

# Somerville News

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**AIMING HIGH TOGETHER**



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

## SCHOOL CLUBS

The school offices **CLOSES at 3.45pm**. Last week a large number of parents tried to pick their children up early from clubs. Attending a free school club is a commitment. The child needs to attend for the

full session, these sessions are special and should not be disrupted by streams of children being picked up early. If your child is unable to attend the full sessions, please e mail the office to let them know and the next child on the list can be given the place in the club from next week. You will be unable to pick your children up early moving forward as the office is closed. The outside gates will open when the club is finished for you to collect your child at the classroom door. There will be no entry to the school office, so please make collection arrangements accordingly.

## READING AT SOMERVILLE

We often include articles in our newsletters about how we positively advocate for children to read often and widely outside of the school day. There has been **MUCH** research done about the positive immediate impacts of being read to as a young child and reading from when you can first read and throughout your school life. We have included some screenshots from the Book Trust website which summarises the benefits of reading which are many and great. Reading outside of school will have a profound, positive impact on each and every child who does this. We have included a link to the book trust website which you can copy and paste into your browser. If we have sold reading enough to you, the research available here will definitely do this.



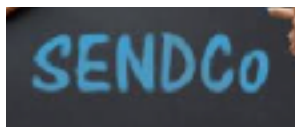
Many of our children tell us they spend hours, and hours watching YouTube and Playing games such as fortnight. They are tired when they come to school because their sleep pattern is disrupted because they have been on their tech. Encourage your child to read for at least half an hour of this time, each day, will have a range of benefits including increased wellbeing, increased academic success, a successful future.

Link

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/research/booktrusts-benefits-of-reading-june-2024.pdf>



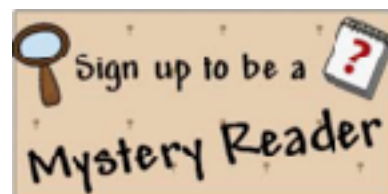
## SENDCO SPOTLIGHT



This is just a reminder of the procedure to follow if you have any Special Needs concern around your child. The class teachers are your first port of call if you have any concerns as they know your child best and know what progress your child is making across all of the curriculum areas. The teachers also know what additional support is in place for your child and how that is going. Anyone with a child on the SEND register will be informed and individual plans will be shared on EDU KEY termly. All queries should go to the class teacher first before the SENDCO is contacted. We do have parents evening in February. If you do have a SEND query about your child, this is the best opportunity to raise it with your child's class teacher.

## RECEPTION MYSTERY READER

In reception it is important we try to hook the children into reading. One of the initiatives we do that the children absolutely love is MYSTERY READER. Mystery reader is when a family member comes in to school on a Friday afternoon for 20 minutes to read a picture book to the class. Children love to see their grown up come in and read. Each week the children are excited to see who is going to come in and read to them. The reader remain 'top secret' until they arrive. The teacher will give small clues throughout the day until the mystery reader arrives. We need as many reception grown ups to sign up as possible to make sure this continues to get the children excited about story time. If you would be willing to share 20 minutes of your time, one week over this term, please speak to either Mrs Wilson or Miss Murray to sign yourself up. Thank you to all in advance.



## OTIS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

If you would like your child to have a place in our breakfast or after school club you will need to register on Ipal. Here is the link to register,

<https://otis.ipalbookings.com/>

To help with your first time uses of iPAL please see these handy videos;

[Youtube - How to make a booking on iPal](#)

[Youtube - How to add a child to your account](#)



2025 - 2026

**Please note that INSET days are subject to change.**

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

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

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

**190 Pupil days and 5 INSET Days 2025 – 2026**

- 1. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2025**
- 2. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026**
- 3. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**
- 4. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**
- 5. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

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## Whole school dates for the diary

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**Monday 20th January** Clubs start

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**Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February**

Parents evening - Thursday is late night

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

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**21st March** Last week of clubs

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## Reception dates for the diary

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**Year 1** dates for the diary

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**Year 2** dates for the diary

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**Year 3** dates for the diary

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**Year 4** dates for the diary

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**25th February** Conway Castle Trip

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**Year 5** dates for the diary

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**Year 6** dates for the diary

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**Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May**

SATs week

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