



# Shipham Church of England First School

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear families,

## Raising Standards

As always, we continue to work hard as a team to reflect on how we can further improve the provision and opportunities we offer our learners. A key part of this involves working closely with the Wessex Learning Trust Central Improvement Team. We are delighted to report that their latest visit this week was very positive.

## French Café

Today, our year 4 learners from Shipham and Draycott & Rodney Stoke will join together for the annual French Café. This is always something that they look forward to and I am sure they will have lots of fun, ordering their items from the café and playing a variety of games.



## Working out for positive mental health

On Thursday, we joined together with many other schools across the country to complete The Big School Workout – an online session with Joe Wicks for Mental Health Week. As always, Joe was hugely inspiring and made the event great fun.



## Willow Class Worship

A reminder that Willow Class will be holding their celebration for their families next **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. This will be at **2.45pm** in the school hall.

## Online Safety Hub

As mentioned last week, we are pleased to share that we now have a new Online Safety Hub, designed to support parents, staff, and governors with clear and up-to-date digital safeguarding information, advice, and guidance. The hub brings together practical resources to help everyone better understand online risks, support children and young people in using technology safely, and promote positive digital wellbeing. It will be regularly updated to reflect emerging trends and concerns, ensuring our whole community stays informed and confident in supporting safe online experiences.

The platform can be found here: [Online Safety Hub - Shipham C of E First School](#)

A link can also be found on our school website.

We hope you will find it useful.

## Winning House Team

Congratulations to our winning house team for the term – **St. George's Team!** As a reward, they will enjoy a 'Wear What You Like' day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Thank you once again for supporting our 'Stay & Read' sessions.

Wishing you all a wonderful 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 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Oak Class Swimming Lessons
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	“Stay & Read” 8.45am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Willow Class Collective Worship – Families welcome
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	September 2026 Reception Parents Evening 6pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 4 Moving Up Celebration Wells Cathedral
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transfer Day (all children move to their class / school for Sept 26)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	FOSS BBQ after school
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	School Choir and Music Concert in school
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Back up Sports Day (if wet / hot on 17 <sup>th</sup> June)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Back up FOSS BBQ (if wet / too hot on 3 <sup>rd</sup> July)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Trip
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leaver’s Service 2pm (Year 4 parents only)

## Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

Term 5	20 <sup>th</sup> April – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
Term 6	1 <sup>st</sup> June – 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

## Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

Please see the dates for next academic year on the WLT [website](#).

## Future INSET Days

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July and Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026	INSET - School closed to learners – Time for the summer holidays!
Full term dates can be found on our <a href="#">WLT website</a> .	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>



[care.connect@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:care.connect@n-somerset.gov.uk)

An infographic titled "ATTENDANCE" with the tagline "Every day counts!". It features a traffic light graphic with three colored bands: red (top), yellow (middle), and green (bottom). The red band indicates "Below 90% Serious Concern. Persistent absence." The yellow band indicates "90 - 95.9% Concern. Low attendance." The green band indicates "At least 96% Expected attendance." A purple box at the bottom states "Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!". The logo for Wessex Learning Trust is visible in the top right corner.

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