



Shipham Church of England First School

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Newsletter No. 3

Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Families,

We have had another busy and exciting week at school, and there are lots of lovely things coming up that we would like to share with you.

You may have noticed that we have some **'Stay and Read'** family sessions coming up soon. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to join us at drop-off time and come into your child's classroom to share a story together. It's always a lovely, calm start to the day and the children really enjoy having their families join in. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

This week, we had our lockdown practice and are pleased to say it went very well. The children were calm, sensible, and listened carefully to instructions—well done to all.

We have really enjoyed reading through the Pupil Voice applications this week – what a fantastic job all the applicants did! It's been a very difficult choice, and we are so proud of everyone who applied. Members will be announced next week – watch this space!

Finally, our **school photographs** will take place on **Thursday 25th September**.

- If your child has **younger siblings not yet at school** and you would like them to be included in a family photo, please come to the **school hall at 8:45am**. **Please let the office know by Tuesday 23rd September** so we can prepare a list for the photographer.
- For any children in **preschool who don't usually attend on Thursdays**, but would still like to have their photo taken, please feel free to **pop in and head to the hall for 9:00am**.

Thank you for your continued support in working together to achieve the very best for the children.

Mrs Netto

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](#)

FOSS Film Nights – They're Back!

Please join us for our first after school film night of the year.

 **Tickets Now Available! BAD GUYS 2**

Tickets are now on sale for the **Afterschool Film Club** on **Friday, 3rd October**.

 **Open to: Reception – Year 4 children only** (Sorry, no Pre-School places this time).

 **Tickets: £5.80** (includes booking fee & snacks!)

 **Pick-up time: 5pm sharp, please**

Purchase tickets here:

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofshiphamschools/1862456>



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Dates for your diary

TERM 1	
Thursday 25 th September	School photographs
Friday 3 rd October	Parents 'Stay & Read' 8.45am – 9.15am
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)
Thursday 23 rd October	Harvest Service 2.30pm – all 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 14 th November	Great Athletes – Sponsored event (more details to follow)
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](#).

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


**SHIPHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND
FIRST SCHOOL**

OPEN AFTERNOON

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**Tuesday 4th
November 2025**

1.30 pm

Turnpike Road, Shipham,
Winscombe BS25 1TX

- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Meet teachers
- ✓ Hear about our offer
- ✓ Ask questions

For more info:
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Visit us:
www.shiphamfirstschool.co.uk

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.

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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

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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