



Shipham Church of England First School

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Newsletter No. 19

Friday 30th January 2026

Dear families,

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the **FOSS Disco** last Friday. It was a huge success, and we are very grateful to all those who organised the event and helped on the night.

A big thank you as well to everyone who attended **Stay and Read** this week. It was lovely to see so many of you in school. We will be holding another open morning next Tuesday, so please pop the date in your diary.

The Big School's Bird Watch



Thank you to Mrs Leader for getting everyone outside this week to count the birds in our environment for the Big School's Bird Watch. Everyone had lots of fun spotting the different varieties of birds found in our locality.

Next Friday, **6th February**, we will be joining in with NSPCC's annual Number Day. Children are invited to **wear something related to maths** (numbers, colours, patterns, times tables, Numberblocks etc) - the more creative the better! 😊 We will also be doing maths related activities throughout the day.



If you would like to donate to NSPCC, please do so via the link below/direct to the [NSPCC website](https://www.nspcc.org.uk). We will not be collecting any donations in school.

Chestnut Class Assembly – You're Invited!

As another step in creating more opportunities to connect, we are inviting all Chestnut Class families to join us for their class assembly on **Thursday 12th February at 9am**. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing in the children's learning.

Great Athletes Visit

We are pleased to be moving ahead with our plans to welcome **Great Athletes** into school. They will be holding an assembly with the children on **Monday 9th February**, followed by their sponsored event on **Friday 27th February**. Sponsorship information will be sent home shortly. All sponsorship already committed from our postponed event has been carried over.

Mother's Day Shop

On **Thursday 12th March**, FOSS will be running a **Mother's Day Shop**. All children will have the opportunity to visit the shop during the school day and purchase a gift for Mother's Day (£2). Gifts will be wrapped and sent home ready for the special day.



To help this event run, we kindly ask parents to donate **unwanted gifts, toiletries, or boxes of chocolates** to be sold at the shop. Please bring donations into school by **Friday 6th March**, either to the school office or to your child's teacher.

We will remind children closer to the time to bring their £2 into school on the day. All proceeds raised will go directly to **FOSS**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Netto

Save the Date – Thursday 12th 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	
Tuesday 3 rd February	Stay and read 8.45am-9.15am
Friday 6 th February	Number Day Mufti day / clothes with numbers / dots
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12 th February	Wear What You Like for Children's Mental Health Week
Thursday 12 th February	9am Chestnut Class Collective Worship – Chestnut families welcome
Friday 27 th February	Great Athletes sponsored event for children
Wednesday 4 th March	St David's Team Bake Sale 3.15pm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Whole School Trip We The Curious
Monday 9 th – 13 th March	Science Week in school
Friday 20 th – Wednesday 25 th March	Book Fair in hall
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 20 th March	St Patrick's Team Bake Sale 3.15pm
Tuesday 31 st March and Wednesday 1 st April	Parent meetings
Thursday 2 nd 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 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

Inspiring Growth Through Nature and Community

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

MONDAY 16TH - FRIDAY 20TH

FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CAMPS

£25 PER DAY
£110 FOR THE WEEK

10% DISCOUNT
IF YOU SIGN UP MORE THAN ONE CHILD

All abilities welcome!

Fun and professional sessions full of games, technical coaching and match play. Come and join in the fun, 9am-12pm each day at Winscombe Tennis Club.

Scan the QR code or contact Dominic at winscombetennischubcoaching@outlook.com to book your slot!

TOPSPIN TENNIS

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

1st Monday of every month
From 6pm
Coffee @ The Hub

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

Monday 8th January
available for booking now



**COFFEE [A1] 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**

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Inspiring Growth Through Nature and Community

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://somersetsafeguardingchildren.org.uk>



care.connect@n-somerset.gov.uk