



Dear families,

A warm welcome back to Term 2! We hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for a term packed full of fun and excitement. With fireworks, festive preparations, and plenty of learning ahead, it promises to be a wonderful few weeks leading up to Christmas.

Our New School Value – Trust

This term, our new school value is **Trust**. We'll be exploring what it means to be trustworthy, how we can show trust in others, and why it's so important in building positive relationships within our school community.

Non-Fiction November

We are currently enjoying **Non-Fiction November**, celebrating the joy of learning from real-life stories, facts, and information books. It's been lovely to see so many children engaging enthusiastically with factual reading.

Open Afternoon Success

This week, we hosted a very successful Open Afternoon for prospective new parents. Thank you to everyone who helped make our school shine—our pupils were fantastic ambassadors, showing great pride in their school!

Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Socks Day

Next week is **Anti-Bullying Week**, and we'll kick things off with **Odd Socks Day on Monday** to celebrate our differences and remind ourselves that everyone is unique. We look forward to seeing all the bright, mismatched socks around school!



Author Visit – Emily Lloyd-Gale

We're also delighted to be welcoming author Emily Lloyd-Gale next week. She'll be visiting to inspire our budding writers and share insights into her work—an exciting opportunity for all our young readers and storytellers.

Children in Need – Friday 14th November

Next **Friday** is **Children in Need**! We will be celebrating this day with activities in classes. Children may also wear their own clothes to school on this day for a donation to CIN via their online platforms.

Great Athletes – POSTPONED

Sadly, the Great Athletes team have had to postpone their visit to our school. We will announce the rearranged date soon.

St. Andrew's Day – Friday 28th November

Looking ahead, on **Friday 28th November**, we'll be celebrating the first of our **Patron Saint Days – St. Andrew's Day**.

- Children in **St. Andrew's Team** are invited to wear **something blue** (or Scottish!) to school.
- We'll also be holding a **cake sale**—please could children in St. Andrew's team donate cakes for this event.
- Cakes will be sold to the whole school, with proceeds going towards our fundraising efforts.



There will be four **Patron Saint Days** throughout the year, so if your child isn't in St. Andrew's, their team's turn will come! Let's see which team can raise the most money across the year!

As always, thank you for your continued support. Term 2 is shaping up to be a brilliant one filled with learning, laughter, and community spirit.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Netto

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



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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 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)

Dates for your diary

TERM 2	
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
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need (Wear what You Like Day)
Friday 21 st November	Great Athletes – Sponsored event (PE kits to be worn) POSTPONED
Friday 28 th November	St. Andrew's celebrations and cake sale
Friday 28 th November (until 3 rd December)	Book Fair in School
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
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](#).

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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, 1-2 LOWER NORTH STREET, CHEDDAR, BS27 3HA
 THEWELLBEINGBLEND@THESPACESSOMERSET.ORG.UK

TUESDAYS

- 18TH 10AM-12PM SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM (DOOR IN)
- 18TH 7PM-8:30PM MENOPAUSE CIRCLE (TIME TO SHARE WELLNESS, 65 PER SESSION, LEO-OF ANANDA - JOIN THE SUPPORTIVE CIRCLE MOMENT)

WEDNESDAYS

- 10AM-11:30 EVERY WEDNESDAY PARENT CLUB (SPECIAL OFFER: 10 FREE PARENTS TO 10 FREE CHILDREN)

THURSDAYS

- 6:30PM-8:30PM EVERY THURSDAY YOUTH CAFE (AGES 11-19, 10-15 SEASONS)

SATURDAYS

- 15TH 6:30PM (7PM START) QUIZ NIGHT (£25 PER TEAM MAX 6 PEOPLE, RESERVATIONS FOR THE SERVICE)
- 22ND FROM 6:30PM MERRY & BRIGHT NIGHT (SHOPPING, STALLS, MULLED WINE AND CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!)

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@THESPACESSOMERSET.ORG.UK

YOUTH CAFE:

- THURSDAY 6TH CHILL SESSION
- THURSDAY 13TH LIVE MUSIC
- THURSDAY 20TH CHILL SESSION
- THURSDAY 27TH LIVE MUSIC

BOOKING REQUIRED FOR YOUTH CLUB AND EVENTS VISIT

YOUTH CLUB: SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

- TUESDAY 4TH FAMILY FRODOXICS NIGHT (PETRILYTH PADDOCK, 6:30-8:30 BOOKING REQUIRED)
- TUESDAY 11TH ENTERPRISES NIGHT
- TUESDAY 18TH GAMES NIGHT
- TUESDAY 25TH CHRISTMAS CREATIONS
- TUESDAY 30TH XMAS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

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

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

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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>



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