



Shipham Church of England First School

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Dear families,

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to take a moment to thank all of our wonderful children, families and staff for making this such a special year. It has been a pleasure to watch our children grow in confidence, develop new skills and create so many happy memories along the way.

Our final weeks have been filled with celebrations and wonderful experiences. Last Friday, we enjoyed a fabulous Enrichment Day, and the children had an amazing time taking part in a wide range of exciting activities. A huge thank you to Sports Masters Coaching for delivering such a fun-filled and memorable day for everyone.

A special thank you also goes to FOSS for organising the visit from the ice cream van. It was a lovely end-of-term treat that brought lots of smiles to the children's faces, and we are incredibly grateful for their continued support of our school community.

Our whole-school visit to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm was another highlight of the week. It was a joy to see the children so engaged, curious and excited as they explored the animals and enjoyed spending time together outside the classroom. Their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes really shone through.

Today, we also say goodbye to our amazing Year 4 children. Although we will miss them greatly, we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved during their time with us. They leave us with wonderful memories, and we know they are more than ready for the exciting adventures that lie ahead. We wish each and every one of them every success, happiness and confidence as they move on to their new schools. Remember, you will always be part of our school family.

As we reach the end of the school year, we also say a fond farewell to three valued members of our staff team: Mrs Foote, Mrs Eastwood and Miss Prewett. We thank them for their dedication, care and commitment to our school and the positive impact they have had on the children and wider school community. We wish them every happiness and success for the future, and they will always be a valued part of our school family.

We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved summer break filled with fun, laughter and time to relax with family and friends.

We look forward to welcoming all of our children back to school on **Monday 7th September**, ready for another exciting year of learning together.

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. It is a privilege to be part of such a caring, supportive and dedicated school community.

Have a wonderful, safe and happy summer. We look forward to seeing you all in September!

Mrs Netto

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

Thursday 3rd September	INSET day
Friday 4 th September	INSET day
Monday 7th September	School returns for Autumn Term
Tuesday 8th September	Meet the Team meetings 3.15pm – 4pm
Friday 18 th September	Harvest Service in church 2pm – all welcome
Thursday 1 st October	Phonics information session for new parents 3.15pm – 4pm
Monday 5 th October	School photographs
5th - 9th October	Family 'Stay and Read' sessions 8.45am – 9am
Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th October	Parents evening 3.30pm – 6pm
Thursday 22nd October	Oak class celebration worship 2.30pm
Thursday 22 nd October	SCHOOL BREAKS UP for half term
Friday 23 rd October	INSET day

Somerset Term Dates – 2026 / 2027

Term 1	Monday 7 th September – Thursday 22 nd October
Term 2	Wednesday 4 th November – Friday 18 th December
Term 3	Monday 4 th January – Friday 12 th February
Term 4	Tuesday 23 rd February – Thursday 25 th March
Term 5	Monday 12 th April – Friday 28 th May
Term 6	Monday 7 th June – Friday 23 rd July

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!
Thursday 3 rd and Friday 4 th September	INSET - School closed to learners
Friday 23 rd October	INSET - School closed to learners
Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd November	INSET - School closed to learners
Monday 22 nd February	INSET - School closed to learners
Friday 25 th June	INSET - School closed to learners
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](#)

Inspiring Growth Through Nature and Community



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

