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Dear Parent/Carer

What a wet week we have had! The children have done really well with wet playtimes and not being able to have all the play equipment out due to the wetness. Let's hope it improves soon! On Monday we had our Open Day which was well attended and it was lovely to show prospective parents around the school and see all the children working hard and enjoying their learning. On Tuesday the children went to church for a Remembrance Service led by Rev Judith. Wednesday was our termly review with our school improvement partner, another lovely day spent in classes and looking at the children's learning. It was so nice to see the progress they have made in writing this term and the amount they have achieved. Mr Jeffreys was very impressed by all he saw and the children he spoke to.

Attendance

Firstly, to say, the overall school attendance figures have improved, and the average is 96.6% which is excellent. Thank you to you all for working with us on this. I would just like to reiterate the procedures if your child is off school for any reasons.

- Parents/carers are expected to inform the school if their child is not or will not be in school for any reason.
- Call the school office on 01458 241434 by 9.10am or at the school gate if you drop off a sibling. There is an answer phone available to leave a message if nobody is available to take your call. Please also let us know the reason, so we can monitor sickness,
- Please let us know each day your child is off

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 \(someset.gov.uk\)](http://someset.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.

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Free Panto – Not Getting Inn! St. Cleers' Community Pantomime

St. Cleers Chapel are delighted to present 4Front Theatre company for a show bursting at the seams with Christmas slapstick fun and laughter on Friday, November 28 · 6 - 7:15pm at 5:30pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/not-getting-inn-st-cleers-community-pantomime-tickets-1741475964489?aff=oddtcreator>

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'.

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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Snacks

Please remember to send your child in Y3 – 6 to school with a fruit or veg snack. No bars, crisps, sweets etc. If the snack is in a pot, please name it.

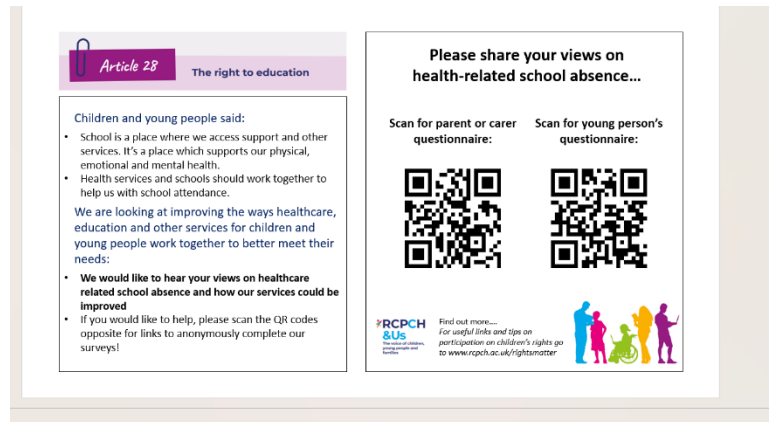
Nut free school (inc. Toy Box)

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.](#)

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Dates for the diary

Flu Vaccinations
Parents to share work Cygnet & Harrier
Parents to share work Kingfisher
Parents to share work Kite
Choir Concert Huish Academy
Choir Concert Wells Cathedral
Parents Evening*
Parents Evening*
Senior Citizens Nativity Performance
Cygnet Matinee Nativity Performance
Kingfisher Evening Nativity Performance
School Christmas Lunch
Kingfisher Matinee Nativity Performance
Cygnet Evening Nativity Performance
Church Carol Service
Mufti Day
School Christmas Fair
Inset Day

Monday 17th November
Monday 01st December at 3.15pm
Tuesday 02nd December at 3.15pm
Wednesday 03rd December at 3.15pm
Wednesday 03rd December at 5pm
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
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

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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