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Dear Parent/Carer

What a busy and exciting week we have had. On Monday the Choir performed at Wells Cathedral as part of a concert with a number of other Somerset schools. They did amazingly, performing their song really well despite having to wait nearly 2 hours and being the last school to perform. They also participated with a number with all the other choirs as well as joining in with 2 traditional carols. Although it was a long and very tiring day for everyone, it was a fantastic experience and they certainly made me very proud. A huge thank you to Mrs Brading for all her work with the choir and to everyone who helped out on the day.



On Tuesday we had a visitor from the sky! Despite the awful weather, Santa managed to arrive by helicopter, much to everyone's excitement. It was lovely to see the children's faces as the helicopter circled and then came in. On it's first attempt it was unable to land and many of us thought that that was that, but they circled around and landed on the second attempt and Santa popped out to see the children and we handed over their letters to him. A great experience and a huge thank you to the Royal Navy for this.



Parents' Evening was very well attended with almost all parents coming to talk about their child's progress. If you did miss this, do contact the office and book a time to meet the teacher. This may now need to be early next term.

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Next week

Monday is the Senior Citizens' Christmas party and nativity.

Tuesday, we have Cygnet Nativity for the school and other visitors in the afternoon and Kingfisher's in the evening.

Wednesday it is the school Christmas lunch, followed by Kingfisher Nativity for the school and other visitors in the afternoon and then Cygnet's in the evening.

Thursday is the **Carol Service in the church**; everyone is welcome to attend. It starts at **2.30pm**, please be aware that there may not be enough seats for everyone, it is always a tight squeeze.

Lastly, Friday brings the last day of term, a non-uniform day where we ask the children to bring:

Cygnets – Homemade cakes

Kingfishers, Kites & Harriers – Chocolate for the Tombola

Followed by the **School Christmas Fair which starts at 2.15pm**. We ask parents to come to the front door for 2.15pm and to go to their child's class (Kingfisher will be in the Nest (3.30 Club room) to collect them. Children not collected by 2.25pm will be taken to Cygnet class and Mrs Manzi's creche.

The fair is an informal event with stalls run by the children, cakes, a raffle, toy & book stall, chocolate tombola, teas and hot chocolate, the PTFA bottle stall and a few other stalls. Please do come along and support this event, it raises money for the school which is used to buy many much-needed resources – paints, paper, books, play equipment, DT resources etc.

Please bring any toy and book donations to the office during the week.

Free live webinars to help Somerset couples build stronger relationships

A new series of free live webinars has been launched for Somerset parents to help strengthen relationships and create a calmer family life.

Parents are welcome to join one or all sessions. Whether you attend as a couple or on your own, you'll leave with practical tips to:

- Communicate better, argue less, and feel closer as a couple
- Handle disagreements and reduce stress for the whole family
- Parent together
- Investing time in building a stronger relationship helps create supportive environment for children.

Please note that these courses are not suitable if there has been domestic abuse. For support, visit <https://www.somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk>.

Webinar 1: Communication Skills for Busy Couples

[Tue Jan 27, 2026, 7pm | Eventbrite Tickets](#)

[Tue Mar 4, 2026, 7pm | Eventbrite Tickets](#)

Webinar 2: Conflict Without Chaos for Couples

[Tue Feb 3, 2026, 7pm | Eventbrite Tickets](#)

[Tue Mar 11, 2026, 7pm | Eventbrite Tickets](#)

Webinar 3: Parenting Together Without Drama

[Tue Feb 25, 2026, 7pm | Eventbrite Tickets](#)

[Tue Mar 3, 2026, 7pm | Eventbrite Tickets](#)

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New: Free 5-Week Online Course for Separated Parents - Reducing the Impact of Separation on Everyone (R.I.S.E.)

This evidence-informed course offers practical tips for co-parenting and keeping children's wellbeing at the centre. Two courses run in the same week so separated parents can attend different sessions. Free if one parent lives in Somerset.

Course A:

Wednesdays: 14, 21, 28 January; 4, 11 February, 7pm–8:30pm: [Book here](#)

Course B:

Thursdays: 15, 22, 29 January; 5, 12 February, 9:30am–11am: [Book here](#)

Find out more about support for parents at [Somerset children & young people : Health & Wellbeing : Managing Relationship Conflict](#).

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 \(somerset.gov.uk\)](#)

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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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

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](#)

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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

Senior Citizens Nativity Performance	Monday 15 th December
Cygnat Matinee Nativity Performance	Tuesday 16 th December at 2.30pm
Kingfisher Evening Nativity Performance	Tuesday 16 th December at 6pm
School Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 17 th December
Kingfisher Matinee Nativity Performance	Wednesday 17 th December at 2.30pm
Cygnat Evening Nativity Performance	Wednesday 17 th December at 6pm
Church Carol Service	Thursday 18 th December at 2.30pm
Mufti Day	Friday 19 th December
School Christmas Fair	Friday 19 th December at 2.15pm
Inset Day	Monday 5 th January

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).

[SOMERSETDIRECT](#)

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Best wishes

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