



Shipham Church of England First School

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Newsletter No. 26

Friday 27th March 2026

Dear families,

We've had another busy week in school.

Unfortunately, our tennis coach was unwell on Monday, so the planned taster session had to be cancelled. We are hopeful that we will still have another chance for this coming Monday.

On Wednesday, we were pleased to welcome our School Improvement Partner along with a member of the Central Team for a school visit. It was a valuable opportunity to share the great work taking place across the school.

Thank you to everyone who supported our travelling book fair. Your continued support helps us promote a love of reading and enrich our school resources.



A huge thank you to FOSS A huge thank you to FOSS for our new playtime maths resources! The maths shed will be run by a team of 'maths leaders' at lunchtimes, where they will oversee maths activities for all ages and ensure the resources are looked after. The children have already had lots of fun exploring the resources!

Congratulations to our winning house team for the term – **St. David's Team!** As a reward, they will enjoy a 'Wear What You Like' day on Thursday 2nd April.

As we approach the end of term, just a reminder that children are invited to decorate an Easter bonnet to wear on our final day, Thursday 2nd April. We will be parading these during our church service at St. Leonard's at 2:00pm. We hope many of you will be able to join us for this special occasion.



Finally, a quote from Shakespeare to leave you with:
"Be not afraid of greatness."



Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Netto

Christian Values

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

"Always be thankful." (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

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Dates for your diary

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)
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, CHEDDAR BS27 3AQ 2026			
1. EASTER	Tues 14 to	Fri 16 April incl	4 DAYS for £78
2. MAY HALF TERM	Tues 26 to	Thurs 28 May incl	3 DAYS for £52*
3. SUMMER	Mon 10 to	Fri 14 Aug incl	5 DAYS for £95

CHURCHILL Sports Ground (By A38 traffic lights) BS40 5EL 2026			
4. SUMMER	Mon 27 to	Fri 31 July incl	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 or sometersoccerschools.com

Hope to see you soon

Richard

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



Visit my
welcome
page



JUNIOR TERM TIME COACHING

MONDAY TO FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL

All standards welcome, ages 5-18

HOLIDAY CAMPS

MAY HALF TERM

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May

SUMMER HOLIDAYS *Monday to Friday*
from Monday 3rd to Friday 28th August

Both full day (9am-4pm) and half day (9am-12pm) available
with discounts for members and signing up more than one child

FREE TENNIS – OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 10AM-3PM



We are offering free coaching for juniors and adults throughout the day as well as having courts available if you just want to come down and hit some balls. Scan the QR code to book online

clubspark.lta.org.uk/topspintenniscoaching

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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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