



# Shipham Church of England First School

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Newsletter No. 6

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear families,

We're delighted to share some of the highlights from another busy and exciting week at school.

## **Stay and Read Success**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our second *Stay and Read* session. We're so grateful for your ongoing support, and it's always a joy to welcome families into the classroom.

## **Oak Class Assembly – You're Invited!**

As another step in creating more opportunities to connect, we're inviting all *Oak Class* families to join us for their class assembly on **Friday 17th October at 2.40pm**. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing in the children's learning.

## **British Values in Action**

This week, our *British Values Ambassadors*, Mylo and Bonnie, helped lead a whole-school worship focused on *mutual respect and tolerance*. It was a thoughtful and meaningful session, and we're incredibly proud of them for being such a strong role models.

## **Visit from Tessa Munt, Local MP**

Last Friday we were honoured to welcome local MP *Tessa Munt* to our school. She spoke with the children about her role in the community and the important work she does in Parliament. The visit inspired lots of great questions and discussions – a real insight into democracy in action!

## **♥ Hello Yellow – Supporting YoungMinds**

Today, our school was a vision in yellow as we celebrated **#HelloYellow Day** in support of *YoungMinds* and to raise awareness for children's mental health. It was wonderful to see so many pupils and staff taking part with such enthusiasm and care. Activities throughout the day helped us reflect on the importance of looking after our mental wellbeing – a vital part of growing and learning together.

## **Scooter and Bike Use on School Grounds**

We have noticed an increasing number of children riding scooters and bikes on the school drive before the start of the school day. This poses a safety risk to both riders, pedestrians and staff still arriving in cars. To ensure the safety of everyone, we kindly remind families that all scooters and bikes must be dismounted and parked as soon as the children enter the school grounds in the morning. As a compromise, we will be trialling a short window from **3:15pm to 3:30pm each day** where children may use their bikes and scooters within the school grounds. During this time, **helmets must be worn, and parental supervision is required**. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

## **Parent Consultations – Don't Forget to Book**

A quick reminder to sign up with your class teacher for your parent consultation meeting. These are a great opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and discuss any questions you may have.

Thank you, as always, for being such a supportive school community. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events!

Warm wishes for a lovely weekend, Mrs Netto

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### Could You Be Our New School Governor (Local Partner)?

We currently have a vacancy for a new governor—known within the Wessex Learning Trust as a Local Partner—to join our supportive and dedicated local board.

This is a co-opted (voluntary) role, open to parents and members of the wider community who are passionate about education and helping children thrive. We would especially welcome interest from anyone with experience in premises management, legal work, or HR, but most importantly, we are looking for someone who is committed to supporting our schools and making a positive impact.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this rewarding opportunity, please do get in touch [office@shiphamfirstschool.co.uk](mailto:office@shiphamfirstschool.co.uk)

We'd love to hear from you.



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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)

### Dates for your diary

TERM 1	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu vaccinations for pupils
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent consultation meetings 3.30pm – 6pm (all classes)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent consultation meetings 3.30pm – 6pm (all classes)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents 'Stay & Read' 8.45am – 9.15am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Oak Worship Assembly 2.40pm (Oak family members welcome)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest Service 2.30pm – all welcome!
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET - School closed to learners
TERM 2	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Open day for prospective new families 1.30pm – 3pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November (for 2 weeks)	School-based curriculum assessments taking place
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day (to kickstart Anti-Bullying Week) plus a visit from the author Emily Lloyd Gale (see below for more information)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Great Athletes – Sponsored event (more details to follow)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Children in Need ('wear what you like' day)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow Christmas – Dress rehearsal
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow Christmas – Performance to families 2pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Chestnut & Oak Christmas – Dress rehearsal
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Chestnut & Oak Christmas – Performance to families 6pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch and jumper day - TBC
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas class parties

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

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## Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

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

## Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

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

## Future INSET Days

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

## Other information that may be of interest

**KINGS**  
**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
**BOOK NOW**  
 31<sup>st</sup> OCT  
 LIMITED PLACES  
 GAMES | FACE PAINTING | DISCO  
 4.30PM-5.30PM KINGS FITNESS  
 MEMBER PRICE £6.00 PER JUNIOR  
 NON-MEMBER PRICE £7.50 PER JUNIOR  
 SCAN TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR BOOK AT RECEPTION.

**KINGS**  
**HOLIDAY CLUBS**  
*Ran by Kings Fitness & Leisure*  
 MENDIP | KINGS | WEDMORE  
 FROM £23 PER PERSON  
 VISIT OUR JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PAGE HERE:  
 AGES 5-12  
 FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT <https://www.kingsfitness.co.uk>  
 OR GIVE US A CALL AT 01934 744931



**WHAT'S ON THIS OCTOBER  
AT THE WELLBEING BLEND**

☕ COFFEE @ THE HUB, 1-2 LOWER NORTH STREET, CHEDDAR, BS27 3HA  
📍 THEWELLBEINGBLEND@THESPACESSOMERSET.ORG.UK



**coffee @  
THE HUB**

Life Happens, Coffee Helps!

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**TUESDAYS**

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**WEDNESDAYS**

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**THURSDAYS**

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**SUNDAYS**

<p><b>7TH</b> 11AM-1PM</p>	<p><b>PFSA ONE TEAM NETWORKING EVENT</b></p>	<p><b>8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH</b> 1PM-3:30PM</p>	<p><b>POSTNATAL GROUP - MARGARET MATERNITY</b></p>	<p><b>6:30PM-8:30PM</b></p>	<p><b>EVERY THURSDAY YOUTH CAFE</b> AGES 12-19</p>	<p><b>12TH</b> 10AM-12PM</p>	<p><b>SLOW STITCHING WORKSHOP</b> £20 PER PERSON, MATERIALS INCLUDED EMAIL LAURA TO BOOK: KINGSLLEY@HAWKWOOD.CO.UK</p>
<p><b>21ST</b> 10AM-12PM</p>	<p><b>SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM</b> DROP IN</p>	<p><b>15TH</b> 9:30AM-12:30PM</p>	<p><b>SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM</b> WIDE WORKSHOP</p>	<p><b>16TH</b> 1:30PM-3PM</p>	<p><b>SEPARATED PARENTING CAFE</b> WITH SOMERSET COUNCIL</p>	<p><b>26TH</b> 10AM-2PM</p>	<p><b>RE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE</b> COFFEE &amp; CUPCAKES TO GO WITH US. ALL OURS. EVERYTHING WASHES, COOKS, BAKES &amp; ACCESSORIES - ALL RIGHTS RESERVED</p>
<p><b>21ST</b> 7PM-8:30PM</p>	<p><b>MENOPAUSE CIRCLE</b> TIME TO SHINE WELLNESS: \$5 PER SESSION LED BY AMANDA - JOIN THE SUPPORTIVE CIRCLE MONTHLY</p>	<p><b>10AM-11.30</b></p>	<p><b>EVERY WEDNESDAY PARENT &amp; CARER, COFFEE &amp; CHAT</b></p>				

**YOUTH CAFE:**

**THURSDAY 2ND** DJ SET  
**THURSDAY 9TH** CHILL SESSION  
**THURSDAY 16TH** RADICAL PRIEST  
**THURSDAY 23RD** CHILL SESSION  
**THURSDAY 30TH** MANDELA (HALLOWEEN THEME DRESS UP OPTIONAL)

**HALF TERM ACTIVITY**

**27TH** **COACTIVE IN CHEDDAR WOODS**  
HALLOWEEN THEMED ACTIVITIES  
BOOKING REQUIRED WITH LIMITED SPACES  
£10 PP | AGES 8-15

**YOUTH CLUB: SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER**

**TUESDAY 7TH**  
**COILS**  
ONLINE ENJOYMENT JOINING US WITH THEIR COILS

**TUESDAY 14TH**  
**POTTERY CREATIONS**  
STARTING OUR CREATIONS TO RAISE MONEY FOR YOUTH CLUB AND PRESENTS TO GO!

**TUESDAY 21ST**  
**WHO AM I?**  
WE WILL TALK ABOUT WHO WE ARE AS PEOPLE, OUR LABELS, BELIEFS & INTERESTS

**TUESDAY 28TH**  
**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
PARTY NIGHT WITH DRINKS & FAMILY DRESS

BOOKING REQUIRED



HELD AT CHEDDAR METHODIST CHURCH | 6:30-8:30PM | EVERY TUESDAY

## FREE PARENTING CAFE

**Top tips for successful coparenting for separated parents**



Learn how you can reduce conflict and build a stronger coparenting relationship with your ex-partner.

To book your place:



Thurs 16 Oct



1:30 PM TO 3 PM



Coffee@TheHub  
Cheddar



### Workshops for Families

[Wise up Calendar](#)

[Parenting Groups](#)

[NSPCWT](#)

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## 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**

**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://somensetsafeguardingchildren.org.uk>



[care.connect@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:care.connect@n-somerset.gov.uk)