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Dear Parent/Carer

The autumn sporting calendar is starting soon and it would be lovely to have good attendance at these events. Things kick off week beginning 30th September with a Yr5/6 football tournament, the KS1 (Y1/2) Fun Run on the Rec on Tuesday 1st October and the first of the local cross-country events (Y3/6), Hambridge Cross Country on Thursday 3rd October. Letters have been sent out for these events but if you haven't seen these, just ask the office or talk to me on the gate. It would be so nice to have a good number of children doing cross country this year and see if we can have a school team. We also have Tag Rugby coaching starting today for Y4/5/6 which should be good. It is run by Helen from Somerton Rugby Club and they will be hosting a tournament later in the term.

A few reminders:

- Please leave your mobile phone in the car at drop off and pick up. Due to Safeguarding we do not have mobile phones on site and would like you to respect this at all times.
- Children, of any age, are not allowed on the playrun or equipment at the end of the day. This is down to there being no school supervision meaning we are not covered by insurance or public liability.
- Please can you back into car parking spaces in the village hall car park so you go out forward, ensuring you can see better.
- Please ensure that drinks bottles are only filled with water and that they are cleaned regularly.

PFSA and ELSA Drop in Session – Tuesday 8th October at 2.45pm.

Come along to meet Mrs Gould (PFSA) and Mrs Astington (ELSA) for an informal chat and a cup of tea to learn about what they do and how they can help you.

Music Lessons

We now have spaces with both our music teachers (Piano and Guitar) please contact the office for further information.

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PTFA UPDATES

Your new PTFA committee

Thanks to everyone who attended the AGM yesterday. We will be updating you all on the new committee in the coming days.

Your School Lottery

Hopefully by now you will have heard about our brand new school lottery! Please consider joining in & tell everyone you know! To start supporting us visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for 'Long Sutton Primary'.

Asda Rewards - Cashpot for Schools

Don't forget to sign up, it's as easy as 1,2,3...

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
2. Choose 'Long Sutton C of E Primary School' – either searching by name or postcode. (TA10 9NT)
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop!

We get £1 for every person that chooses our school, even if you never spend any money in Asda, so please tell your friends and family and ask them all to sign up!

Dates for your diary

The Punkie Party - Saturday 26th October

Wreath Making Workshop - Friday 6th December

More event information coming soon - Keep up to date @longsuttonprimarypta

Apply now for your child's 2025 school place

Somerset parents and carers of children due to start school or move on to their next school in September 2025 are being urged to apply for their place online and on time. Somerset parents and carers of children due to start school or move on to their next school in September 2025 are being urged to apply for their place online and on time.

Parents and carers of children due to transfer to Secondary or Upper School can apply for places for their children from now until 31 October 2024. Please visit:

[Starting at a secondary or upper school in September \(someset.gov.uk\)](http://someset.gov.uk)

Parents and carers of children due to start school for the first time or transfer to Junior or Middle School can apply for places for their children from 30 September 2024 until 15 January 2025. Please visit:

[Apply to start school for the first time \(someset.gov.uk\)](http://someset.gov.uk)

There is also information on these pages from [Somerset's SEND Local Offer](http://someset.gov.uk) on Starting school or changing schools if your child has an Education Health and Care Plan: [Education, Health and Care plans and school placements \(someset.gov.uk\)](http://someset.gov.uk)

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Parents and carers are advised to read the Primary or Secondary Admissions Guides before making an application. The guides can be accessed at:

[Primary admissions guide \(somerset.gov.uk\)](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/primary-admissions-guide)

[Secondary admissions guide \(somerset.gov.uk\)](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/secondary-admissions-guide)

In helping children get ready to start school, parents and carers can find advice on school readiness at www.cypsomersethealth.org

Any parent who does not have online access can telephone the Somerset Council customer contact number on 0300 123 2224.

The webpage www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions holds a wealth of related information including a directory of schools, catchment areas and admissions policies.

Attendance – Unauthorised Term-Time Leave

Please be aware that when a parent or carer chooses to take their child out of school for a period of leave, which has not been authorised by the Head Teacher it may result in a Penalty Notice being issued. Term-time leave of absence is not an automatic right and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. You can find the school's attendance policy and letter of intention to take term-time leave request form on the school website.

Is my child too ill for school?

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. Further guidance can be found here - [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-call-the-doctor/when-to-call-the-doctor-when-your-child-is-ill)

The infographic is divided into two main sections. The left section, titled 'Article 28 The right to education', features a purple header with a paperclip icon. Below the header, it states 'Children and young people said:' followed by two bullet points: 'School is a place where we access support and other services. It's a place which supports our physical, emotional and mental health.' and 'Health services and schools should work together to help us with school attendance.' This is followed by a paragraph: 'We are looking at improving the ways healthcare, education and other services for children and young people work together to better meet their needs:' and another bullet point: 'We would like to hear your views on healthcare related school absence and how our services could be improved'. A final bullet point says: 'If you would like to help, please scan the QR codes opposite for links to anonymously complete our surveys!'. The right section, titled 'Please share your views on health-related school absence...', has a white background. It contains two columns: 'Scan for parent or carer questionnaire:' and 'Scan for young person's questionnaire:', each with a QR code. At the bottom of this section, there is a logo for 'RCPCH & Us' (The voice of children, young people and families) and a small illustration of diverse people. Text below the QR codes says: 'Find out more... For useful links and tips on participation on children's rights go to www.rcpch.ac.uk/rightsmatter'.

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Nut free school (inc. Toy Box)

We have multiple children in school at present with a nut allergy. Please do not give your child food/snacks to bring into school containing any type of nut or nut product, e.g. Nutella and Peanut Butter. Thank you for your support.

Dates for the diary

Yr5/6 Football Tournament	Monday 30 th September at 4pm
KS1 Fun Run	Tuesday 01 st October at 4pm
Year 1 Phonics Evening	Wednesday 02 nd October at 6pm
KS2 Cross County (Hambridge)	Thursday 03 rd October at 4pm
Yr5/6 Netball Tournament	Monday 07 th October at 4pm
Individual School Photo Day	Wednesday 09 th October
KS2 Cross Country (Long Sutton)	Thursday 10 th October at 4pm
Yr4/5/6 Girls Football Tournament	Monday 14 th October at 4pm
Yr 1 Maths Evening	Wednesday 16 th October at 6pm

Safeguarding (Protecting children from harm/keeping them safe)

In school we have a duty to ensure that all children are safe and protect from harm or abuse. If we have concerns about a child's wellbeing it is our duty to look into this, talk to the family, and if need be, report it to Somerset Direct.

If you have any concerns about your child, or another, please come and speak to me. Safeguarding is everyone's business and cannot be ignored. Somerset Direct (0300 123 2224) or the NSPCC are useful points of contact, should you wish to share or discuss any Safeguarding concerns you have.

Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead – Lizzie Reynolds).

[SOMERSETDIRECT](http://www.somersetdirect.co.uk)

Best wishes
Mrs Lizzie Reynolds

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