

Somerville News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR - WELCOME TO 2025

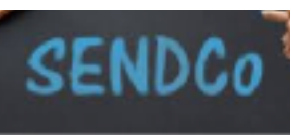
The Somerville Team would like to wish all of our children and families a very happy New Year. We wish health and happiness to all for 2025.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUPIL SUCCESS

This academic year Mrs O' Shaughnessy has been working on Personal Development to enhance our strategy and offer further. One of the new enhancements is to have a Somerville Success Board in school. This is to recognise children's achievements outside of school and outside of the school curriculum. For example, we have children in external football teams and dance squads who compete and win at weekends. We have gymnasts who compete nationally. It could be that your child is in Brownies and have been chosen to hold the title of Sixer for their group. We would love to hear about these achievements and celebrate. It would be wonderful if you have a child who has achieved outside of school since September 24, if you could send in a photograph of your child with their certificate, badge, trophy etc - with a little paragraph on what they have done. We will then print these off and display them on our success board to share with the rest of the school. Please send in all achievements to schooloffice@somerville.wirral.sch.uk. They will then forward the information on to Mrs O' Shaughnessy who will update the display. We are really looking forward to seeing what our children get up to outside of the school day.



SEND SPOTLIGHT



Here is a link to the new SENDLO page for the Wirral, which shows the re-structure/recruitment within the SEND Team. This page/info leads you to the clear points of contact, the named EHCP caseworkers and the extra bodies in post which we all hope will go a long way towards improving effective two way communications between families and the SEND service.

School hopes that with this extra capacity within the Wirral SEND department that parents will receive more timely responses to their requests.

COATS

We have LOTS of coats in lost property from this week and the last week of school. If your child has come home without a coat please pop into school to look through the lost coat box. If your child's name is in their coat and it ends up in the lost property box then it is easily returned to your child. Please check your child's coat this weekend and if it isn't named could you please pop the name on the label. We also have lots of spare winter coats in school. If your child has had a growth spurt over Christmas and you need to replace their coat pop into school and you are welcome to try some on and choose one that fits.



SCHOOL CLUBS – JANUARY 2025



On Friday 10th January the school club booking system will go live. To get a place in a club you will need to have filled in the online Google form, no later than Tuesday 14th January. The clubs will start week beginning Monday 20th January. All of our clubs are free of charge unlike many schools on the Wirral. We encourage children to join a club to widen their interests and enjoy school in a different way.

WEATHER – SNOW AND ICE

Firstly, we would like to thank Mr Moore and Mr Cleaver for ensuring our site was safe to allow the children to attend school.

In snowy and cold weather please always assume school is open unless told otherwise. In the exceptional circumstances that we need to close school, we will communicate with you at the earliest possible time, although we can not have a cut off for this as it is dependent on a range of factors e.g.



- ✱ The site team clearing safe paths for children and staff
- ✱ Road conditions – staff getting to school to check site and make contact with parents
- ✱ Number of staff – School needs to wait to hear from staff to see if anyone can not make it in and who will be late due to weather conditions and commuting.
- ✱ Further weather occurring between 7.00am and 9.00am

During cold weather, please ensure children are well wrapped up (warm coats, hats, gloves) with appropriate footwear. Please allow extra time and take extra care making your way to and from school.

Attendance on Adverse Weather Condition Days

The Local Authority has clarified with schools what they can and can not code as authorised absence.

Please be aware if school is CLOSED all absences will be authorised.

If school is OPEN and there are adverse weather conditions, school has to apply the following criteria, as set by the local authority:-

For children who are eight and under they must live OVER two miles walking distance for the absence to be authorised.

In the case of children over eight years old this increases to OVER three miles. In each case this is measured using the nearest available route which can be through local parks etc.



2025 - 2026

Please note that INSET days are subject to change.

Autumn Term 2025	
Open	Monday 1 st Sept – Friday 24 th Oct
Half Term	Monday 27 th Oct – Friday 31 st Oct
Open	Monday 3 rd Nov – Friday 19 th Dec
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22 nd Dec – Friday 2 nd Jan

Spring Term 2026	
Open	Monday 5 th Jan – Friday 13 th Feb
Half Term	Monday 16 th Feb – Friday 20 th Feb
Open	Monday 23 rd Feb – Friday 27 th March
Spring Break	Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April

Summer Term 2026	
Open	Monday 13 th April – Friday 22 nd May
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May
Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May
Open	Monday 1 st June – Monday 20 th July

190 Pupil days and 5 INSET Days 2025 – 2026

1. Monday 1st Sept 2025
2. Monday 5th Jan 2026
3. Monday 13th April 2026
4. Monday 1st June 2026
5. Monday 20th July 2026

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Whole school dates for the diary

Friday 10th January Club letter out

Tuesday 14th January Club letter to be retuned

Monday 20th January Clubs start

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 13th February
Parents evening

24th February Young Voices Choir Trip at Co Op Live Manchester Arena

21st March Last week of clubs

Reception dates for the diary

Year 1 dates for the diary

Year 2 dates for the diary

Year 3 dates for the diary

Year 4 dates for the diary

25th February Conway Castle Trip

Year 5 dates for the diary

Year 6 dates for the diary

Thursday 23rd January

Year 6 visit to Mosque

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May

SATs week