



# Shipham Church of England First School

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Newsletter No. 24

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear families,

Our term of making magical memories continues, and this week has certainly been full of excitement and discovery!

As part of Science Week, the children have been busy exploring, investigating and asking brilliant questions. Classrooms have been buzzing with hands-on experiments and engaging online lessons, giving the children the chance to think like real scientists and deepen their curiosity about the world around them.

One of the highlights of the week was a very special visit from Animal Encounters. The children were thrilled to meet a fascinating range of animals, including a tortoise, a bearded dragon, a snake, an owl, a tarantula and even a skunk! It was a wonderful opportunity for us all to learn about different species up close and to ask lots of thoughtful questions. A huge thank you to FOSS for making this fantastic experience possible. Your support helps create memorable learning opportunities for our children, and we are incredibly grateful.

FOSS also organised our Mother's Day Shop, which was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated items and helped make the event so special for the children.

Appointments for parent meetings will go live on Monday so please do book a slot.

Finally, we would like to wish all the wonderful mums, grandmothers and special ladies in our community a very happy Mothering Sunday. We hope all of our families enjoy a lovely time celebrating together.



Mrs Netto

## **Please show your support!**

Shipham Parish Council ran a consultation last year to see if there was support in the village to reduce the speed limit to 20mph. The school and the students supported this campaign with 20mph posters and testimonials. Following a positive response from the wider village, Somerset Council has given official notice that it intends to reduce the speed limit in the coming financial year.

There is now an official consultation from Somerset Council. You can view a copy of the Council's Order and the map showing the roads affected online at [www.somerset.gov.uk/TRO](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/TRO).

It would be great if members of the community could send messages of support to Somerset Council via email on [TROinbox@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:TROinbox@somerset.gov.uk) quoting reference number KT04022026. Any statements must be received by 20th March 2026.

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## 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

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick’s Team Bake Sale
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair in hall
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
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
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	St George’s Team Bake Sale
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Oak Class Swimming Lessons
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May – 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Kilve Residential
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	“Stay & Read” 8.45am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	“Stay & Read” 8.45am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	“Stay & Read” 8.45am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Willow Class Collective Worship – Families welcome
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	September 2026 Reception Parents Evening 6pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 4 Moving Up Celebration Wells Cathedral
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transfer Day (all children move to their class / school for Sept 26)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Back up Sports Day (if wet / hot on 17 <sup>th</sup> June)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming Gala Oak Class
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Trip
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leaver’s Service 2pm (Year 4 parents only)



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 <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

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

**Mother's Day  
TEDDY BEAR  
Picnic**

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

For more information or to book, please get in contact:  
www.cadburyhouse.co.uk | info@cadburyhouse.com | 01225 804 343  
DoubleTree by Hilton - Cadbury House, Frost Hill, Bristol, BS4 5 5AD

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# 2026 Holiday Camps

From around £17 /day [including trophy!] \*

## Somerset Soccer Schools

With Richard Bourton

'Same great value as our 1998 courses!'



Reception - Year 8

10am - 3pm

Kings of Wessex School, CHEDDAR BS27 3AQ 2026

1. EASTER	Tues <u>14</u> to Fri 16 April <u>incl</u>	4 DAYS for £78
2. MAY HALF TERM	Tues <u>26</u> to Thurs 28 May <u>incl</u>	3 DAYS for £52*
3. SUMMER	Mon <u>10</u> to Fri 14 Aug <u>incl</u>	5 DAYS for £95

CHURCHILL Sports Ground [By A38 traffic lights] BS40 5EL 2026

4. SUMMER	Mon 27 to Fri 31 July <u>incl</u>	5 DAYS for £95
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To celebrate 25 years of camps locally, Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are offering more camps from around £17 /day\*, **including a trophy per camp booking!!!**.

I am a well-qualified schoolteacher & coach, with over 35 years' experience and an excellent countywide reputation for bringing the best out of children of ALL abilities. I am classified by OFSTED as OUTSTANDING, a FA Licensed Coach & awarded by the Sports Council.

Our professionally organised courses reflect a high level of expertise.

- ***Skill Award trophy for each course booked***
- Extra awards for *"being the best & doing your best"*

' Fun but structured, competitive but technical. Quality instruction, quality ethos'

For referrals/info/photos see [facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchools](https://www.facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchools) or [somersetsoccerschools.com](http://somersetsoccerschools.com)

Hope to see you soon

*Richard*

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**TO BOOK:** just go to [www.somersetsoccerschools.com/booking](http://www.somersetsoccerschools.com/booking)

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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: 0800 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>



[care.connect@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:care.connect@n-somerset.gov.uk)