

22nd May 2026

Our Weekly Update



Headteacher update

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Their learning in the classroom has been excellent this week. Our Reception children put on two fantastic performances of 'The Gingerbread Man' to an audience of parents, carers and family members. They sang, danced and spoke with confidence and pride, and really did entertain their audience. Well done to them all and the staff members who worked so hard to coordinate the show.

Phonics learning in Reception and Key Stage One was celebrated this week in a monitoring visit from Meridian Trust. Teaching and learning was observed, and there were many positive feedback points in reference to the progress children are making. Ensuring children are able to read fluently and confidently is an absolute must, and it is really positive to have our commitment to this recognised.

Children across Key Stage Two have also been working really hard this week. Children in Years 3 and 4 have been making great progress in

French, trying hard to perfect their sentences for describing what someone is wearing. In Years 5 and 6, children have been responding so maturely to their learning about the Windrush generation, reflecting on significant individuals and their contributions to British society.

We have said a warm farewell to Mr Reedman and Ms Cimerman today. Ms C has worked really hard in Reception this year and we wish her lots of luck in her new role. Mr Reedman has been a wonderful Caretaker at Somersham, looking after the building and ensuring the site is safe, compliant and well cared for. We say a huge thank you to Mr Reedman and wish him well in his next chapter. The recruitment processes for a new Caretaker are ongoing and in the meantime, Mr Cattle and I will be sharpening our high fives!

With best wishes for a lovely half term break!

Jonathan Clarke and the SPS Team



Key Dates – updates in blue



Week beginning Monday 25 th May	Half term
Week beginning Monday 1 st June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Monday 1 st June @ 08:00	Abbey College Coffee Morning for Y6 parents/carers
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 (09:15 – 11:45) and Reception/KS1 PM (13:15 – 15:15)
Thursday 18 th June	Class photos
Thursday 18 th June @ 16:00	PFA Make a Difference Evening
Friday 19 th June	INSET day – school closed to children
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 July	KS1 trip to Hunstanton
Wednesday 1 st , Tuesday 7 th and Thursday 9 th July	Cromwell Community College transition
Thursday 9 th and Friday 10 th July	St Ivo School transition
Friday 10 th July	PFA Colour Run
Tuesday 14 th and Wednesday 15 th July (14:00)	Year 5/6 production to parents/carers

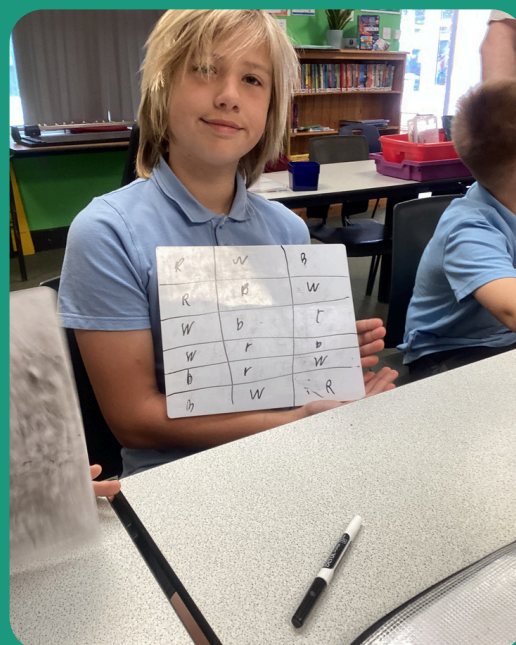
STOP PRESS: Date Change

As you may have noticed in the dates list above, there has been a change to the date of the KS1 trip to Hunstanton. This will now take place on Wednesday July 1st. A letter with further details will be sent in the new half term.

Marvellous Maths!

We have had a very exciting National Numeracy Day working out how many combinations of 4 colours Mr Watson, Meridian Trust Primary Maths Lead, could create for his new chocolate bar.

We worked methodically to figure out that there were 24 possible individual combinations! Some of us also figured out that there would be 120 combinations for 5 colours and 720 if there were 6 colours.



Kitchen Congratulations



A huge 'well done' to our kitchen team, who have been awarded a Certificate of Excellence following an audit this week. The team were praised for their attention to health and safety and allergen control. The team do a fantastic job, day in day out, preparing nutritious and tasty meals for our children, and it is great that they have received this recognition.



Reception	Confidence	Being confident means trusting in yourself, knowing you have what it takes to try new things, and believing you can handle challenges. It doesn't mean you will never feel nervous or make mistakes; it means facing them with a positive "I can do this!" attitude. I think we can all agree the children approached their performance with confidence! When else might you need to feel confident?
Year 1/2	Bee-friendly	We investigated which flowers bees prefer and why. The children drew a garden that'd be ideal for bees. Can they describe it to you?
Year 3/4	Moral	In English, we've been exploring cautionary tales. Can the children share examples of morals they have learnt from different stories?
Year 5/6	Suspense	The feeling of being tense, nervous or excited about an event which may or may not happen. This week in Year 5/6 we have been using the animation 'Alma' to inspire our writing. It is a suspense narrative and we have been considering how writers use language and punctuation to create a sense of suspense.
	French	Years 3 & 4: Watch this story. Can you repeat the sentences on each page? Je m'habille et je te croque Years 5 & 6: Listen to this song composed by a Senegalese musician for a film: Kirikou



SOMERSHAM PFA INVITES YOU TO OUR

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY!

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE OUR SCHOOL
AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW!



DATE:
THURSDAY
18TH JUNE



TIME:
4PM



LOCATION:
Somersham
Primary School

OUR TO-DO LIST WILL INCLUDE TASKS SUCH AS:

- DEEP CLEANING
- GARDENING AND OUTDOOR TIDYING
- GENERAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

ANY TOOLS & GARDENING EQUIPMENT YOU
CAN BRING WOULD REALLY HELP

LET'S COME TOGETHER
AND SHOW THE POWER
OF
COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

SMALL
ACTIONS.
BIG IMPACT.

EVERY HELPING HAND MAKES A DIFFERENCE - THANK YOU!

What are they interested in?

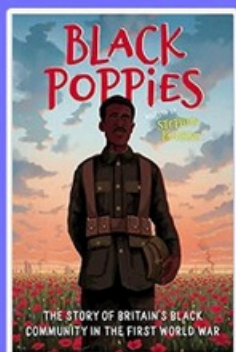
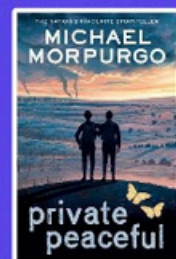
Visit [BookTrust](#) for more inspiration



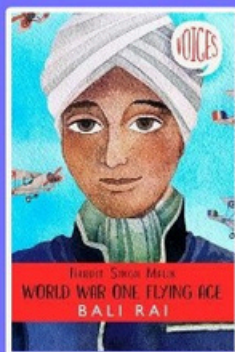
If they enjoyed *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo...

This selection of books offer alternative perspectives on war and explores the power of love, friendship and bravery amidst the harsh realities of conflict...

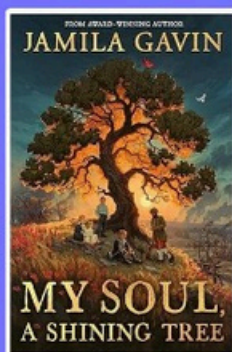
This award-winning story is an unflinching examination of the horrors of war and the injustice surrounding the execution of soldiers by firing squad, on the grounds of desertion or cowardice. Former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo uses all his superb storytelling skills to weave this powerful, poignant tale of the horrors of World War I, which will touch readers of all ages.



Black Poppies by Stephen Bourne



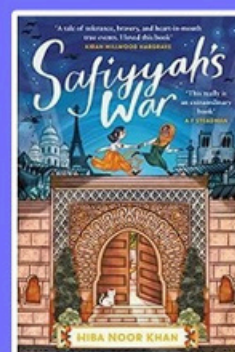
Hardit Singh Malik World War One Flying Ace by Bali Rai





My soul, a shining tree by Jamila Gavin



Carrie's War by Nina Bawden



Safiyyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan

 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...









Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team

Transition to Secondary School

Workshops

The EIFA team would like to present our Transition to Secondary School online workshops for April to June.

Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

Transition to Secondary School -Part 1	Thursday, 30 April 2026, 12:00-14:00	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Transition to Secondary School -Part 2	Tuesday, 5 May 2026, 12:00-14:00	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
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Transition to Secondary School -Part 2	Thursday, 11 June 2026, 12:00-14:00	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

PFA COLOUR RUN

FRIDAY 10TH JULY -
WATCH THIS SPACE

