



Dear families,

House Team Scarecrow Event

We kicked off our first house team event of the year with an exciting *Scarecrow Making Competition*! A huge thank you to everyone who donated materials — your generosity helped make it a fantastic and creative afternoon for all the children. It was lovely to see everyone getting involved and enjoying the chance to vote for their favourite scarecrow. Well done to all!

Great Athletes Sponsorship Event – Friday 14th November

Sponsorship forms have now been sent home for our upcoming *Great Athletes* event, taking place on **Friday 14th November**. This promises to be an energetic and inspiring day for our pupils — thank you in advance for your support in helping to raise funds and cheer on our fantastic young athletes!

Harvest Service – Thursday 23rd October

We are very much looking forward to our *Harvest Service* tomorrow at 2.30pm in the church. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for this special occasion. Please remember raincoats and umbrellas!

We would be most grateful for any donations of dried or tinned food, which will be shared with our local food bank to support families in need. Thank you for your kindness.

Wear What You Like Day for St. Patrick House – Thursday 23rd October

Congratulations to **St Patrick House**, this term's winning house team. To celebrate their success, **Thursday 23rd October** will be a *Wear What You Like Day* for all St Patrick pupils. Well done, St Patrick!

FOSS Film Night – Friday 21st November

The next FOSS Film Club event is coming soon! Join us on **Friday 21st November** for a screening of *The Wild Robot*.

Tickets are available now at:

 buytickets.at/friendsofshiphamschools/1862457

INSET Day – Friday 24th October

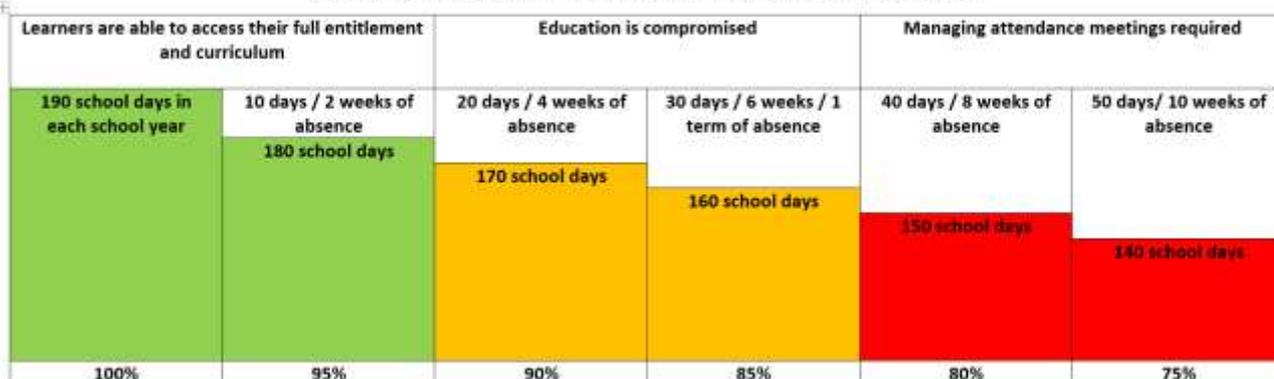
A reminder that school will be **closed to pupils on Friday 24th October** for an INSET day. School will reopen after the half-term break on **Monday 3rd November**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you a wonderful break next week.

Mrs Netto

Attendance Matters

The impact of absence on learners at Shipham CofE First School



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	
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
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



KINGS
HALLOWEEN PARTY
BOOK NOW

31st OCT

LIMITED PLACES

GAMES | FACE PAINTING | DISCO

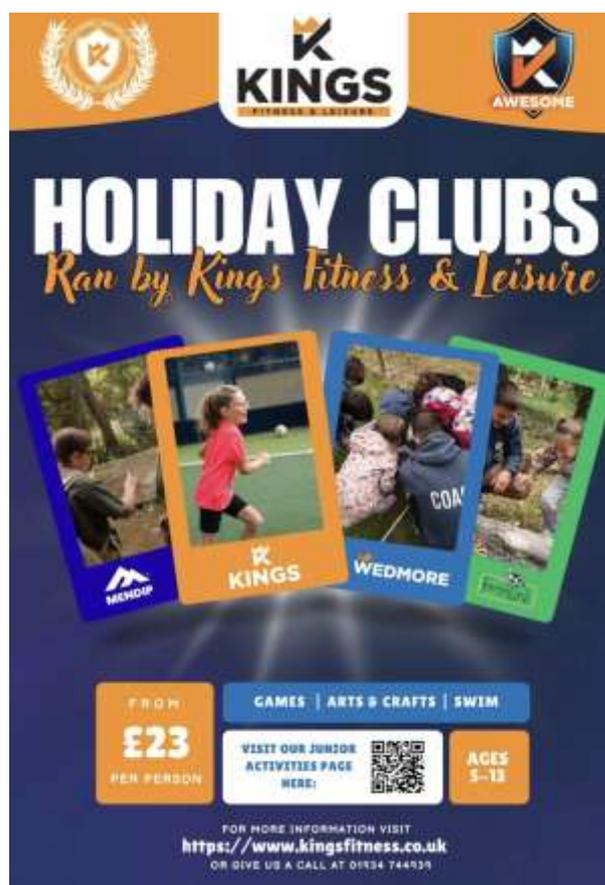
4.30PM - 5.30PM KINGS FITNESS

MEMBER PRICE
£6.00
 PER JUNIOR

NON-MEMBER PRICE
£7.50
 PER JUNIOR

SCAN TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR BOOK AT RECEPTION.

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AGES 5-12

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<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

7TH
11AM-1PM

PFSA ONE TEAM NETWORKING EVENT

21ST
10AM-12PM

SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM

21ST
7PM-8:30PM

MENOPAUSE CIRCLE
TIME TO SHINE WELLNESS \$5 PER SESSION
LED BY AMANDA - JOIN THE SUPPORTIVE CIRCLE MONTHLY

WEDNESDAYS

8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH
1PM-3:30PM

POSTNATAL GROUP - MARGARET MATERNITY
OPEN TO ALL NEW & EXISTING MOTHERS WHO HAVE GIVEN BIRTH IN THE PAST YEAR AND ARE CURRENTLY ON AN ANTENATAL CHECKLIST

15TH
9:30AM-12:30PM

SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM
WIFE WORKSHOP

EVERY WEDNESDAY
10AM-11.30

PARENT & CARER, COFFEE & CHAT
SUPPORT, SPACE, INFORMATION AND A FRIENDLY FACE ARE A GREAT BLEND

THURSDAYS

6:30PM-8:30PM

EVERY THURSDAY YOUTH CAFE
AGES 12-19 ☺ NO BOOKING REQUIRED

16TH
1:30PM-3PM

SEPARATED PARENTING CAFE
WITH SOMERSET COUNCIL

SUNDAYS

12TH
10AM-12PM

SLOW STITCHING WORKSHOP
£20 PER PERSON, MATERIALS INCLUDED
EMAIL LAURA TO BOOK
KINGSLIFETYOUTHWOOD.CO.UK

26TH
10AM-2PM

RE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE
COFFEE & CHAT FOR YOU AND THEES. ALL OUR TOP VENDING WINKA CUPPLS, SHIRTS & ACCESSORIES - ALL WORTH UP TO THE LIPS!

YOUTH CAFE: SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

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

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

YOUTH CAFE: HALF TERM ACTIVITY

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

27TH
12:30AM-2:30PM

GO ACTIVE IN CHEDDAR WOODS
HALLOWEEN THEMED ACTIVITIES
BOOKING REQUIRED WITH LIMITED SPACES
£10 PP | AGES 8-15

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