



## Changes to School Day Hours

Following the parent consultation on our proposed changes to the structure of the school day from September 2024, our school day will be as follows

**Gates Open:** 8.40am

**Registration:** 8.50am All children must be in school by this time.

**End of School Day:** 3.20pm (prompt)

## Preschool Hours from September 2024

	Morning (Wednesdays)	Session	Afternoon Session Wednesdays)	All Day Sessions
Session Starts	9am		12pm	9am
End of Session	12pm		3pm	3pm with an option to extend until 3.20pm for an additional £3 *

\*A separate letter will be sent regarding booking information for Preschool Extended Day

## Year 6 – Goodbye and Goodluck



We are nearly at the end of the school year, and it is time to say goodbye to our Year 6s. As a year group they have shown bravery, perseverance and kindness in huge abundance. They have been our second Somerdale children to experience the milestones of year 6 which have been a rollercoaster: SATs, camp, summer production and the transition to secondary school. We are genuinely grateful for everything you have done for school. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavours. Don't be strangers!

**Pre-School Children leaving to join new reception/nursery classes.**

Good luck to the following children who are leaving Pre-School to go to new nurseries or reception classes. We will miss you very much and hope you have a wonderful time in your new settings!

- Remi
- Charlie
- Ilyas
- Sienna
- Frankie
- Amaiya-Leigh

**Year 5**

- Oliver

**Staff Leaving**

We would like to acknowledge the hard work, dedication and all-round brilliance of Amber and Lizzie. Amber is leaving to travel around the world and Lizzie has accepted a position teaching at a local Bristol Primary School. We wish them both the very best of luck in the future.

**Local Governing Board**

Thank you to the Governing Board for their support and challenge this academic year. This voluntary role makes a significant contribution to the smooth running of the school.

- Rachel Cowie (Chair of Governors)
- Rachel Rennie (Deputy Chair of Governors)
- Lesley Jones
- Jonny Savill
- Marie Underhill
- Jim McLaughlin
- Sam O'Regan
- Justin Greenway
- Sasha Tilley (Clerk)

**FoSET**

I would like to thank FoSET and the community for their incredible contributions to the school this year.

 <p><b>Friends of Somerdale</b> Educate Together</p> <p>FOSET Donations to School 2023/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Stage - £6545</li> <li>•Pond/Wildlife area - £2204</li> <li>•New Ocean Sensory Room - £972</li> <li>•Playground Improvements for KS2 (Phase 1) - £5000</li> <li>•Pride Books - £240</li> <li>•Visualisers - £1220</li> <li>•YR6 leavers gift - £500</li> </ul> <p>Total Donations = £16,681</p>	FOSET Fundraising 2023/24		
	Eco Party Company £5	Summer Raffle £868	Christmas Cards & Gifts £288
	Newspaper club/ school petty cash £31	 <p>Quiz £662</p>	Discos £714
	Easter Trail £127		Coffee Mornings £42
	Rags2Riches Clothes donation £175	Summer Fair £1,519	Outdoor learning Day, Sports Day & Jungle Book Refreshments £360
		Easy fundraising & Stikins £218	Grants & Donations £8,123
	Christmas Event £327	 	
	 <p>Tabletop Sale £338</p>	 	
Total Raised 2023/24 = £13,797			

## **Jungle Book**

I think you will all agree that our Key Stage 2 children were absolutely amazing in our production of the Jungle Book. The singing, acting, choreography, props and costumes were fabulous. A big thank you to all the parents, grandparents, members of the community and staff involved who helped to work as a team to put such a successful event together! We can't wait for next year already!



## **Going for Gold!**



We are delighted to announce that we, Somerdale Educate Together, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are ecstatic to have been recognised for our success.

We have sustained all of our provision from 2022-23 and created a huge range of new opportunities across Year 1-6. Just some of these new opportunities for this year alone include:

- Somerdale Football Team
- Years 5/6 Interschool Netball and Gymnastics Competitions

- Local Years 4, 5 and 6 Interschool Swimming Competition
- Year 3 Dodgeball Competition
- Karate MIDDAs martial arts dojo
- Years 5 and 6 PE monitors
- Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 lunchtime Play Leaders
- Specialist Years 3/4 Tennis Lessons -Specialist Years 5/6 Tennis Lessons
- New outdoor learning environment and curriculum lessons
- Broadlands Secondary School PE transition days
- Year 4 Skateboard Coaching afternoon
- New Sports Newsletter and PE Display Board in school
- Equity based provision scheme across all PESSPA activities ran by the school

With many of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to all the amazing staff, parent helpers and children who volunteered their time, efforts and passions for our community.

We look forward to applying and striving for even more once again in 2025!



**The forum will provide parents/carers with a termly opportunity to discuss school related issues with the Headteacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.**

## Website – Transition Pages

Class pages have been updated ready for the next academic year. Over the coming weeks you will find updates on class timetables, P.E days, newsletters and termly overviews.

<https://www.somerdaleet.org.uk/our-classes/>

call the school office to book an appointment

### WELCOME INFORMATION - MEET THE TEACHER



Meet the Teacher



Transition Support Social Story



Meet the Learning Mentor



Welcome Video



### NEWSLETTERS



# make a difference

Work with children  
Connect with your community  
Enrich lives & learn new skills

## Volunteer at Lifeskills

Join us for a taster hour!  
Learn more about lifeskills, get in touch.



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# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM



Anxiety  
Low Mood  
Anger  
Panic

Self-esteem  
Body Image  
Worries  
Social Anxiety

We are a team of Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs) from the NHS. We work with children and young people aged 5-18 years to provide early mental health support within schools for mild to moderate mental health difficulties.

We provide:

## 1 1:1 Sessions

Talk to us about your feelings in a safe space. You will work with us for 6-8 sessions

## 2 Groups

We provide a range of group work to assist young people who are facing similar difficulties



If you would like support from an EMHP, speak to your teacher or a member of the pastoral team.