



Dear families,

It has been another wonderful week in school, filled with festive spirit and impressive performances. We were treated to fantastic shows from Willow, Chestnut and Oak, and every class shone on stage. The children performed with such confidence, joy and teamwork—we were absolutely delighted with how fabulous they all were.

We also enjoyed our Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day, which brought plenty of colour, laughter and cheer to the school. This afternoon, Oak Class and our school choir will be sharing their talents at the village hall, and we know they will represent the school beautifully.

Looking Ahead to Our Final Week of Term

- **Thursday – Class Parties**
Children may come to school in party clothes for the day.
- **Friday – St. David's Team Mufti**
Members of this term's winning house team, St. David's, may attend in mufti on Friday.
- **Festive Songs in the Church – Friday at 1pm**
Families are warmly invited to join us in the church for our end-of-term celebration. Parents are welcome to take their children early once the event has finished. We will walk back to school first and they can be collected from their classrooms.

Thank you for your support during this busy and joyful time of year. We look forward to a final week filled with celebration and community spirit!

Mrs Netto

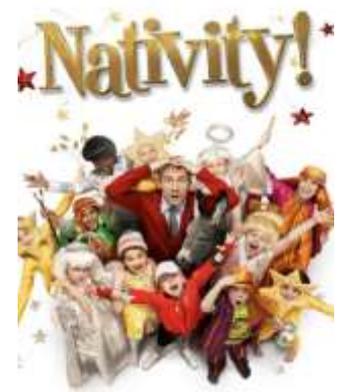
FOSS Film Club – Happening Tonight!

The Nativity.

Date: Friday 12th December

Time: 3.15pm – 5pm

Year groups: Reception – Year 4 (sorry, no pre-school children)



FOSS New Year DISCO!

Our wonderful FOSS are putting on another disco on Friday 23rd January. You can buy tickets here:

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofshiphamschools/1945714>

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	
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas class parties
Friday 19 th December	Songs in church 1pm – families welcome
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

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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.

Inspiring Growth Through Nature and Community

Other information that may be of interest

Wessex Learning Trust Admission Arrangements for Somerset Schools (2027/28) Consultation

The Wessex Learning Trust are consulting on their 2027/28 admission arrangements. It is statutory to consult every 7 years or when a change is made. To view and comment on the arrangements please click here

<https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/2027-arrangements>

Our consultation will start on 1 December 2025 and end on 19 January 2026 and the final determined arrangements will be published on the Trust and our School website by 15 March 2026.

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>



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