

# Somerville Nursery School

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SOMERVILLE FEDERATION

Newsletter – February 2026

## Now taking applications for Easter & September 2026

### Term Dates

We will close for the half-term on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** and return to school on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**.

### Dates for next half term:

**5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day  
**18<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents' meetings 3.30-4.45.\*  
**27<sup>th</sup> March** – Break up for Easter  
**13<sup>th</sup> April** – INSET day (school closed to children)  
**14<sup>th</sup> April (Tuesday)** – return to school for summer term



### Fruit and snacks

Children are provided with a healthy snack at each session. This can be a selection of fruit, crackers, plain biscuits, cheese, breadsticks etc. and a drink of milk or water. Our aim is to promote healthy eating and take care of small teeth!

**We ask for a small donation of £1 per week.** Pay weekly or every half term via your child's class teacher or at the office.

### Library books

Children's library day is every Wednesday – please remember your book bags!

**Parents / carers** feel free to borrow a book from our lending library at the front of nursery / in the meeting room (dependant on the weather!)

### Polite Request

Please do not use phones on school grounds and be mindful of the language used around "little ears"



### School Matters!



### Every Day Counts

Every day in school can make a difference to a child's future, which is why regular and high attendance in at nursery is vital. If your child is absent for any reason, please **contact the nursery school office** before 9.00am on the first day of absence for am children, and before 12.30pm for pm children. Please keep us updated!

### Food

We have noticed an increasing number of children coming into nursery eating food. We really understand the challenges of busy families, however are unable to supervise children eating at this busy time of day. There are strict rules around supervision of children when eating – aimed at preventing accidents and choking. Therefore, please do not bring food to nursery. If you have concerns around your child's diet / eating we are happy to chat / offer advice.

### Parent / Carer meetings:

Please remember to book your parent/carers meeting time for either 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> March. Appointments should be made via the Arbor app. However, if you are having any difficulties please speak to Teri-Anne, our new admin officer and she will be happy to help!



### Safeguarding

We work closely with Wirral Safeguarding Children's Partnership to support children and families. Please access their webpage for advice and support on a wealth of issues:  
<https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/parents-and-carers/>

### Arbor

Please ensure that you have signed up to Arbor and that your contact details are kept up to date. Please also check who you have authorised to collect your child from nursery and update as necessary.

### Outdoor learning/ spare clothes

Please note that children access outdoor learning every day. We provide waterproofs and wellingtons but despite this, children can often get wet or muddy.

**Please ensure that your child has a FULL set of spare clothes that stay in nursery, including socks!**

### World Book Day 2026

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - each class will be focusing on a chosen book / theme for the day and children will take part in a range of exciting activities based on this book. All children will receive a £1 book token on the day which can be used to get a FREE World Book Day book or used towards the cost of a book or audiobook at your local bookseller. **Note: There is no expectation for children to dress up on the day.** Please remember that children will still need to access toileting / changing facilities and will also be going outside as usual!





## **Why is good punctuality and attendance important?**

Regular routines for young children enhance their sense of security and can also help to foster good habits for children's later life. Research shows that children with good attendance are at an advantage in later life and:

- find it easier to make and maintain friendships
- are more likely to gain good qualifications
- earn higher wages
- have a higher chance of being employed
- have higher self-esteem

Poor attendance and punctuality, even at the earliest age, can affect achievement in later life. Establishing good habits from the start helps children to settle more quickly into new settings and routines.

## **Strategies to encourage good attendance & punctuality:**

- Have regular bedtime and morning routines
- Prepare for the morning routine by packing your child's bag the night before and setting out clothes
- Talk together about all the fun your child will have at nursery
- Arrange routine medical appointments, outings and holidays for times when your child does not attend nursery, wherever possible
- Talk to your child's key person if you have any concerns or anxieties
- Work with your child to develop healthy hygiene practices.

If you are facing difficulties getting your child to nursery, it is important to discuss this with us at your earliest opportunity.  
We are here to help!