



Shipham Church of England First School

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Newsletter No. 11

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear families,

As the colder weather sets in, please ensure children come to school dressed warmly with coats, hats, scarves and gloves so they can enjoy their outdoor time comfortably.

We would also like to extend a big thank-you to **Mrs Leader** for organising this week's Green Club visit to see the starling murmurations. The children had a wonderful experience and thoroughly enjoyed witnessing this amazing natural spectacle.

A reminder that it is **FOSS Film Club after school tonight**. We look forward to seeing those who are joining us.

With Christmas fast approaching, please don't forget to book a Christmas lunch for your child if they would like one.

Wishing all our families a safe, warm and happy weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs Netto

Attendance Matters

Please can I remind you that term-time leave will not be authorised. Let's work together to ensure each child has a school attendance of **95%** above.

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 170 school days	30 days / 6 weeks / 1 term of absence 160 school days	40 days / 8 weeks of absence 150 school days	50 days / 10 weeks of absence 140 school days
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%

Christian Values

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

“My God is my strength in whom I trust.” (Psalm 18:2)

Uniform expectations

Our uniform comprises:

- white polo shirt
- grey skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts/summer checked dress
- royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with logo)
- grey or white socks/tights
- sensible and safe shoes or sandals: These should not be trainers, boots or open-toed sandals and should be black

School uniform can be purchased direct from [Deanes of Cheddar](#). Second hand uniform, when available, can be purchased from the school or FOSS

Parents should ensure that children have outdoor clothing in school e.g. waterproof and/or warm coat, sunhat that is appropriate to the weather and time of year.

Dates for your diary

TERM 2	
Friday 28 th November	St. Andrew's celebrations and cake sale
Friday 28 th November (until 3 rd December)	Book Fair in School
Sunday 30 th November	FOSS Wreath making – SOLD OUT
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
Friday 12 th December	FOSS Film Club
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas class parties
Sunday 11 th January	FOSS Film Event in the Village Hall

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 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

WHAT'S ON THIS NOVEMBER AT THE WELLBEING BLEND
 COFFEE @ THE HUB, 1-3 LOWER NORTH STREET, CHEDDAR, BA17 1BA
 THEWELLBEINGBLEND@THESPACEINMERSSET.DIG.UK

TUESDAYS
 18TH 10AM-12PM DORSET PARENT CAREER FORUM
 18TH 10AM-12PM MENOPAUSE CIRCLE

WEDNESDAYS
 TEAM 1138
 EVERY WEDNESDAY PARENT CLUB

THURSDAYS
 4-5:30PM-8:30PM EVERY THURSDAY YOUTH CAFE
 6TH CHILL SESSION LIVE MUSIC
 13TH CHILL SESSION LIVE MUSIC
 20TH CHILL SESSION LIVE MUSIC
 27TH CHILL SESSION LIVE MUSIC

SATURDAYS
 15TH 9:30PM-11PM QUIZ NIGHT
 22ND 7PM-9:30PM MERRY & BRIGHT NIGHT

DO YOU HAVE A GROUP OR AN ACTIVITY BASED AROUND CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH OR THAT COULD STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY? NEED A SPACE? WE HAVE YOU COVERED!
GET IN TOUCH
 THEWELLBEINGBLEND@THESPACEINMERSSET.DIG.UK

YOUTH CAFE:
 THURSDAY 6TH CHILL SESSION LIVE MUSIC
 THURSDAY 13TH CHILL SESSION LIVE MUSIC
 THURSDAY 20TH CHILL SESSION LIVE MUSIC
 THURSDAY 27TH CHILL SESSION LIVE MUSIC

BOOKING REQUIRED FOR YOUTH CLUB AND EVENTS VISIT

YOUTH CLUB: SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER
 TUESDAY 4TH EVERY THURSDAY YOUTH CAFE
 TUESDAY 11TH CHESSPOSES NIGHT
 TUESDAY 18TH GAMES NIGHT
 TUESDAY 25TH CHRISTMAS CREATIONS
 TUESDAY 30TH CHRISTMAS MARKET

HELD AT CHEDDAR METHODIST CHURCH | 4:30-8:30PM | EVERY TUESDAY

KINGS
 FITNESS & LEISURE

AWESOME

HOLIDAY CLUB
 At Kings Fitness & Leisure

- For ages 5-13 years from £23* per day 9.00am-4.00pm.
- Extend the day with early drop-off and late pick-up from £4.50 per session
- Have Fun playing Christmas games, sports, going swimming, and doing festive arts and crafts!
- Bring packed lunch, snacks, refillable drinks bottle, swimming kit, weather dependant items (sun cream, waterproofs etc).

Visit our Junior Activities Page here:

Contact Kings Fitness & Leisure at 01934 744939 to sign up NOW!

*£23 if booked 2 weeks in advance, alternatively, £28 per day, if booked after this time frame

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