

20th March 2026

Our Weekly Update



Headteacher update

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

It has been another busy week in school, with lots of focused learning taking place. The children enjoyed wearing non-uniform today, while raising money for Comic Relief. They have been learning about the concept of 'charity' in assemblies this week, talking about how we can help others and the work that charities do. Our children's understanding of this is so mature.

On Tuesday, Reception had a visit from the local Neighbourhood Policing Team as part of their learning about the people who help us in our communities. Sergeant Caruana talked to the children about how the police help to keep people safe, and they had the opportunity to look at a police car. It was a very exciting morning!

While this was taking place, children in Years 1 and 2 were engaged in a History Day. They participated in a range of tasks to learn about the explorer Ibn Battuta. They developed a range of historical skills and applied them to demonstrate their knowledge.

Children in Years 3 and 4 have continued to rehearse for their end of term production, which they are going to share with packed audiences next week. The singing sounds great and they look fantastic in their costumes. The rest of the school community enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal this afternoon – parents and carers are set for a treat next week!

Years 5 and 6 have impressed adults with their maturity this week. They have been writing a biography of Nelson Mandela, and engaged in some higher-level discussions about Apartheid as part of this. Their sensitive and considered articulation of this has been really impressive to hear.

It hardly seems possible that there is only one week left until the Easter break. We will be making the most of every moment!

Have a lovely weekend,

Jonathan Clarke and the SPS Team



Key Dates – updates in blue



Tuesday 24 th and Wednesday 25 th March (09:20)	Year 3 and 4 production to parents/carers
Thursday 26 th March	Year 5/6 Art Gallery for parents/carers
Friday 27 th March	Last day of the spring term
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter break
Week beginning Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday 19 th and Wednesday 20 th May (09:20)	Reception production to parents/carers
Week beginning Monday 25 th May	Half term
Week beginning Monday 1 st June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Week beginning Monday 8 th June	Healthy Week
Week beginning Monday 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Friday 12 th June	Sports Day: KS2 AM and Reception/KS1 PM (timings tbc)
Thursday 25 th and Friday 26 th June	Abbey College transition
Week beginning Monday 29 th June	PSHE Life Bus visiting Somersham – more details to follow
Wednesday 1 st , Tuesday 7 th and Thursday 9 th July	Cromwell Community College transition



Reception	Detective	<p>This week we have been learning all about the police. We learnt that detectives follow clues and find evidence to solve crimes. We acted as detectives by helping Inspector Clawso from the story 'A Very Top Secret Mission' find clues to narrow down his suspects. I wonder what you can remember about the story?</p>
Year 1/2	Trade	<p>On Tuesday we had a History focussed day, learning about Ibn Battuta. We learned what it means to trade goods and roleplayed trading at a Souk. Can your child tell you what product they had when they went to the souk/market and what they traded it for?</p>
Year 3/4	Ominous	<p>In English, we have been writing setting descriptions and one of the examples we looked at was very ominous. Can you explain what this means to people at home and use it in a sentence?</p>
Year 5/6	Legacy	<p>This week, Year 5 and 6 have been writing a biography about Nelson Madela. We have researched his early life, his work for the African National Congress (ANC) and his imprisonment. Following this we learnt about his release from prison, historic election victory and his last legacy.</p>

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

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 To Read Next?

If your child enjoyed *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket, what else might they get into?...

The story of the Baudelaire orphans – 13 dark, funny books – is unique, even after more than two decades. If the children you know have read all of the series (and watched the Netflix show), then what else might they enjoy?

Visit [BookTrust](#) for more What to Read Next recommendations

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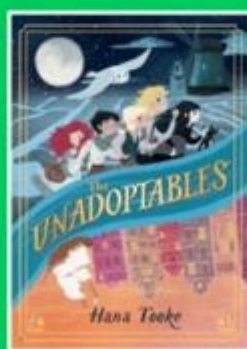
The comically dark tale centres around three children, Violet, Klaus and baby Sunny, whose parents are killed in a fire which also destroys their home – a tragic event which sets the tone for the rest of the book. Sent to live with Count Olaf, a distant relative, their unsettled lives take a turn for the worse...



Series



Brightstorm by Vashti Hardy



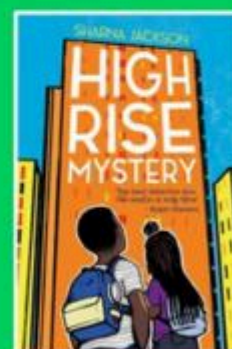
The Unadoptables by Hana Tooke





Fire Spell by Laura Amy Schlitz



The Swifts by Beth Lincoln



High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson

 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

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





FREE **SOMERSHAM SPORTS SESSION**

 Norwood Playing Field,
Somersham, PE28 3HE

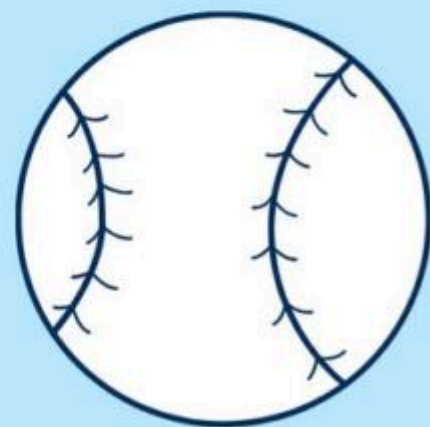
 2pm - 4pm

 Wednesday 1st April 2026
Wednesday 8th 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

- Qualified coaches
- A chance to try new sports





Create a Picture for the Carnival Program Cover!

Somersham Carnival is inviting all Primary School age children who live or attend school in Somersham and Pidley to design a picture to feature on the front cover of the Carnival Program, distributed to over 2,500 homes.

Carnival Day is Saturday 27th June, with events in the week leading up. The theme for 2026 is "Myth and Magic". We are asking for your ideas of a picture that fits this theme for the cover.

To enter the competition, please prepare your picture inside the box provided below and fill in your details. Use as much space in the box as you like, but please keep within the lines. Feel free to create your picture however you want, but colourful pens tend to work well! Please DO NOT include any words or the title in your picture - we will add those afterwards on the cover. The picture should be your own work and not a copy of something else.

Return your design to Penny Townsend, Parkhall Equestrian Centre, Parkhall Road, PE28 3HQ. The closing date is Friday 17th April 2026. Somersham Carnival Committee will judge all the entries on Sunday 19th April and will notify the winner shortly afterwards.

Get creative and good luck! If you have any queries, please contact Penny on 07594 449 583 or email somersham.carnival.info@gmail.com

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Name:	
Age:	Parents Phone #:
School / Club:	
OR Address:	

Thank you for supporting Somersham Carnival!