



Shipham Church of England First School

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Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear families,

Kindness Challenges

A huge well done to everyone who took part in our 'Random Acts of Kindness' challenges. It has been wonderful to see so many thoughtful and caring actions across the school community. Thank you to all the children for helping to spread kindness and positivity.

Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parent survey. We were delighted to receive such positive feedback and greatly appreciate your kind comments and continued support for the school. We also received some thoughtful and constructive suggestions, which will help us as we continue to develop and improve. We value working closely with our families and look forward to taking some of these ideas forward in the future.

FOSS Break the Rules Day

This Wednesday, FOSS (Friends of Shipham School) organised a fantastic "Break the Rules Day" fundraiser, and it was a huge success! The children loved having the chance to bend the usual school rules for the day, with lots of laughter, excitement, and memorable moments throughout the school. From crazy hairstyles to fun outfits and extra treats, everyone joined in with great enthusiasm. A big thank you to all the families and staff who supported the event and helped make it such an enjoyable day for the children while raising valuable funds for the school.

Cricket Festival

On Thursday, a selection of our year 4 children took part in a cricket festival organised by Sports Masters Coaching. The children travelled to Winscombe where they joined forces with friends from Draycott & Rodney School to form a combined team. The children showed excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event and represented the school brilliantly. Well done to everyone involved!



Willow Class Worship

Today at 2.45pm, Willow Class will be leading their class worship to showcase all of their recent learning and achievements. The children are looking forward to sharing their work, reflections and experiences. Willow families are warmly invited to join us in the school hall for this special occasion.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break. See you on Monday 1st June.

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
Friday 22 nd May	2.45pm 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>



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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