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Dear Parent/Carer

Nativity rehearsals are well under way and it is lovely to hear the buzz of these around the school. The choir are practising hard for their 3 concerts, Huish Academy, Wells Cathedral and the Village Church. It is so lovely to see this coming together and to see how hard they are working on all these things. The singing brings so much pleasure to so many of the children.

Cygnets Class and Kingfisher class had a visit from Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra on Monday. They had 3 musicians working with them. They wrote a verse of a song all about bats and owls that will be part of a summer performance and they also tried their hand at some conducting. They really enjoyed these sessions.

Do remember to sign up for Parents' Evening (10th and 11th December), the sheets are on the playground at pick up, at the gate in the mornings or call the office.

Christmas is fast approaching and we have various events coming up. Friday 5th December is Christmas Jumper Day, the PTFA would like the children to wear a Christmas jumper and bring a bottle donation. That afternoon they will all take part in a 'Santa Dash'.

We have all the nativity performances in the week of 15th December, the Carol Service on Thursday 18th December at 2.30pm and the Christmas Fair at 2.15pm on Friday 19th December. We are asking for donations of books and toys for the Christmas Fair (please can these only come in on the last week of term). Friday 19th December is a mufti day where children are asked to bring in homemade cakes if they are in Cygnets class and chocolate for the chocolate tombola if they are in Kingfisher, Kite or Harrier Class.

Artificial Intelligence Guide for Parents and Carers

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is now part of everyday life, with tools like ChatGPT, image generators, or AI features in apps. If you're unsure what these tools do or how to keep your child safe, the Internet Matters Parent Guide to AI Tools is a great resource.



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It explains AI in clear, simple language and lists popular tools children might encounter. The guide also gives safety tips—such as why filters aren't perfect and why it's important to supervise and talk with your child. It includes ideas for using AI in positive ways, while reminding families to check accuracy and encourage responsible use. Read the full guide here: www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/

Interested in training to teach, primary or secondary, in the Somerset or South Gloucestershire area?



Graduating this summer?

Whatever your degree subject we'd love to hear from you!

Live **online** drop-in session for more info:

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 10am

Priory Community School Academy



Email: teachertraining@theplt.org.uk or use the QR code below to book your place



<https://tinyurl.com/TPLTtraining>

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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/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time)

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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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY IS ALMOST HERE!

Get ready to sparkle, shine, and rock your most fabulously festive jumpers on 5th December!

From the super silly to the extra glittery we want to see them all!

We're also welcoming bottle donations on the day.

From shower gel to wine, anything bottled is brilliant just make sure it's in date!

Let's fill the school with Christmas cheer, colour, and the cosiest jumpers in town!

We can't wait to see your festive fashion!

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.

Christmas wreath workshop - SOLD OUT

www.pta-events.co.uk/longsuttonprimary

Thank you for your continued support!

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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](#)

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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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:



Scan for young person's questionnaire:



Find out more... For useful links and tips on participation on children's rights go to www.rcpch.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

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

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

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Church Carol Service
Mufti Day
School Christmas Fair
Inset Day

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

*sign up sheets will be out in the playground on Wednesday afternoon and everyday thereafter.

**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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