



Shipham Church of England First School

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Newsletter No. 27

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Dear families,

We have had a lovely and busy time in school recently, with lots of exciting activities and opportunities for the children to learn and grow.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their **Tennis Taster** session. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and energy as they took part, developing their coordination and teamwork skills while trying something new. Many of the children showed great determination and were very proud of what they achieved during the session.

After School Clubs Summer 2026: In addition to Dance Club on Mondays next term also sees the return of alternative sports club on a Wednesday. *Full details can be found below.*

A big thank you to all parents and carers who attended the **parent meetings this week**. It was a valuable opportunity to share the children's progress and celebrate their achievements together. We greatly appreciate your continued support and the strong partnership between home and school, which plays such an important role in the children's success.

As we approach the end of term, we are looking forward to celebrating together at our **Easter service at 2pm in St. Leonard's**. This will be a special time for reflection and celebration, and we would love for you to join us. The children have been preparing and are excited to share this occasion with you. Please don't forget to bring your Easter bonnets—we are sure there will be some wonderful and creative designs on display!

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We are very proud of all the children and the positive attitude they bring to school each day.

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)

Dates for your diary

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)



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

Alternative Sports Club

This exciting club will be run by our fabulous Sports Masters and will include activities such as archery, frisbee, boccia, Nerf, and axe throwing!

🕒 **When:** Wednesdays, 3:15pm–4:15pm

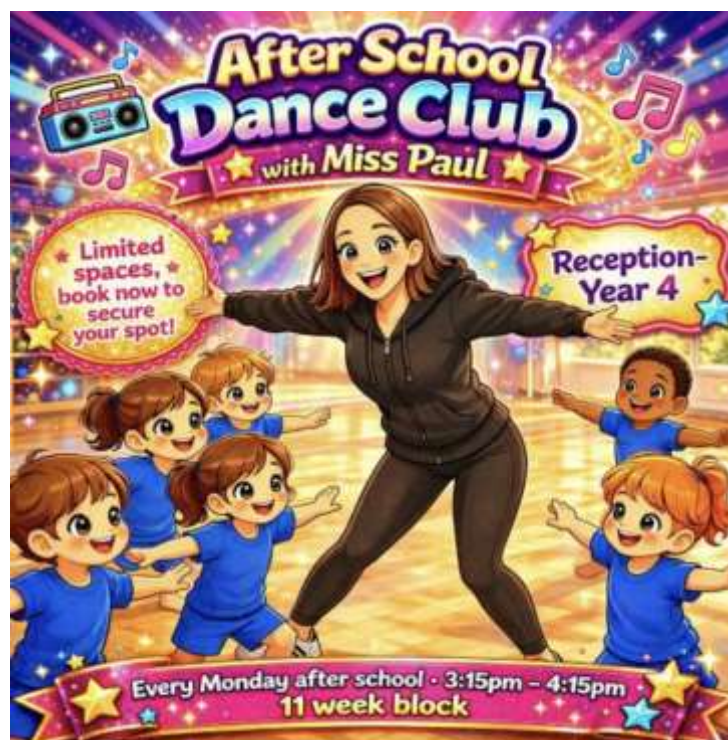
We expect this club to be very popular, and spaces are limited for safety reasons. Therefore:

- For the **first half of term**, the club is open to **Years R–2**
- After half term, it will be available for **Years 3–4**

After School Club will remain available for other year groups if childcare is needed.

How to book:

Please book via **Afterschool Club on MCAS**. We will assume that all children who are booked (and are in the relevant age group) wish to take part. If this is not the case, please inform the school office.





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 <u>31</u> 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

Hope to see you soon

Richard

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TO BOOK: just go to www.somersetsoccerschools.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

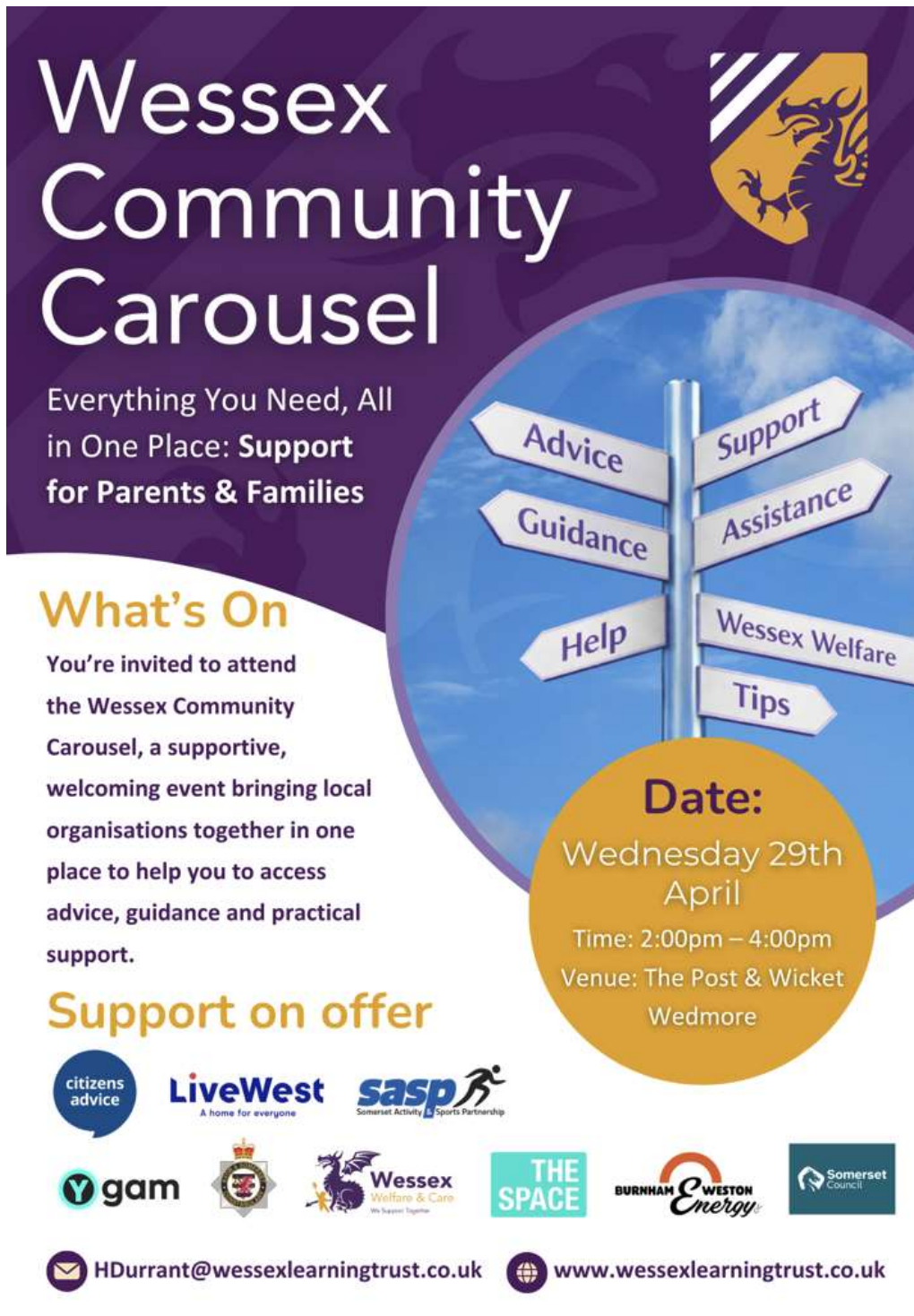


We are offering free coaching for juniors and adults throughout the day as well as having courts available if you just want to come down and hit some balls. Scan the QR code to book online

clubspark.lta.org.uk/topspintenniscoaching

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Inspiring Growth Through Nature and Community



Wessex Community Carousel

Everything You Need, All in One Place: **Support for Parents & Families**

What's On

You're invited to attend the Wessex Community Carousel, a supportive, welcoming event bringing local organisations together in one place to help you to access advice, guidance and practical support.

Support on offer

Date:
Wednesday 29th April
Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Venue: The Post & Wicket
Wedmore

citizens advice | LiveWest | sasp | gam | Wessex Welfare & Care | THE SPACE | BURHAM WESTON Energy | Somerset Council

✉ HDurrant@wessexlearningtrust.co.uk | 🌐 www.wessexlearningtrust.co.uk

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://sometersafeguardingchildren.org.uk>



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