

# Somerville News

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**AIMING HIGH TOGETHER**



## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT – SOMERVILLE VALUES AMBASSADORS

In school every child has the chance to work their way up to the silver star by the end of the day. At the end of the day the teacher then chooses a child who has reached silver to be the class **'Star of the Day.'**

We also have our new Somerville Success Board to celebrate pupil successes outside of school.

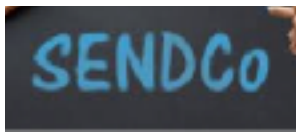
To supplement these we are introducing our **Somerville Values Ambassador Award**. This award will be given to one child in each class at the end of each term. The child chosen will have consistently demonstrated and promoted the schools four values daily in school and displayed exemplary attitudes. There will be an assembly any the end of term in which the children chosen will receive their award and become an **AMBASSADOR** of Somerville Primary School. Their name will then be displayed on our ambassador board in school.



## YEAR 1 AND 2 TRIP TO THE PANTOMIME

Last Friday our Year 1 and 2 children went on a visit to the Floral Pavilion to see the Panto. Although this is a fabulous trip to go on anyway (and we do love it) we choose to go to give our key stage one children the experience of seeing a live theatre production and seeing how traditional fairy tales that they are familiar with can be adapted. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were wonderfully behaved...as always!



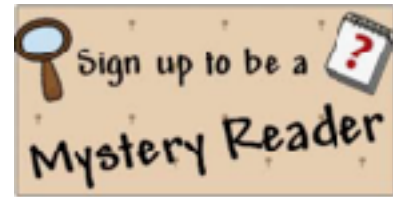


## SENDCO SPOTLIGHT

This week our teaching assistants received training on best practice for sensory breaks and activities. Prior to the training we had our sensory equipment audited. The team were impressed with our resourcing in school. Currently, we have a number of children who are bringing into school their own range of sensory / fidget toys which are not linked to any educational plan in school and are therefore not being used in the right way and hence not having the right affect on the child. They are proving to be counterproductive for the child. If your child doesn't NEED them and is using them, in most cases these toys are providing increased distraction and reducing the child's ability to focus. Over the next two months school will be purchasing a range of selected sensory / fidget toys to support these children in class. Moving forward, from when we have these in school, only the ones provided by school are to be used by the children who need them and children should leave their own ones at home.

## 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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**Friday 10th January** Club letter out

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**Tuesday 14th January** Club letter to be returned

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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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**Thursday 23rd January**

Year 6 visit to Mosque

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

SATs week

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