



# Shipham Church of England First School

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear families,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, we would like to thank all our children, staff, and families, and not forgetting our amazing FOSS members, for their continued support.

This week, our classes have enjoyed a surprise visit from Father Christmas, along with their end-of-term parties. It has been a wonderful opportunity for children to celebrate their hard work, spend time with friends, and enjoy some well-earned fun. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to our families for their generosity with gifts and contributions to party food. Your kindness and strong sense of community spirit are very much appreciated and help make these occasions so special for the children.

We were also delighted to enjoy musical guitar and ukulele performances from children who learn with Andy Frost. The performance showcased their progress, confidence, and enthusiasm, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

In addition, we were pleased to welcome the Wessex Learning Trust Chief Executive, Gavin Ball, and the Director of People and Culture, Louise Hulbert, to our school on Tuesday. It was lovely to show them around, and they were extremely impressed with what they saw, commenting positively on the children's behaviour, the learning environment, and the strong sense of community throughout the school.

We would like to invite all families to join us for our festive worship at 1:00pm in the church. This special service is a lovely way to reflect on the term and come together as a school community.

We wish everyone a happy and restful break and look forward to welcoming you back next term. We return to school on Monday 5th January.

Mrs Netto and all the team

## FOSS New Year Film Event!

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January - 'How to Train a Dragon'

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofshiphamschools/1968733>



## FOSS New Year DISCO!

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

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

**Inspiring Growth Through Nature and Community**

## 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 3	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Lockdown Drill
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	6-7pm Year 4 Parents meeting regarding Kilve Court residential visit at Draycott and Rodney Stoke First School
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	FOSS Film Event in the Village Hall
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	FOSS Disco
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Number Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day

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 <sup>th</sup> September – 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025
Term 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> November – 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Term 3	5 <sup>th</sup> January – 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Term 4	23 <sup>rd</sup> February – 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026
Term 5	20 <sup>th</sup> April – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
Term 6	1 <sup>st</sup> June – 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

## Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

Please see the dates for next academic year on the WLT [website](#).

## Future INSET Days

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	INSET - School closed to learners
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July and Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026	INSET - School closed to learners – Time for the summer holidays!
Full term dates can be found on our <a href="#">WLT website</a> .	Please note, holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

## 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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