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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware I have been on Residential with Harrier Class at Mill on the Brue. We have had an amazing time. The children have achieved so much, many doing things for the first time, including sleeping over, trying new foods as well as the activities. They have all completed activities that have challenged them and got better and better as the week has progressed. Much of the week focuses on developing resilience, team work and helping the environment and the children have gained so much in all these areas. There is a real focus on reducing food waste and they worked hard on this at meal times and definitely improved as the week went on. It was lovely to see them support each other and their kindness to each other was second to none.



To see more about the trip take a look on the PTFA facebook page.

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Kite class have also been out on a trip this week to Avebury Henge to support their history learning about the Stone Age. The children had a great day and behaved very well.

Thank you for your support around attendance and the extra focus we are needing to put on this. I completely understand that children are ill and do need time off to recover but we are also expected to encourage you to bring them in when possible and improve the overall attendance where possible. I would like to wish you a good half term, have a restful week and I hope we can clear some of the bugs and illness with a week out of school.

Please make sure children have their PE kits in school on the first day back, Tuesday 4th November.

CHOIR NEWS

Dates for your diary:

Please note that the Choir are taking part in three big Christmas events.

Wednesday 3rd December - Primary Schools Christmas Concert at Huish Episcopi Academy

Monday 8th December - Wells Cathedral Christmas Concert

Sunday 14th December - Village Christmas Carol service at Holy Trinity Church

Further details will be sent to choir members soon.

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>



ADHD training session available:

We have just been sent information about a training session for professionals and parents about ADHD. The session is open to Parents and carers of children and young people who:

- have a diagnosis of **ADHD**,
- are currently on the assessment pathway, or
- are suspected to have **ADHD**

Further info: [ADHD Training with Educational Psychology](#).

Next date: Monday 10 November 2025, 9.30am – 12.30pm

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If you would like to attend please contact the school office or me as we have to send in the list of interested people. Please can you let us know by Friday 24th October.

PTFA UPDATES

PTFA FOLLOW US ON SOCIALS

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

The Punkie Party - TICKETS ON SALE NOW

The Punkie Party is back on Saturday 25th October from 4-7pm at Long Sutton Village Hall! This event is for the whole family, and everyone is welcome (not just school families), so tell your friends, family and neighbours, and help us to make this a fantastic seasonal party! Tickets include a disco, fun and games. There will also be a licensed bar, BBQ and sweet treats available, as well as prizes for the best pumpkin and fancy dress! We'd love to see you all there! Tickets are available to buy online at www.pta-events.co.uk/longsuttonprimary.

Wreath Making Workshop - TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Early bird tickets are now available from our website, for this year's Wreath Making Workshop on Friday 5th December. Early bird tickets are £35 until 31st October (£40 after this date).

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'.

Free course for Separated Parents

Somerset Council is offering a free, evidence-informed online course for separated or divorced parents to help them navigate co-parenting challenges and reduce the emotional impact on children. Through practical tools and expert guidance, the course helps parents build healthier, more collaborative relationships with their ex-partners.

Open to families where at least one parent lives in Somerset, the course is suitable for those newly separated or navigating co-parenting for some time. Each 2-hour session explores key themes including managing emotions, reducing conflict, building resilience, supporting children through change, and handling ongoing challenges.

The aim is to help parents respond calmly, set clear boundaries, and keep their child's well-being at the heart of every decision.

Two course options:

- [Course A](#): Tuesdays, 8 Oct–19 Nov, 6:30pm–8:30pm
- [Course B](#): Wednesdays, 9 Oct–20 Nov, 10am–12pm

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Please note: This course is not suitable for families where domestic abuse is present. Please visit [Somerset Domestic Abuse](#) for 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

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.

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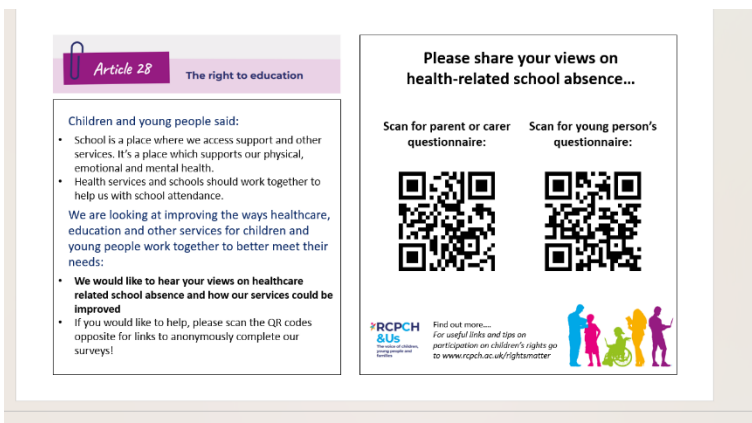


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Is my child too ill for school?

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](#)



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

Secondary Application Deadline
Inset Day School Closed
School Open Day
Flu Vaccinations

Friday 31st October
Monday 03rd November
Monday 10th November
Monday 17th November

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.

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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](http://www.somersetdirect.co.uk)

Best wishes

Mrs Lizzie Reynolds

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