## Newsletter

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### **YEAR SIX** STARS OF THE WEEK

Oscar Bell Jude Peberdy-Kerr Rafe Leak Lola Bryant Harper-Mae Busson

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Year 5 this week who have sat their baseline assessment in English and Maths, they have all worked hard to show their knowledge in Reading, Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling and Maths. Our team will use this information to place them into classes based on similar levels of ability to help support and challenge all pupils. These class changes will happen from Monday 22nd September.

All new pupils who use the bus have been issued with a bus pass from Somerset County Council, they will need to show this when they get the bus in the morning and afternoons, any replacement bus passes needed please contact schooltransportrequest@somerset.gov.uk. This is also a reminder for older years to make sure you have your passes to display to the driver.

Tutor Evening - 30th September. This evening is in person at Oakfield from 3:30pm-7pm. To book an appointment with your child's tutor please use the Arbor Parent App or the Arbor website. Any difficulties booking please follow the link to seek help or contact the office. https://support.arboreducation.com/hc/en-us/articles/203792102-Booking-Guardian-Consultations-Parent-s-Eveningson-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App



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If you would like further information on any of the items in the newsletter, please contact the academy office. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter via our website.

	P.E Clubs - Autumn Term 2025				
	Activity	Boy/Girls/Mixed	Year Group	Location	Staff member
Monday	Judo	Mixed	5 & 6	Gym	CA
	Football Club	Boys	7 & 8	Field	PF
Tuesday	Rollerskating	Mixed	5 & 6	Hall	NM
Wednesday	Dodgeball	Mixed	5 & 6	Hall	JR
	Netball	Girls	7 & 8	Sports court	DS
Thursday	Judo	Mixed	7 & 8	Gym	CA
	Football	Mixed	5 & 6	Field	NWA
Friday					

Sign up your child through the ARBOR app.



#### **School Streets - a reminder:**

Frome Town Council, Somerset Council and <u>Sustrans</u> launched a pilot of a <u>Safer School Streets</u> scheme in 2024 and this is still in operation. The following road closures and restrictions apply as part of the scheme:

Junction of Broadway and Oakfield Road, until junction of Oakfield Road/
Nunney Road and Critch Hill: closed 8.10am till 9am and 2.45pm to 3.30pm,
Monday to Friday in term time. Whitemill Lane is also closed at these times.

Park Road: closed 8.25am to 8.55am and 3pm to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday in term time.

A 24-hour 20mph zone operates across a wider area, as signposted. The ETRO (Experimental Traffic Regulation Order) for the Safer School Streets trial details the following, limited exemptions to the road closures: Blue badge holders; parents/guardians of pupils with EHC plans; school staff; access to residential properties within the restricted zone; healthcare workers; users of Harry's Hydrotherapy Pool; school and public transport; emergency services; postal services; utilities; highway maintenance; street cleansing and waste collection.

We understand that some families have to drive to school. If you use a car, please park outside of the closures and walk the remaining distance to school. Please park considerately and avoid blocking driveways or access to residential areas.

# School Uniform

With immediate effect the online school shop will no longer be available for uniform orders. Please note that all orders received by the school up until **12:00 noon on Wednesday, 10th September** will still be processed and fulfilled directly by the school. These uniforms will be delivered to your child's class as soon as they are available.

Our school uniform will now have to be purchased from our supplier **Cosmic Monkey**, their address is:

Cosmic Monkey, Unit E3, Commerce Park, Southgate, Frome. BA11 2RY We will confirm further details, including any new ordering procedures, once they have been finalised by Cosmic Monkey.

We appreciate your understanding during this transition and will continue to keep you updated with any additional information as soon as we receive it. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

# Performing Arts Glubs

#### **Autumn Term 2025**

Carnival Club (with Ms Parsons, Miss Haig and Miss Morris) - this is a temporary club for all pupils who want to perform in the Frome Children's Carnival on Saturday 20th September. Further details are on the Arbor app but rehearsals are as follows:-

Weds 10th Sept 3-5pm HALL Weds 17th Sept 3-4.30pm HALL Thurs 18th Sept 3-4pm HALL

Thurs 11th Sept 3-5pm HALL

There will be a letter going out to all parents of pupils who sign up to this club with more information about the details and timings of the event.

**Choir** (with Ms Parsons) Every Monday from 3-4pm in the HALL beginning on Mon 22nd September

**Debating and Public Speaking Club (with Mrs Pinches)** Every Weds from 3-4pm in 50 beginning on Weds 24th September

**Drama Club** (with Miss Haig and Miss Morris) Every Thursday from 3-4pm in the Drama Studio beginning Thur 25th September

#### **MUSICIANS WANTED FOR ASSEMBLIES**

If your child would like to perform their instrument in a school assembly please tell them to let Ms Parsons know during their music lessons. We encourage all pupils who play an instrument to perform in front of an audience as much as possible to build their confidence and to give them even more of a reason to practise! For practical reasons we can't accommodate performances on a drum kit during assemblies but there will be many opportunities for our drummers to perform during lesson times and potentially in some of our annual shows.





### Have you seen the Library Web App?



This week all pupils have had an induction session in the library and have been introduced to our brilliant library Web App. On the Web App they can browse the catalogue, reserve books, check on their loans and reservations, renew books, create wishlists, write reviews and much more! Please encourage your child to explore the Web App. Parents can also log in as a guest to explore the catalogue and find lots of useful information!

https://uk.accessit.online/okf01

## **Creatively Calm**

Well-being sessions for parent carers

Mindful creative activities to strengthen well-being, emotional resilience & promote a sense of calm

We're offering two new Creatively Calm sessions designed to support the well-being of parent carers through mindful, creative activities. Led by Abi Brown, holistic practitioner, clinical aromatherapist, and one of our brilliant parent reps. These sessions offer a gentle space to recharge, reflect, and reconnect.

#### Aromatherapy

Learn about the botanical origins and properties of essential oils, and how they can be used to strengthen emotional well-being, promote a sense of calm, and support your ability to cope. You'll have the opportunity to explore a range of essential oils and create a personal oil blend and pocketsized applicator.

Frome: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September @ 10:00 to 11:30 Glastonbury: Tuesday 30th September @ 11:00 to 12:30 Yeovil: Friday 10th October @ 10:00 to 11:30 Taunton: Thursday 16th October @ 11:00 to 12:30



There is a small charge of £5 per session.

If this is a barrier to you attending, please don't hesitate to message us, we want these sessions to be accessible to all parent carers.

Refreshments will be provided.

a To book or find out more:

somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/events/workshops-and-information-days









## Vorking Group

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Working Group on Thursday at 5pm and the parents who emailed their thoughts as they couldn't attend.

It was a very positive opportunity to listen to ideas as to how we can further improve communication with Oakfield. We have lots to consider and plan, and there will be more updates to follow.

Mrs E Thomas





To Mr Oates who raised a fantastic £78.15 for WE HEAR YOU CANCER COUNSELLING charity at the end of last term with an Ice Bucket Challenge.

### **Detention Logging on Arbor**

We have come across some issues with communicating detentions to parents.

In the short term we will send an email or Arbor message to parents notifying you if your child has a detention.

Please make sure you log into Arbor each day to track your child's progress, achievements and behaviour.

If you have any difficulties getting onto Arbor please let the school office know and we will be able to help you.



**Date: Wednesday 15th October** 

Time: 4:15-5:15pm

Parent Talk:

#### Parenting in the Digital Age

This engaging session helps parents understand how technology affects children's mental health and wellbeing. It explores the impact of smartphones, social media, gaming, and algorithms, while providing practical, research-backed strategies for creating a healthy digital environment at home. The talk is designed to be non-judgmental, empowering families with tools to navigate the digital world with confidence.

## Diary Dates

17 Sep Open Day & Evening (Day time tours 9.15 &

11.30 by appointment, Eve 6.00pm-7.30pm)

18 Sep Frome College Open Evening 5.30-8.00pm

19 Sep Yr 4 Taster Morning

30 Sep All Tutor Evenings

20 Oct Flu Vaccinations

24 Oct INSET day

w/c 27 Oct Half Term Holidays

9 Dec Yr 6 Panto Trip

w/c 22 Dec Christmas Holidays

w/c 29 Dec Christmas Holidays

5 Jan INSET day

6 Jan Pupils return, Term 3

11 Mar 26 School photos for Yrs 6 7 8

#### **2026 Admissions Process**

The admissions process for school place applications for September 2026 will soon begin and the portal will be live for secondary applications from Monday 15 September and for primary applications from Monday 29 September.

For children due to transfer to a secondary or upper school the closing date for applications is 31 October 2025 and the national offer day is 2 March 2026.

Visit Somerset County Council website.

For children due to start school for the first time, or transfer to a junior or middle school, the closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and the national offer day is 16 April 2026.





Our core purpose is to inspire all pupils to believe in their abilities and to achieve their highest level.



Open Day / Evening 2025
Wednesday 17th September 2025

Daytime Tours: 9.15am & 11.30am (by appointment)

Open Evening: 6.00pm—7.30pm
Head's Presentation: 6.00pm
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