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Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a good Christmas and were able to enjoy the holidays with your children. I have enjoyed hearing what they have been up to. Despite the weather, the children have thrown themselves back into school and settled straight down to work. The classrooms are focused and busy and I have seen some excellent work too. The teachers have lots of exciting things planned for the term with a number of trips, and Harriers swimming at Huish Leisure – we look to be in for a busy and productive term!

Mrs Astington, ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and Mrs Gould, PFSA (Parent and Family Support Assistant) have planned a drop in on Tuesday 27th January at 2.45. Please do come along to this session to talk to them, get some tips and support or just a chat, cup of coffee/tea and biscuit!

Here is a link to the Wise up (SEND) workshops. Many of these are around support your child with anxiety, mental health, SEND or neurodiversity. Those parents who have attended have found them extremely useful and have found good support through them. I recommend you take a look. The downloaded booklet is attached to this newsletter.

<https://somerseparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops/>

Our next PINS (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) drop in/coffee morning is booked for 9.30 on Monday 9th February. I really recommend anyone for feels their child has signs of neurodiversity or is diagnosed with this comes along as the Parent Carer Forum are incredibly informative. If you have a particular area, you want support with e.g. sleep, anxiety, school attendance, meltdowns etc, please let me od the office know and we will ensure they bring along resources to support you in this area.

Lateness

Children should arrive by 8.55 at the back gate. From January if you are late (arriving at the gate after 8.55) and have to come through the front door we will be asking you to sign your child in and give a reason for the lateness. Please can you all try to arrive closer to 8.45 which is when school starts. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

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Parents are expected to arrive by 3.30 to collect their children, if you are more than 10 minutes late, your child will be taken to 3.30 Club and you will be charged for this. If you are regularly late, please ensure you leave more time to travel to school, so you arrive on time.

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](#)

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](#).

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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'.

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](#)



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: 

RCPCH & US
Find out more...
For useful links and tips on participation on children's rights go to www.rcpch.co.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",

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- 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

13th January - Harrier class trip
14th January to 25th March - Harrier Class swimming lessons every Wednesday
27th January - PFSA / ELSA drop-in session at 14:45
2nd February - Kite class, parents to share work
3rd February - Cygnet and Harrier, class parents to share work
4th February - Kingfisher class, parents to share work
9th February - PINs Parent coffee morning 09:30
13th February - INSET day
16th – 20th February - Half term
5th March - World Book Day
27th March - Easter Fair
30th & 31st March - Year 5 Bikeability
31st March – Parents evening
1st April – Parents evening
2nd April – Easter service at Holy Trinity Church at 14:30
3rd to 17th April – Easter holiday

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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