

# Shipham Church of England First School

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Newsletter No. 18

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026



Dear families,

We have had a lovely week in school and would like to share a few highlights and reminders with you.

Earlier this week, we enjoyed a wonderful Collective Worship led by Reverend Thea. She helped us reflect once again on our school value of courage, encouraging the children to think about times when being brave can make a positive difference in our lives.

We are also continuing to add to our 'Courage Book', which celebrates real-life examples of courage shown by our children. Thank you to everyone who has already shared photos. Please do keep sending them in – sharing via Dojo is absolutely fine, and we love seeing the children's courageous moments.

A very exciting reminder that the **FOSS Disco** is taking place **tonight!** We cannot wait and hope lots of you have signed up for what promises to be a fun-filled evening.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming you into school for **Stay and Read** next **Tuesday from 8.45am to 9.15am**. This is a lovely opportunity to spend some time reading with your child and sharing in their learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Netto



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## Save the Date – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

As part of her Well-being Ambassador role, Ella would love us to come to school dressed in clothes of our choice to express who we are as part of Children’s Mental Health Week. Pop the date in your diary and start planning your outfit now!



## Christian Values

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

*‘Be strong and courageous’ (Joshua 1.9)*

## Dates for your diary

Term 3	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	FOSS Disco
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Stay and read 8.45am-9.15am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Stay and read 8.45am-9.15am
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Number Day Mufti day / clothes with numbers / dots
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Wear What You Like for Children’s Mental Health Week
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	St David’s Team Bake Sale 3.15pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Trip We The Curious
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week in school
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair in hall
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick’s Team Bake Sale 3.15pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parent meetings
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Service 2pm St. Leonard’s Church

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

**THE SPACE**

**Parent Club**

Being a parent is HARD! Do you sometimes just want to talk to like-minded people without judgement?

Does your child experience school avoidance or have SEN? Or maybe you just need a gentle chat with someone Attachment stands?

**We are here for YOU!**

Parent Club offers a safe, welcoming space with:

- ☕ Hot coffee ☺ Friendly faces 🗣️ Support, advice & signposting
- 📅 Every Wednesday 🕒 9am-10:30am

No need to book – just drop in!

Prefer to reserve a spot? Text 07940 177399

We also have activities to keep little ones occupied!

**New Evening sessions**

Evening sessions available by appointment only

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month  
From 6pm  
Coffee @ The Hub

Please email Victoria  
VBoorman@thespacesomerset.org.uk  
to book your space

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January  
available for booking now

**COFFEE @ THE HUB, 1-2 LOWER NORTH STREET, CHEDDAR, BS27 3HA (OPPOSITE TESCO EXPRESS)**





# 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 games, sports, going swimming, and doing 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 3 weeks in advance, otherwise £28 and £35 if booked after this time frame





# WEDMORE HOLIDAY CLUB

- ✓ For ages 5-13 years, from £23\* per day, 9.00am-4.00pm, at Wedmore First School grounds
- ✓ In the winter, have fun doing outdoor adventure activities in the forest school grounds, and enjoy our outdoor swimming pool in the summer!\*\*
- ✓ Enjoy a jam packed day of playing games, sports, and arts and crafts!
- ✓ Bring packed lunch, snacks, refillable drinks bottle, outdoor adventure clothing, and weather dependant items (sun cream, waterproofs etc).




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\*\*This is a seasonal, weather dependent activity



## The Mid Somerset Consortium

# BACK TO SCHOOL... AS A TEACHER

*Train to Teach Primary with Mid Somerset Consortium - Inspire the Next Generation*

- Flexible training designed for busy parents.
- Make a real difference in children's lives.
- Start a meaningful career in your community.
- Earn while you learn with hands-on classroom experience.



### Client Testimonials

'I couldn't have wished for a more supportive group of staff and fellow trainees... The MSC team have all been incredible and there is always someone there to talk to should you need it.'

— **Danni**

'The primary training course has been supportive and practical, allowing me to build confidence and develop invaluable classroom skills. Importantly, it has worked well around being a parent, allowing me to successfully balance training alongside a busy family life.'

— **Sarah**

'A real strength of the course is the opportunity for primary and secondary trainees to work together.'

— **Millie**

'Placement schools are varied and well chosen, including first schools, middle schools, and primary schools. Being placed locally has helped us build strong networks across the area, which feels invaluable for future job opportunities and professional connections.'

— **Millie**

Ready to take the next step?

**JOIN MSC TEACHER TRAINING TODAY!**

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## 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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