



Shipham Church of England First School

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Newsletter No. 2

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Families,

What a wonderful first full week back at school it has been! The children have settled in brilliantly, and there has already been lots of exciting learning happening across all classes.

Thank you to those who joined us for the “Meet the Teacher” session—we hope you found it both helpful and informative.

This week also saw our first fire drill of the year. We are so proud of how calmly and sensibly the children responded, evacuating quickly and safely. Next week, we will be carrying out a lockdown practice. This is simply a precautionary drill to ensure everyone knows what to do in the unlikely event of a critical incident—for example, if an unexpected animal entered the school grounds or in the case of an intruder. You may wish to talk this through with your child ahead of time. When we ran these drills last year, the children handled them fantastically, and we are confident they will do so again.

Looking ahead, the **Shipham Show** is taking place this Saturday. We hope many of you will be able to join in and enjoy this special community event. Sadly, I won't be able to attend this year as my daughter is starting her first term at university, but Mr Ewens will be there! I very much look forward to hearing all about it from those who go.

Finally, thank you for your patience as we continue to embed our new BromCom system. We appreciate your support while we work through the transition.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Mrs Netto

If you haven't yet had a chance, please do check out our new website: [Shipham C of E First School](http://www.shiphamfirstschool.co.uk)



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Christian Values

Each half term we focus on a Christian Value, this term it is **Respect**

'Do to others as you would have them do to you.' (Matthew 7.12)

Uniform

Just a reminder, our new uniform is ready to be purchased from Deanes of Cheddar. deaneandsons.co.uk [Shipham First](#)

Dates for your diary

A date for Harvest will hopefully follow soon!

TERM 1	
Saturday 13 th September	Shipham Village Show
Monday 15 th September	School 'Lockdown' critical incident drill taking place
Friday 3 rd October	Parents 'Stay & Read' 8.45am – 9.15am (information to follow)
Friday 10 th October	Parents 'Stay & Read' 8.45am – 9.15am
Tuesday 14 th October	Parent consultation meetings 3.30pm – 6pm (all classes)
Thursday 16 th October	Parent consultation meetings 3.30pm – 6pm (all classes)
Friday 17 th October	Parents 'Stay & Read' 8.45am – 9.15am
Friday 17 th October	Oak Worship Assembly 1pm (Oak family members welcome)
Friday 24 th October	INSET - School closed to learners
TERM 2	
Tuesday 4 th November	Open day for prospective new families 1.30pm – 3pm
Monday 10 th November (for 2 weeks)	School-based curriculum assessments taking place
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day (to kickstart Anti-Bullying Week)
Friday 21 st November	Children in Need ('wear what you like' day)
Monday 8 th December	Willow Christmas – Dress rehearsal
Tuesday 9 th December	Willow Christmas – Performance to families 2pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Chestnut & Oak Christmas – Dress rehearsal
Thursday 11 th December	Chestnut & Oak Christmas – Performance to families 6pm
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas lunch and jumper day - TBC
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas class parties

Please also use the [school calendar](#) to keep up to date with all forthcoming events and activities

Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

Term 1	4 th September – 23 rd October 2025
Term 2	3 rd November – 19 th December 2025
Term 3	5 th January – 12 th February 2026
Term 4	23 rd February – 2 nd April 2026
Term 5	20 th April – 22 nd May 2026
Term 6	1 st June – 17 th July 2026

Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

Please see the dates for next academic year on the WLT [website](#).

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Future INSET Days

Friday 24 th October 2025	INSET - School closed to learners
Friday 13 th February 2026	INSET - School closed to learners
Monday 20 th July, Tuesday 21 st July and Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	INSET - School closed to learners – Time for the summer holidays!
Full term dates can be found on our WLT website .	Please note, holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Other information that may be of interest



Workshops for Families

[Wise up Calendar](#)

[Parenting Groups](#)

[NSPCWT](#)

Online Safety

[Internet Matters](#) and [Google Families](#) has lots of information, advice and support for all your concerns about your child and the internet. Why not take a look.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child and would like to talk to a member of staff in private, please make an appointment:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Netto

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Deputy Designated Leads: Mrs Brabbins & Mrs Mary Watt

Safeguarding Governor: Adrian Warman

WLT Safeguarding and Educational Welfare Lead: Dawn Tomkies

As parents, you can contact support agencies directly on:

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224
- (North Somerset) Care Connect: 01275 888 808



For more information, along with regular safeguarding updates, you can also visit:

<https://sometersafeguardingchildren.org.uk>



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