



Somerby Primary School

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End of Summer Term Roundup!

Dear parents and carers,

Reflections of the year

Here we are at the end of yet another academic year - the end of my 5th year - and it has been packed with so many wonderful events and memories made for our children to enjoy. Our teachers have raised the stakes once again with a focus on improving "Writing for Pleasure" and the impact is evident: handwriting has improved, presentation has improved and we are seeing some quality pieces of writing being achieved. We continue to strive to try new ways to engage our pupils and ensure they leave our school the best they can possibly be.

Year 6 Goodbyes

On that note, we are sad to be saying our goodbyes to our wonderful Year 6 team. I first met these children when they were in Year 1 when I looked around the school in February 2021, to see if it was somewhere I would like to work. They sold the school to me and look at them now - confident young people who have made incredible progress over the years and have worked tirelessly this year towards their final SATs. They all bring something unique to the Year 6 team; they all have their individual strength (from acting to lambing!); all show strong values and I know they are all ready to embark on their next chapter in life.

Hello New EYFS

As we say goodbye to our Year 6, we say a warm welcome to our new EYFS children - 6 of them! We are delighted to be welcoming two brand new families to our small but mighty team alongside four existing families who have older siblings already in school. We can't wait to see how they settle in Autumn.



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Staffing Structure 2026/2027

We are also pleased to say we don't have to say goodbye or hello to any staff this year as we have no changes for 2026/27! The staffing structure will be:

Oak - Year 4,5,6

Mrs Sida will continue as our Lead Teacher and teacher in Oak alongside Mr Steans and Mrs Burdett.

Ash - Year 2,3

Miss Miller will continue as teacher Ash Class and will share some support from Mr Steans and Mrs Burdett when needed.

Willow - EYFS,Y1

Mrs Parker will continue to teach on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Green will continue teaching Willow on a Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday, supported by Mr Hyde. Please bear in mind working patterns of Mrs Parker and Mrs Green when sending Dojo messages as they will not be read and actioned on non-working days.

Mrs Toghill will continue to support Ash Class and Oak Class from August, covering the teachers when they have their planning and preparation time.

SENCO

Mrs Jones continues to work hard to help support children with special educational needs. She has been pivotal this year in supporting our teachers; ensuring interventions take place to narrow the gaps and remove barriers to learning and evaluates the impact of these. She has supported parents when dealing with the Special Educational Needs Assessment Team and offers advice when needed. We are very proud of her as, on top of being SENCO for 3 schools (Ab Kettleby, Somerby and Buckminster) she also has successfully completed her National Professional Qualification for SENCOs which is an 18-month leadership qualification covering whole school SEND strategies and advocates for inclusive school cultures.

Estates

The Trust Estates team continue to support improvements to our lovely school. This year alone, they have supported the work of the belltower; rendered the exterior wall; installed CCTV and have lots more planned for 26/27 to keep us compliant and looking good!

We still need to raise more than £50,000 to help repair the bell tower and would appreciate keeping the "Gofundme" page in everyone's minds - please continue to share far and wide on social media to help spread the word.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/fund-repairs-to-somerby-school-bell-tower>

Uniform

School uniform is a really important part of life at Somerby Primary School. It promotes a sense of pride, a sense of belonging and maintains equality, all of which positively contributes to the wellbeing of children. From time to time, incorrect uniform tends to creep into our school (e.g. incorrect hair accessories or sock colour, incorrect jewellery or logo shoes/trainers on non-PE days). We need parents to help us maintain our high expectations and double check the correct

uniform is being worn for school and for PE days. As a reminder, the full uniform can be found on our website:

<https://www.somerby.org.uk/page/?title=School+Life+and+Term+Dates&pid=33>

Attendance and Punctuality

This is just a reminder to all parents of the statutory guidance which came into force as of August 2024, regarding the importance of good attendance, punctuality, and penalties for unauthorised absences. The learning day is so full, that even one day off school can cause gaps in children's knowledge and understanding and this can have a negative effect on their self-esteem and mental health. Our aim is for children to attend school 96% as a minimum, this gives leeway for genuine sickness which may occur in the academic year.

Children are required to be in school at 8:30am, when learning starts. Arriving after this time may disadvantage your child as they will miss the introduction of the first learning task, cause unnecessary anxiety and affect their self-esteem. Our gate opens at 8:30am and will be closed at 8:45am. Anyone arriving after 8:45am will need to report to the office and will be marked as late.

Music Provision Summer 2027

Leicestershire Music Services has offered to support children in Oak Class for another year of music tuition. For the 26/27 academic year this will take place in the Spring Term of 2027, and more information will be available nearer the time.

Parent Voice

Thank you so much to all parents who took the time to complete the recent Parent Voice. We strive to continually improve our offer to you as families and take every comment seriously and appreciate all comments, positive or otherwise. A strong relationship between school and parents is crucial to ensure a child thrives educationally, socially and morally.

Wraparound Care / After School Clubs

As you know, last year, we tried to offer wraparound care through an external company and sadly had to end the contract. Our amazing class teachers do a great job of delivering after school clubs on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays 3-4pm and a club's letter will be sent out as soon as we return in the autumn term. Please also remember our Early Birds Club which starts at 8am each day.

End of year reports

I hope you have enjoyed reading your child's end of year reports as much as we enjoyed writing them. Each and every one of our children have made great progress, not just academically but emotionally, socially and morally; each one of them bring something special to our Somerby family and is a valued member of our small, but mighty team. We are proud of all of them.

Thank you, FOSS,

Thank you yet again to our FOSS team and parents who generously support fundraising events for the school. FOSS kindly set up the "Gofundme" page for the bell tower, which saw £1200 paid in during the first week of it being live! The Friday Tuckshop continues to be successful and a great earner for us, and the FOSS team have a list of events ready to enjoy for 2026/2027.

Thank you to all who supported us at the Somerby Summer Fair on Saturday, which was also a great success.

Yearly Planner 2026-2027 and INSET DAYS

We will spend one of the August inset days planning more events for 2026/27 and will send that out to our families early in the Autumn term so you can get dates in the diaries. Please note the dates of the 5 inset days are as follows:

Monday 24th August 2026
Tuesday 25th August 2026
Friday 27th November 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Tuesday 5th January 2027

Happy Summer!

My final thanks go to our fabulous team, who continue to strive for high standards, excellent teaching and above all provide a safe and inspiring place to learn. It is time for them to put their feet up and take a well-earned break from school life to spend time with their own families and re-charge the batteries.

On behalf of my team at Somerby, we would like to wish our families a safe and happy summer break, and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 26th August 2026.

Andrea Brown
Headteacher