



Shipham Church of England First School

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Newsletter No. 25

Friday 20th March 2026

Dear families,

It has been another exciting week in school, with lots of opportunities for fun, learning, and coming together as a community.

We enjoyed celebrating **St Patrick's Day** with a range of activities, alongside our Bake Sale. Thank you to everyone who contributed and supported—your generosity helped make it a lovely occasion for all.



Today, we are looking forward to supporting **Comic Relief** and taking part in activities to raise awareness and funds for this important cause. You may make a donation [here](#). *Please do not send cash to school on this occasion.*

Today, we are also looking forward to welcoming Kings Fitness, who will be leading a fun run for the children at lunchtime. We are sure this will be an energetic and enjoyable experience for everyone involved!

After school, we will be opening our Book Fair (card only) so please do come along. There is a huge choice of fabulous books that we hope your children will enjoy. Every sale will go towards vouchers that the school can use to purchase books for our library.



On Monday 23rd and Monday 30th March, we have a coach from Winscombe Tennis Club in delivering taster sessions to Oak and Chestnut classes. **Please may PE kit be worn to school on these days.**

A reminder to please sign up for a parent consultation meeting if you have not already done so—we look forward to speaking with you.

Finally, we kindly ask that parents drop their children off at the side gates or at the central reception in the mornings, and refrain from entering the school hall. Thank you for your support in helping us keep the morning routine running smoothly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Netto

Leaver's Hoodies

Today is an exciting day for our year 4 learners – they will be bringing home their hoody! Thank you so much to Mrs Youde for organising the ordering of these. The children will be welcome to wear them to school in place of their usual school jumper.



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

Friday 20 th – Wednesday 25 th March	Book Fair in hall 3.15pm – 3.45pm
Monday 23 rd March	Tennis Taster for Oak and Chestnut (PE kits to be worn)
Monday 30 th March	Tennis Taster for Oak and Chestnut (PE kits to be worn)
Tuesday 31 st March and Wednesday 1 st April	Parent meetings
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter Service 2pm St. Leonard’s Church (with Easter bonnets)
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
Thursday 7 th May	“Stay & Read” 8.45am
Thursday 14 th May	“Stay & Read” 8.45am
Thursday 21 st May	“Stay & Read” 8.45am
Friday 22 nd May	Willow Class Collective Worship – Families welcome
Wednesday 10 th June	September 2026 Reception Parents Evening 6pm
Wednesday 17 th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 4 Moving Up Celebration Wells Cathedral
Wednesday 1 st July	Transfer Day (all children move to their class / school for Sept 26)
Thursday 2 nd July	School Choir and Music Concert in school
Wednesday 8 th July	Back up Sports Day (if wet / hot on 17 th June)
Thursday 9 th July	Swimming Gala Oak Class
Tuesday 14 th July	Whole School Trip
Friday 17 th 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 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.

Other information that may be of interest



2026 Holiday Camps

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

Somerset Soccer Schools

With Richard Bourton

Reception - Year 8 10am - 3pm



Kings of Wessex School - CHEDDAB 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

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://www.somersetsoccerschools.com)

Hope to see you soon *Richard* somersetsoccerschools@gmail.com

TO BOOK: just go to www.somersetsoccerschools.com/booking

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>



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