



13th March 2026

# Our Weekly Update



## Headteacher update

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

It has been fantastic to focus on Science this week in school. The children have enjoyed a range of visitors and have been able to conduct a variety of experiments to spark their passion. A huge thank you to all the visitors who came in to school to share their knowledge and expertise.

Reception were visited by Dr Jo, a paediatrician, and her monkey Timmy. Timmy had a cough and felt very hot so Dr Jo had to take his temperature with a thermometer. Dr Jo asked the children lots of questions about how to take a temperature. Timmy had an infection and Dr Jo needed to give him some medicine. Dr Jo reminded children that if they ever see some tablets they must not play with them or take them and they must tell an adult.

KS1 had a visit from a beekeeper. The children learned so many interesting facts about bees and why they are so important for our world.

They looked at hives and how bees collect pollen, took part in some drama activities and even got to taste some honey.

Thank you so much to Dr Stanley for coming in to speak with our Year 3/4 children about how he creates realistic prosthetic body parts for both medical use and the film industry. It was a fascinating and hands-on talk that the children thoroughly enjoyed!

Year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to have a talk from scientist Kim Gardener all about her work as a forensic nurse. The children had some fascinating questions and enjoyed the chance to take DNA swabs, fingerprints and temperatures. We also learnt about how DNA can be transferred easily to different surfaces in a variety of ways. Thank you for coming to visit us.

Hopefully the children will be able to share lots of these details with you! Have a lovely weekend.

Jonathan Clarke and the SPS Team





# Key Dates – updates in blue



Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Sport Relief
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March (09:20)	Year 3 and 4 production to parents/carers
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5/6 Art Gallery for parents/carers
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of the spring term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter break
Week beginning Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May (09:20)	Reception production to parents/carers
Week beginning Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term
Week beginning Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Healthy Week
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day: KS2 AM and Reception/KS1 PM (timings tbc)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Abbey College transition
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> , Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Cromwell Community College transition

# Thank you!

A huge thank you to Georgia and Isabella for running their cake stall after school on Wednesday. They raised a whopping £184, which they have split between the RSPCA and the school.

Thank you to everyone who lent their support by buying from the stall.



## Netball Success



On Tuesday this week, a group of Year 5 and 6 children represented the school at a netball tournament at St Ivo School. Two teams played a series of matches and one of the teams did well to win their side of the competition! A huge well done to all involved, and for bringing silverware back to the school!

## Super Science!



# Caterlink Competition

Caterlink, our school meals provider, is excited to announce a fantastic competition for children! They need their help to design some vibrant foodie wall art for Caterlink.

"We invite pupils to let their imaginations run wild and create an A4 page of colourful, foodie-inspired landscapes. Think broccoli trees, baguette fences, or even carrot chimneys – the more creative, the better!

What's in it for you?

- Winning artwork will feature in Caterlink's primary marketing.
- The winning school will receive a completed art wall, or £200 for the school, and a £20 book voucher for the pupil whose design wins.

How to enter:

- Artwork can be posted to Caterlink Competition, Hop House, Lower Green Road, Pembury, Kent, TN2 4HS or scanned and emailed to [info@caterlinkltd.co.uk](mailto:info@caterlinkltd.co.uk). (please keep the original artwork as this may be needed if you are selected a winner)
- Ensure you include the pupil's name, age and school on the back of the artwork, or as the title of the picture file. We will also require the full school's name, address, and contact so that we can contact winning entries.
- Entries must be received by 5pm on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.
- Winning entries will be notified by the end of May 2026.

We can't wait to see the amazing ideas pupils come up with!"



## Big Walk and Wheel



Over the next fortnight, we will be participating in the 'Big Walk and Wheel'. This is an initiative which promotes active travelling. Each day, the children's journey to and from school will be logged, and the school with the highest number of active travellers will win a prize. This could be walking, cycling, scooting or, for those families who live outside the village, parking further away and walking the rest of the journey.



Reception	Scientist	<p>This week we have learnt about what scientists do. We learnt that they observe, ask questions, make predictions, and set up tests. We had actions for each of these skills; can you remember them? Why not trying going for a walk and acting like a scientist by observing the world around you and asking questions. For example I see green bits on trees. Why are they there?</p>
Year 1/2	Pollinate	<p>To celebrate science week, we were fortunate enough to have a visit from a beekeeper. They told us how hard bees work to pollentate flowers. Ask your child what they remember about our visit and if they can use the word in a sentence.</p>
Year 3/4	Nutrition	<p>This week in science and PSHE we have looked at the nutrition. We have discussed what plants and humans need to grow and thrive. Can you look at different foods at home and talk about the nutrients they may contain?</p>
Year 5/6	Surface area	<p>As part of our science learning this week, we have been investigating air resistance and how the surface area of a shape impacts the time taken for an object to fall to the ground. We demonstrated this using two pieces of A4 paper: one was flat and the other was scrunched into a ball. We then made paper helicopters and investigated the impact of different arm lengths on the time taken to fall to the ground.</p>

# School Council Update

Egg-citing News from the School Council!

The School Council would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone for the fantastic colouring entries we've received so far. We are also incredibly grateful for your generosity in donating chocolate eggs—our raffle is looking delicious thanks to you!



If your child hasn't had a chance to join in yet, there is still time!

Colouring Competition: Please hand any final masterpieces into the school office.

Donations: We are still gratefully accepting egg donations at the office. Every contribution helps make our raffle extra special!

Ticket Sales: Coming Next Week!

Starting next week, School Council members will be visiting classrooms to sell raffle tickets.

If your child would like to enter, the prices are:

20p for a single ticket

£1 for a full strip

**Where does the money go?** All funds raised from this raffle will go directly toward wet play time equipment for each class.

wet  
breaktime  
activities

# SOUNDTRACK MY STORY COMPETITION for Years 5-13

**This is YOUR chance to showcase your musical style**

Create an **original piece of music or write a song** inspired by a favourite story, reflecting a character, plot or scene, lasting 2-3 minutes.

Upload your composition in MP3 format with the entry form to: [soundtrackmystory@meridiantrust.co.uk](mailto:soundtrackmystory@meridiantrust.co.uk)

**ENTER by Friday 1st May 2026**

The winners will be showcased at



**£50 prize** for primary school winner

**£100 prize** for secondary school winner

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National  
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2026

# What are they interested in?

Watch their favourite authors talk more about the books they love....



It can be really exciting for young readers to watch an event with one of their favourite authors. Authorfy is the largest library of author videos in the world and it's completely free for the 2026 National Year of Reading. Discover interviews, masterclasses and a whole lot more...



Maz Evans

Hear how Maz Evans used Greek myths and different emotions to inspire her brilliant stories.  
Suitable for Ages 7-11, 11+

**Maz Evans**



Onjali Q. Rauf

Explore the refugee crisis with 'The Boy in the Back of the Class', and the topic of hope with 'Hope on the Horizon'.  
Suitable for Ages 7-11

**Onjali Q. Rauf**



Phoenix Comic Book Masterclass

Meet Phoenix comic creators Jamie Smart, Laura Ellen Anderson & James Turner.  
Suitable for Ages 7-11, 11+

**Jamie Smart**



Katherine Rundell

Katherine discusses the ideas and inspirations behind 'The Good Thieves', 'The Explorer' and 'The Wolf Wilder'.  
Suitable for Ages 7-11, 11+



**Katherine Rundell**



Anthony Horowitz

Hear how the multi-million bestselling author Anthony Horowitz creates suspense, invents villains and more.  
Suitable for Ages 7-11, 11+

**Anthony Horowitz**

 Mindfulness for children 

## Gentle Mindfulness Sessions for Children

Helping children to feel calmer, more confident, and better able to handle big emotions.

If you would be interested in coming along, please email us and let us know the age of your child(ren).

[mindfulness.somershamtimebank@gmail.com](mailto:mindfulness.somershamtimebank@gmail.com)

When we know how much interest there is, we will get in contact about days, timings, age groups etc...



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# SOMERSHAM SPORTS SESSION



Norwood Playing Field,  
Somersham, PE28 3HE



2pm - 4pm

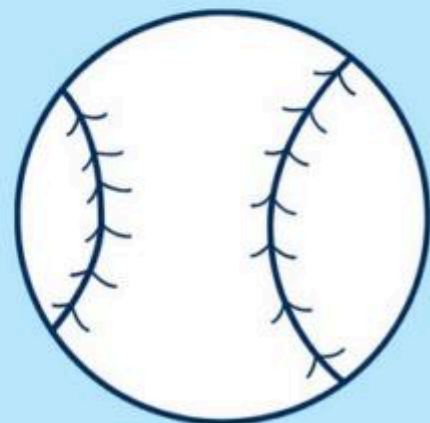


Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Join us for some FREE fun & active sessions for 5-11 year olds, with a range of sports on offer.

**Pre-booking is essential**  
**To book please email**  
[deputy.clerk@somersham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:deputy.clerk@somersham-pc.gov.uk)

- Qualified coaches
- A chance to try new sports



SAT  
28<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH

7.30-11

Somersham  
Victory Hall

# Silent Disco

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TICKETS £10 AVAILABLE AT  
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Olives  
Somersham Library

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