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Friday 10th July 2026

Dear families,

It's hard to believe we're nearly at the end of another fantastic school year! The time has flown by, and we're so proud of everything the children have achieved. They continue to impress us every day with their enthusiasm, resilience and kindness, and we've still got lots to look forward to before the summer holidays begin.

Sports Day

We were delighted that Sports Day went ahead successfully on Wednesday. With the hot weather forecast, we decided to bring the event forward slightly so we could avoid the hottest part of the day, and thankfully everyone was able to enjoy the morning safely.

It was wonderful to see the children trying their very best, cheering each other on and showing such great team spirit. Days like these remind us that it's not just about winning – it's about giving things a go, showing determination and supporting one another.

A huge thank you to Mrs Foote for all the hard work she put into organising the morning. Everything ran so smoothly, and we're very grateful for all her efforts. Well done to every child who took part, and a special congratulations to our winning house team, **St. David**. You should all be incredibly proud!



Noah's Ark Visit

We're all really looking forward to our trip to Noah's Ark next Tuesday. It's sure to be a fantastic day and a lovely way to celebrate the end of the school year together. Please make sure your child comes prepared for the weather so they can enjoy every moment: sunhats, sun-cream and plenty to drink!

House Point Winners

Congratulations to **St. David**, who are this term's House Point champions! Their teamwork, positive attitudes and consistent effort have earned them this fantastic achievement. As a reward, children in the winning house are invited to come to school in their own clothes on **Thursday 16th July**.

Year 4 Leavers' Celebration

One of the most special moments of our final week is our Year 4 Leavers' Celebration, which will take place on **Friday 17th July at 2.00pm** in the school hall.

We'd love all our Year 4 families to join us as we celebrate the children's time at our school, look back on the wonderful memories we've made together and wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their journey.

It's always a lovely event filled with smiles, laughter and, more often than not, a few happy tears—so don't forget to bring some tissues!

Summer Reading Challenge

Summer is when reading often slips, and children can head back to school having lost ground.

The National Read-Aloud Challenge keeps your child reading aloud through the holidays in just a few minutes a day. It's free, it's safe, and 9 in 10 parents told us their child's confidence grew. Your child reads independently on Fonetti while you follow their progress and celebrate every milestone.



More information can be found here: [National Read Aloud Challenge](#)

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. It is a privilege to work with such wonderful children and such a supportive school community. We are looking forward to making the most of these final few days together before the summer holidays begin.

Mrs Netto

FOSS Messages



Christian Values

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

"Serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:13)

Dates for your diary

Friday 10 th July	Sports Enrichment Day
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 6	1 st June – 17 th July 2026
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Please see the dates for next academic year on our [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

