



Shipham Church of England First School

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Newsletter No. 7

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear families,

Thank you to all who attended meetings with their child's class teacher this week. We really appreciate you taking the time to support your child's learning and strengthen the important partnership between home and school.

Harvest Service – Thursday 23rd October

We are looking forward to our **Harvest Service** next **Thursday at 2.30pm** in the church. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for this special event.

We would be very grateful for **donations of dried or tinned food**, which will be shared with our local food bank to support families in need.

Wear What You Like Day – Thursday 23rd October

To celebrate the success of **St Patrick House** as this term's winning house team (by just 2 points!), Thursday 23rd October will be a **Wear What You Like Day** for all **St Patrick pupils**. Congratulations to them!

INSET Day – Friday 24th October

A reminder that school will be closed to pupils on Friday 24th October for an INSET day. School will reopen as usual on **Monday 3rd November**.

No Phone Policy

We kindly remind all our families that we are a **no phone school**. Please respect our policy by not using mobile phones during drop off and collection times while on school grounds. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and focused environment.

Oak Class Showcase

Oak Class families are warmly invited to join us this **afternoon at 2.40pm** to see the wonderful work the children have been doing. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with you. Please arrive by 2.30pm.

House Themed Event – Scarecrow Making

Next Monday marks the start of our House Themed Events, with **Scarecrow Making!** We are excited for this creative activity, and any donations to help build and clothe the scarecrows would be greatly appreciated. If you'd like to contribute, please get in touch with your child's class teacher to find out what is needed.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Netto

Attendance Matters

The impact of absence on learners at Shipham CofE First School

Learners are able to access their full entitlement and curriculum		Education is compromised		Managing attendance meetings required	
190 school days in each school year	10 days / 2 weeks of absence 180 school days	20 days / 4 weeks of absence	30 days / 6 weeks / 1 term of absence	40 days / 8 weeks of absence	50 days / 10 weeks of absence
		170 school days	160 school days	150 school days	140 school days
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%

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	
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) plus a visit from the author Emily Lloyd Gale (see below for more information)
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](#).

Inspiring Growth Through Nature and Community

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



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HALLOWEEN PARTY
BOOK NOW

31st OCT

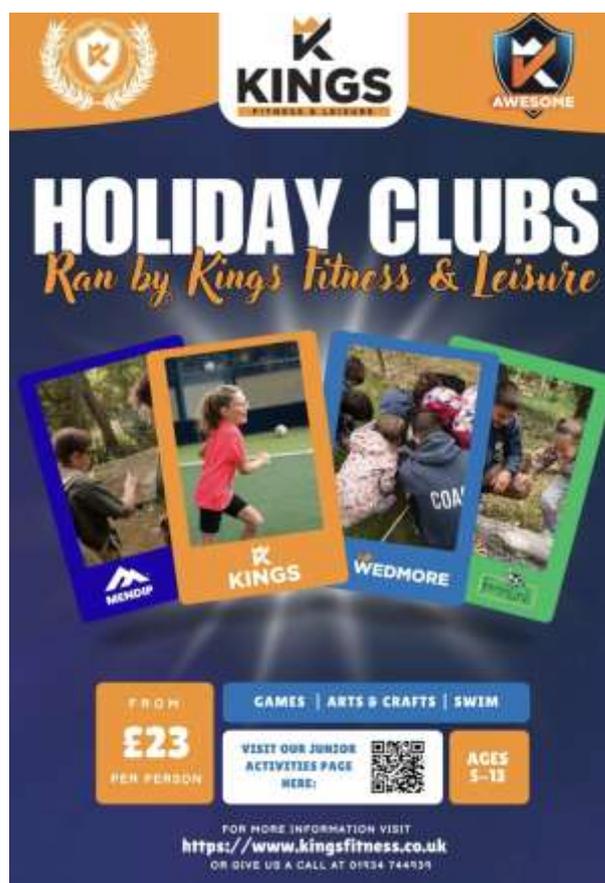
LIMITED PLACES

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.



K KINGS
HOLIDAY CLUBS
Ran by Kings Fitness & Leisure

MEMOR | K KINGS | WEDMORE

FROM £23 PER PERSON

GAMES | ARTS & CRAFTS | SWIM

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 744934

WHAT'S ON THIS OCTOBER AT THE WELLBEING BLEND

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

TUESDAYS

WEDNESDAYS

THURSDAYS

SUNDAYS

<p>7TH 11AM-1PM</p> <p>PFSA ONE TEAM NETWORKING EVENT</p>	<p>8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH 1PM-3:30PM</p> <p>POSTNATAL GROUP - MARGARET MATERNITY</p> <p><small>OPEN TO ALL NEW & EXISTING MOTHERS WHO HAVE GIVEN BIRTH IN THE PAST YEAR AND ARE CURRENTLY ON AN ANTENATAL COURSE FROM</small></p>	<p>6:30PM-8:30PM</p> <p>EVERY THURSDAY YOUTH CAFE</p> <p>AGES 12-19 ☑️ BY BOOKING ONLY ☑️</p>	<p>12TH 10AM-12PM</p> <p>SLOW STITCHING WORKSHOP</p> <p>£20 PER PERSON, MATERIALS INCLUDED EMAIL LAURA TO BOOK: KINGSLIFIT@WHOD.CO.UK</p>
<p>21ST 10AM-12PM</p> <p>SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM</p> <p>GROUP IN</p>	<p>15TH 9:30AM-12:30PM</p> <p>SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM</p> <p>WIDE WORKSHOP</p>	<p>16TH 1:30PM-3PM</p> <p>SEPARATED PARENTING CAFE</p> <p>WITH SOMERSET COUNCIL</p>	<p>26TH 10AM-2PM</p> <p>RE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE</p> <p>COFFEE & CUP OF TEA INCLUDED AS ALWAYS. EVERYTHING WASHES, COOKS & ACCESSORIES - ALL WORTHY OF THE SPACE!</p>
<p>21ST 7PM-8:30PM</p> <p>MENOPAUSE CIRCLE</p> <p>TIME TO SHINE WELLNESS \$5 PER SESSION LED BY AMANDA - JOIN THE SUPPORTIVE CIRCLE MONTHLY</p>	<p>10AM-11.30</p> <p>EVERY WEDNESDAY PARENT & CARER, COFFEE & CHAT</p> <p><small>SUPPORT, SPACE, INFORMATION AND A FRIENDLY FACE ARE A GREAT PLACE TO BE. THE WELLBEING BLEND IS HERE TO HELP.</small></p>		

YOUTH CLUB: SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

<p>TUESDAY 7TH COILS</p> <p><small>ONLINE ENJOYMENT JOINING US WITH THEIR COILS!</small></p>	<p>TUESDAY 14TH POTTERY CREATIONS</p> <p><small>STARTING OUR CREATIONS TO RAISE MONEY FOR YOUTH CLUB AND PRESENTS TO GO!</small></p>
<p>TUESDAY 21ST WHO AM I?</p> <p><small>WE WILL TALK ABOUT WHO WE ARE AS PEOPLE, OUR LABELS, BELIEFS & INTERESTS!</small></p>	<p>TUESDAY 28TH HALLOWEEN PARTY</p> <p><small>HAPPY NIGHT WITH DRINKS & FAMILY DRESS!</small></p>

BOOKING REQUIRED

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

YOUTH CAFE: HALF TERM ACTIVITY

<p>THURSDAY 2ND DJ SET</p> <p>THURSDAY 9TH CHILL SESSION</p> <p>THURSDAY 16TH RADICAL PRIEST</p> <p>THURSDAY 23RD CHILL SESSION</p> <p>THURSDAY 30TH MANDELA (HALLOWEEN THEME DRESS UP OPTIONAL)</p>	<p>27TH 12:30AM-2:30PM</p> <p>GO ACTIVE IN CHEDDAR WOODS</p> <p><small>HALLOWEEN THEMED ACTIVITIES BOOKING REQUIRED WITH LIMITED SPACES £10 PP AGES 8-15</small></p>
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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

Did you know we offer swim lessons for babies and toddlers?

Lessons are available Monday to Friday during the daytime, from birth up to the age of 4. Prices start from just £23.25 per month for a weekly 30 minute lesson and include unlimited public swimming.

www.kingsfitness.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.

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