



Shipham Church of England First School

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Friday 8th May 2026

Dear families,

What a fabulous week! Here are a few of the highlights:

Kilve Residential

What an incredible time we've had! From grass sledging and abseiling to discos and campfire chats, the children have created many wonderful memories that we're sure will last a long time.

Fun visit from new friends

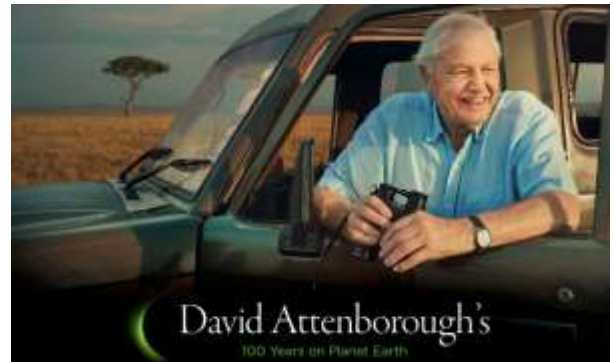
While Mrs Walsh was away, the Year 3 children from Draycott & Rodney Stoke made the most of the opportunity for a special trip to visit Shipham! Together, the year 3s explored the Forest School area and enjoyed plenty of adventures, including spending time with the ducks and chickens.

Stay & Read

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our reading session. The children absolutely love welcoming visitors into the classroom. We have a few more dates coming up, so please make sure they're in your diary—we'd love to see you there!

Celebrating Sir David Attenborough at 100

Today, we will be celebrating the 100th birthday of David Attenborough. The children will spend time learning about his incredible work with wildlife and the natural world, and how he has inspired generations to care for our planet. It is sure to spark some fantastic discussions in class about conservation and how we can all play our part in protecting the environment.



We wish you all a wonderful weekend. To our Year 4 families—fingers crossed for plenty of sunshine to help with the post-camp washing!

Mrs Netto

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
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://somersetsafeguardingchildren.org.uk>



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