Half Term	Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February
Open	Monday 22nd February - Thursday 25th March
Spring Break	Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April
Summer Term 2026	
Open	Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May
Half Term	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June
Open	Monday 7th June - Wednesday 21st July

Inset Days

Please note inset days are subject to change

Tuesday 1st September 2026
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Monday 12th April 2027
Monday 7th June 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

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