



Shipham Church of England First School

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Friday 1st May 2026

Dear families,

We have had another busy and exciting time in school, with lots of wonderful learning and activities taking place across all year groups.

Learning Inquiry

Our classes continue to engage enthusiastically in their current learning themes:

- **Oak Class** – *Gladiators, Gods and the Roman Empire*
Pupils have been exploring the fascinating world of Ancient Rome, learning about Roman life, mythology, and the legacy of the empire.
- **Chestnut Class** – *From Seed to Stem*
Children have been discovering how plants grow, investigating life cycles and the importance of caring for our natural environment.
- **Willow Class** – *How Does Your Garden Grow?*
Willow Class have been getting hands-on with gardening, learning about plants, habitats, and how to nurture growth.

Fairland's Visit

On Tuesday, Mrs Bennett and Mr Passingham visited from Fairlands Middle School to talk all about the next stage for our Year 4 leavers. They shared helpful information about the transition process and what pupils can expect as they move on to middle school, helping to build excitement and confidence for this important next step. We also enjoyed a fabulous song about becoming a scientist, written and performed by Mrs Bennett herself.

Swimming for Oak

I had the pleasure of accompanying Oak Class to their first swimming session last week. The children represented the school beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed their time in the pool. We look forward to seeing their confidence grow over the coming weeks.

Kilve Residential

We are now very excited ahead of the visit to Kilve next week for our year 4 learners. Whilst away, the year 3s will have the opportunity to spend some time with the year 3s from Draycott, taking advantage of the lovely outdoor space we have here. We are sure they will have lots of fun. On Tuesday and Wednesday next week, please could the year 3s come to school in clothing suitable for outdoor learning. Thank you!

Wishing you a lovely, extended weekend,

Mrs Netto

Inspiring Growth Through Nature and Community

Christian Values

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

“Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” (Colossians 3:12)

Dates for your diary

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)
Friday 3 rd July	FOSS BBQ after school
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)
Friday 10 th July	Back up FOSS BBQ (if wet / too hot on 3 rd July)
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 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.

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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