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Dear families,

What another fabulous week it has been at school!

We started the week with a truly inspiring visit from local bobsleigh athlete **Jens Hullah**. Jens, who grew up right here in Shipham, first learned to ski at Mendip Activity Centre — a wonderful reminder to our children that big dreams often begin close to home. Although he narrowly missed out on selection for this year's Winter Olympics, Jens spoke with such determination, resilience and positivity about his journey. He shared the highs and challenges of elite sport, encouraging our pupils to work hard, stay focused and never give up on their ambitions. It was hugely inspiring to hear his story and we are very grateful to him for sharing his time and passion with us.



On Tuesday, we were treated to a visit from some new-born lambs. The children loved finding out all about them — of course we wanted to keep them! Thank you to the Stead family for making this happen.

On Wednesday, we held another fantastic House Day, this time celebrating St David's Day. Our St David's team led the way in honouring all things Welsh, and it was wonderful to see the children embracing the celebrations with such enthusiasm. A particular highlight was the cake sale — thank you so much to everyone who donated delicious treats and to those who came along to support. Thanks to your generosity, St David's team raised an impressive amount for the school. Da iawn, St David's!

Yesterday, the school was buzzing with excitement as we celebrated World Book Day. The children looked incredible in their costumes and it was a joy to see such creativity on display. Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of reading activities designed to promote a love of books and storytelling. Events like these are such a powerful reminder of the importance of reading for pleasure, and it was wonderful to see so many children engaged and enthusiastic.

Today, we are very much looking forward to our visit to **We The Curious** in Bristol. With its hands-on exhibits and interactive experiences, it promises to be a fun-packed and inspiring day of exploration and discovery. We can't wait to share more about it with you next week.

Coming up, we have our next round of parent consultation meetings. In these meetings, you will have another chance to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss how your child is getting on. These are really useful opportunities, so we hope you will be able to attend. Appointments will be in circulation soon.

Finally, please note a change of date for the St Patrick's Team event. This will now take place on Tuesday 17th in order to avoid a clash with Red Nose Day. Thank you for your understanding.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Netto

Inspiring Growth Through Nature and Community

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. Thank you to everyone who has already kindly donated.

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**.



Christian Values

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

“Always be thankful.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

Dates for your diary

Term 3	
Monday 9 th – 13 th March	Science Week in school
Tuesday 10 th March	Animal Encounters Visit
Tuesday 17 th March	St Patrick’s Team Bake Sale
Friday 20 th – Wednesday 25 th March	Book Fair in hall
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 31 st March and Wednesday 1 st April	Parent meetings
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter Service 2pm St. Leonard’s Church
Friday 24 th April	St George’s Team Bake Sale
Friday 24 th May – Friday 3 rd July	Oak Class Swimming Lessons
Tuesday 5 th May – 7 th May	Year 4 Kilve Residential

Please also use the [school calendar](#) to keep up to date with all forthcoming events and activities

Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

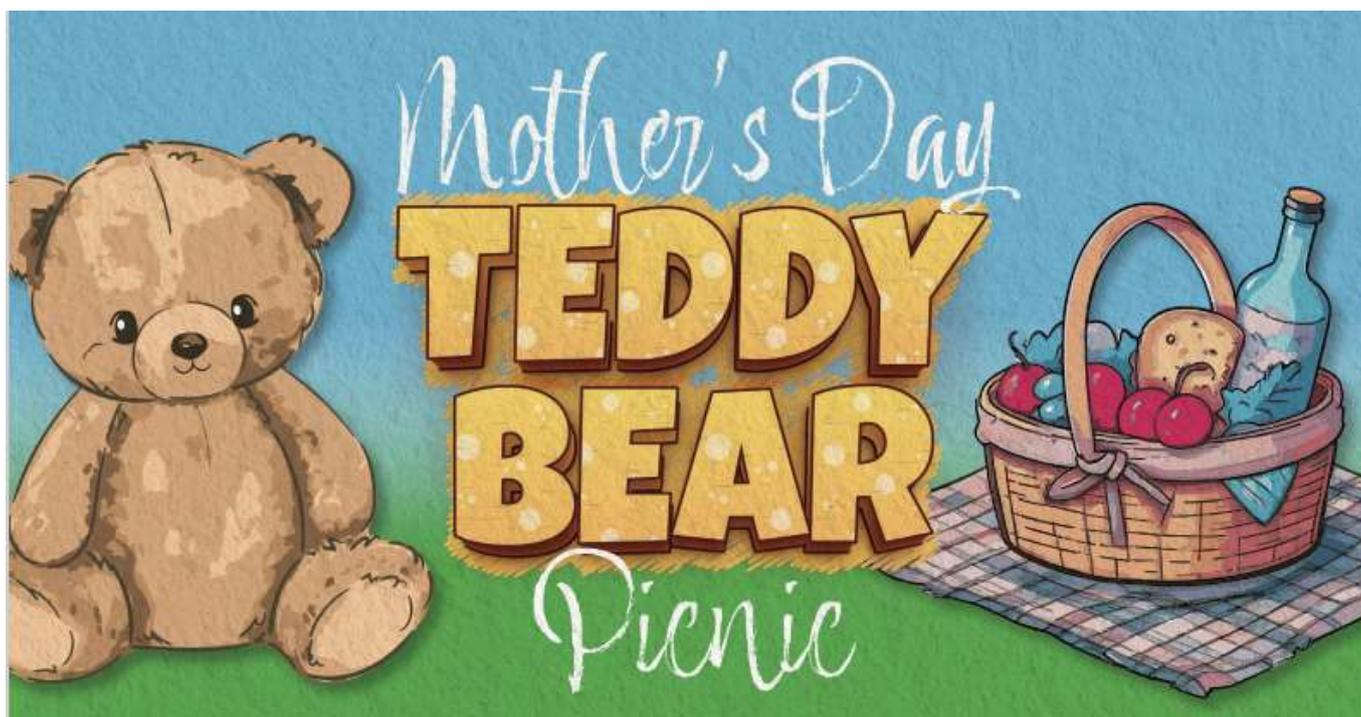
Term 4	23 rd February – 2 nd April 2026
Term 5	20 th April – 22 nd May 2026
Term 6	1 st June – 17 th July 2026

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

Future INSET Days

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.



SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026 | 12PM – 3PM | ADULTS - £38 | CHILDREN - £20.00
INCLUDES COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF FIZZ FOR MUM

A DAY FILLED WITH LAUGHTER
★ TREATS & MEMORIES ★



Fun Activities

Children's mini-disco
Party games
Afternoon tea
A glass of fizz for every mum



Don't Forget Your Teddy!

Every child is invited to bring their favourite teddy to join the picnic



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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.

Free Parent/Carer Session Around Online Grooming & Exploitation, the sessions will be Led by Prevention officer Andri Nicolaou from the dedicated Child Exploitation Team in Avon and Somerset Police.

This session will enable participants to learn how to keep the children in their care safe online and recognize the signs of grooming and exploitation. It will provide valuable insights and practical tips to help them navigate the digital world with their children and young people.

[Avon and Somerset Police Events - 2 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

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://sometersafeguardingchildren.org.uk>

care.connect@n-somerset.gov.uk

