

19th September 2025

Our Weekly Update



Headteacher update

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Thank you for attending the Meet the Teacher sessions that were held this week. We hope you found these useful and supportive so that you have a good understanding of what the term ahead looks like for your children. If you weren't able to attend the meeting, the slides have been sent out for your information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Wednesday evening was the PFA's Annual General Meeting. It was great to have so many attendees and to welcome parents and carers from our new Reception class. Lisa and Steph were re-elected as Co-Chairs, and a fruitful discussion took place regarding events and fundraising for the year ahead. Please read on to find out more information with dates for a disco and the Christmas Fayre.

The weather is definitely keeping us on our toes at the moment!

Please ensure that children have all the relevant clothing to be able to comfortably play outdoors in the variable weather conditions. This week has necessitated jumpers, raincoats and sunglasses at different times!

Next week, we will be sending home information about School Council elections for children in Years 2 to 6. Keep an eye out for this and do try and encourage your children to participate in this important aspect of school life.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Jonathan Clarke and the SPS Team



Key Dates – updates in blue



Tuesday 23 rd September @ 18:00	Meeting for parents/carers of Y6 children going to Hilltop
Wednesday 24 th – Tuesday 30 th September	Food Bank donations to the school office (details below)
Friday 26 th September	Deadline for sign competition (see poster below)
Friday 3 rd October	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon and PFA Non-Uniform Sale (details below)
Wednesday 15 th to Friday 17 th October	Year 6 Hilltop trip
Tuesday 21 st October	Year 3 and 4 trip to Flag Fen
Wednesday 22 nd and Thursday 23 rd October	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October	Half Term (children return to school on Tuesday 4 th November)
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Friday 14 th November	PFA Disco (timings tbc)
Friday 5 th December	PFA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9 th (09:20), Wednesday 10 th (14:00) and Thursday 11 th (09:20) December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production to parents/carers
Friday 12 th June	Sports Day: KS2 AM and Reception/KS1 PM (timings tbc)

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon



On Friday 3rd October, we will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Afternoon in the school hall. Coffee, tea and cakes will be available from 14:30 for parents, carers and family members to enjoy, and children can join at the end of the day.

So many people have been affected by cancer, and MacMillan do a great job of supporting families. The Coffee Afternoon is an opportunity for people to connect and raise money at the same time.

To attend, simply come to the main playground gate any time after 14:30. Everyone is welcome! We would also be appreciative of any cakes (please ensure that ingredients are labelled and there are no nuts).

The PFA will also be selling pre-loved uniform at this event, with proceeds going to MacMillan.

PFA Update

The PFA is looking forward to working with families over the coming year to put on enjoyable events for all, while raising money for the school at the same time.

Many of you will have seen the fantastic transformation of the EYFS outdoor area, which took place over the summer holidays. The area is now much more engaging for the children and will support outdoor learning brilliantly. This could only be achieved as a result of the hard work of the PFA and all the generous donations we have received from families. Thank you!

As you will have seen from the information above, there is a uniform sale planned at the MacMillan Coffee Afternoon, and dates are set for a disco and the Christmas Fayre. PFA representatives will also be selling uniform at Parent/Carer Consultation evenings and at the Christmas Fayre.

Thank you in anticipation for your support!



Super Learning at Somersham...

There has been lots of fantastic learning taking place at school this week...

Year 6 have been participating in some focused PSHE work, considering the qualities of a great role model, and how they can apply these as the oldest children in our school community. This week, they started some art work, using their own role models as an inspiration, to complete a calligram portrait. It was really interesting to see who the children considered to be their role models, and what qualities they viewed as important. The children have made a great start in supporting our new Reception children and are being great role models themselves!



It was a busy week for Year 5/6, who were visited on Tuesday by Dr Helen Maynard-Casely, to launch their Science topic of 'Space'.

Helen is a former Somersham student who is now an astrophysicist in Australia! She was able to tell the children lots of incredible facts about our solar system. They were particularly fascinated by the upcoming space mission to send nuclear powered autonomous rotorcraft to explore Saturn's largest moon, Titan! The children had so many amazing questions and they all learnt a lot.





PLAYERS WANTED

**We are inviting new players for
2025/26 Season
U-7 team
(school year two)**

- **Training on Wednesday nights (5.30pm to 6.30) at Millennium Park, Somersham**
- **Matches on Saturday mornings from August to May (Huntingdonshire F.A. League)**

For more information contact club registration secretary

**Lynne Thomas
STYFC.regs@gmail.com**



Design a Sign Competition!

We're inviting pupils to help us design a special sign for two beautiful willow trees on the new Cranbrook Grange development. These trees are veteran trees, which means they have lived for many years, provide a home for wildlife and need extra care to keep them safe. The winning design will be turned into a permanent sign for everyone to enjoy!

What we're looking for:

- Your design should include the following wording, but you can decorate the space around it with your own artwork:
 - o These willow trees are protected
 - o Veteran trees please play safely nearby
 - o Special and important please help us look after them

Size/format:

- Please use a sheet of A3 paper.
- Designs can be hand-drawn, painted or digital.

Prizes:

- The winning design will be made into the real sign on site.
- The winner will be invited to the unveiling event to reveal their sign.
- The winner will also receive a £50 voucher, plus an additional £50 voucher for the school.

How to enter:

- Entries to be handed in by 26th September.
- Pupils should submit their designs to their class teacher.
- Judging will take place by Allison Homes.

We can't wait to see your creative ideas. Good luck!

