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Dear Parent/Carer

The Christmas season really has begun, the decorations went up in school last weekend and it was lovely to see excitement on the child's faces when they saw the tree in the for the first time! Toy Box tree gets redecorated each day, the fun of decorating it never ends!

Monday started with a visit from Santa's little helper delivering the Children's presents from the PTFA – The school children received an invitation to watch The Wizard Of Oz Panto in school and Toy Box were given individual presents.

Tuesday some of the Y5/6 children took part in a basketball tournament at Huish Academy which they really enjoyed and played well.

On Wednesday the Panto arrived, the children really enjoyed it and had great fun watching. A huge thank you to the PTFA for such a generous gift.

Our choir attended their first performance on Wednesday at Huish Academy as part of a concert with other local primary schools which was also accompanied by Huish Orchestra. The children sang beautifully, and it was so lovely to see Molly and Jessica doing a solo.

Today was our Christmas Jumper Day and our Santa dash – an event always enjoyed by the children who love supporting each other whatever the weather.

Safety

Please can parents not park in the staff car park at the front of school even when dropping or collecting from Breakfast club or 3.30 Club. There are just too many children walking across this area and it is not safe for vehicles to be moving about, especially with the winter darkness.

Do also remember that we ask for no mobile phones to be used on school site as part of our safeguarding policy. Please keep it in your bag or pocket at pick up while on school site.

Snacks

Please provide your child with a fruit or vegetable snack for playtime not bars, crackers, crisps etc. If possible, could the snack have no wrappers as these are getting left all over the school site, especially with the windy weather.

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Gate Shuts at 8.55

Please remember that we ask for children to arrive at the gate by 8.55 to be in class for 9.00 registration and learning. There is work ready for them from 8.45, those arriving late are missing out on learning time each day. Also remember, even if the gate is open and there is no school adult there, you must take your child to the main office to come in. Once the adult leaves the gate the school doors are shut which leaves children shut out and left on the playground !

The gate is only left open for Toy Box parents.

Parents Evening

If you haven't signed up for this, please contact the office to book a time. It is essential that parents and teachers meet regularly to talk about the children to help them make the best progress they can.

Flu Vaccines - we have been asked to share this with you.

With flu on the rise, we need your support in spreading the word about upcoming catch up flu vaccination clinics for children from Reception age to Year 11 across Somerset.

These clinics are open to all children who missed their school flu vaccination, with no appointment needed - families can simply drop in at the location and time that works best for them. Link to catch up sessions:

[Catch up vaccinations for school aged children \(Reception to year 11\)](#)[Collapse](#)

Starting school September 2026

Parents and carers of children due to start school in September 2026 can apply now [Apply to start school for the first time \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk)

A child can start school in September after they turn 4. All applications for a starting school place in September 2026 must be made to your home authority. If you are unsure if your child lives in Somerset, you can [check whether we are your local authority](#) for school admissions.

PTFA UPDATES

PTFA FOLLOW US ON SOCIALS

For regular updates about the school & the PTFA, please follow us on Facebook & Instagram @longsuttonprimaryptfa.

Your School Lottery

Please consider joining our school lottery & tell everyone you know! To start supporting us visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for 'Long Sutton Primary'.

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Senior Citizens Nativity

Thank you for all of your kind support in signing up to donate festive goodies, please do bring the donations into school on the 11th & 12th December. We will be on the gate to gratefully receive donations.

Second-Hand Uniform – Parents' Evening

The PTFA will also have the Second-Hand Uniform Stand available during Parents' Evenings on the 10th and 11th of December. If you are in need of any items, please do take a look.

Thank you for your continued support!

Support Sessions for Parents – all welcome

[Online Flipbook](#) – click to this for more information and to book.

This term there are sessions on:

- Supporting your child's big feelings
- Helping your child to thrive: building self-esteem and resilience
- Helping your child and teen sleep: tools, tips and techniques



SEN Workshops

These include workshops around Dyslexia, Autism, Sensory issues, Social Stories, Emotional Based School Avoidance, sleep etc. They are very good sessions; I recommend booking in on them. Click below to book on to them.

[WISE Up Workshops](#)

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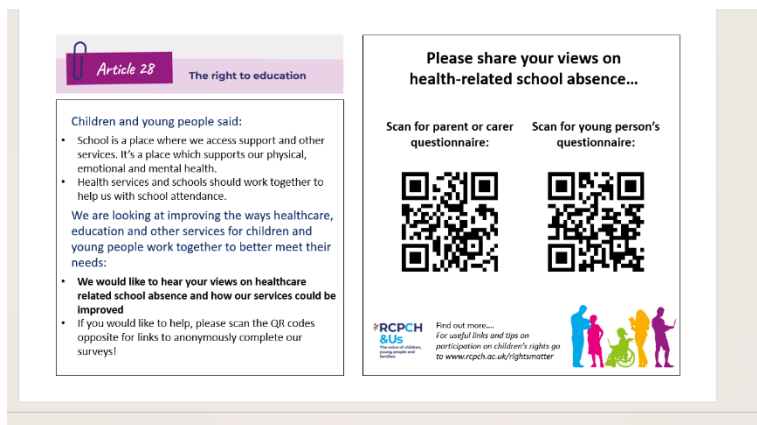


Nut free school (inc. Toy Box)

We have multiple children in school at present with a nut allergy. Please do not give your child food/snacks to bring into school containing any type of nut or nut product, e.g. Nutella and Peanut Butter. Thank you for your support.

Is my child too ill for school?

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. Further guidance can be found here - [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#)



Article 28 The right to education

Children and young people said:

- School is a place where we access support and other services. It's a place which supports our physical, emotional and mental health.
- Health services and schools should work together to help us with school attendance.

We are looking at improving the ways healthcare, education and other services for children and young people work together to better meet their needs:

- We would like to hear your views on healthcare related school absence and how our services could be improved
- If you would like to help, please scan the QR codes opposite for links to anonymously complete our surveys!

Please share your views on health-related school absence...

Scan for parent or carer questionnaire: [QR Code]

Scan for young person's questionnaire: [QR Code]

RCPCH & Us

Find out more... for useful links and tips on participation on children's rights go to www.rpch.ac.uk/rightsmatter

Attendance – Unauthorised Term-Time Leave

All children have a legal right to suitable, full-time education. There is no entitlement for children to have time off from school during term-time for the purposes of a holiday, recreational or protest activity.

The School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 set out the statutory requirements for schools:

- all references to family holidays and extended leave have been removed, including the removal of the H code for approved leave,
- headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are "exceptional circumstances",
- headteachers do not have any discretion to authorise up to ten days of absence each academic year.

We expect all pupils to attend regularly. As such, any requests for term-time leave will be considered but only approved if the reasons and circumstances for that leave are exceptional and unavoidable.

[See policy for more details.](#)

Dates for the diary

Choir Concert Wells Cathedral
Parents Evening*
Parents Evening*
Senior Citizens Nativity Performance
Cygnet Matinee Nativity Performance
Kingfisher Evening Nativity Performance
School Christmas Lunch

Monday 08th December
Wednesday 10th December 3.45pm-6pm
Thursday 11th December 3.45pm-6pm
Monday 15th December
Tuesday 16th December at 2.30pm
Tuesday 16th December at 6pm
Wednesday 17th December

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Kingfisher Matinee Nativity Performance
Cygnet Evening Nativity Performance
Church Carol Service
Mufti Day
School Christmas Fair
Inset Day

Wednesday 17th December at 2.30pm
Wednesday 17th December at 6pm
Thursday 18th December at 2.30pm
Friday 19th December
Friday 19th December at 2.15pm
Monday 5th January

*Call the office to book an appointment

If you have concerns about your children's wellbeing or mental health please contact me (Lizzie Reynolds) as the schools Senior Mental Health Lead. Safeguarding (Protecting children from harm/keeping them safe)

In school we have a duty to ensure that all children are safe and protect from harm or abuse. If we have concerns about a child's wellbeing it is our duty to look into this, talk to the family, and if need be, report it to Somerset Direct.

If you have any concerns about your child, or another, please come and speak to me. Safeguarding is everyone's business and cannot be ignored. Somerset Direct (0300 123 2224) or the NSPCC are useful points of contact, should you wish to share or discuss any Safeguarding concerns you have. Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead – Lizzie Reynolds).

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Best wishes

Mrs Lizzie Reynolds

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