



Dear families,

It's been another busy and exciting week at school, full of fun, learning and of course, RESPECT.

Celebrating the European Day of Languages

This week, we proudly marked the European Day of Languages with a range of exciting activities planned by our enthusiastic language teacher, Mr Sage. The children had a fantastic time exploring different languages and cultures through games, songs and creative tasks. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diversity of languages spoken across Europe.

A gentle reminder about road safety

As we continue to encourage walking to school, we'd like to remind all families to use the designated safe crossing. The road outside can get very busy, particularly at drop-off and pick-up times. Your safety – and the safety of our children – is our top priority. Please take those extra few steps to cross safely and set a great example for our pupils.

Family 'Stay and Read' Sessions – Starting Friday 3rd October

We're excited to launch our Family 'Stay and Read' sessions, starting next Friday, 3rd October. Families are warmly invited into school from 8:45am until approximately 9:00am to share a book with their child. This could be their school phonics book or a favourite storybook of choice. These sessions are a lovely way to celebrate our love of reading and enjoy a few calm and cosy moments of story time together. If you have more than one child in school, you are welcome to join them together. We hope to see many of you there.

Harvest Service – Monday 29th September at 9am in the church

Don't forget! Our Harvest Service is taking place on Monday and all families are warmly welcome to join us. It's a special time to come together in celebration and thankfulness, and we look forward to seeing many of you there. If you can bring a donation of dried or tinned goods that would be wonderful.

House Competition – Scarecrow Building Challenge!

Get ready for some creative fun! On the afternoon of Monday 20th October, children will work together in their house teams ([St. Andrew](#), [St. David](#), [St. George](#), and [St. Patrick](#)) for our first exciting House Competition: a Scarecrow Making Challenge!

Each team will be building a scarecrow – and we would be so grateful for any donations of hay, straw, old clothes or accessories to help bring our scarecrows to life. If these could be in house colours, even better! House team lead teachers may be in touch soon to gather supplies – thank you in advance for your support!

Health and Attendance

We've unfortunately seen a number of children (and staff!) unwell already this term. We know bugs can spread quickly at this time of year, and we thank you for keeping unwell children home to rest and recover. However, we'd

like to remind everyone how important regular attendance is for learning, confidence, and friendships. Please do encourage your child to return to school as soon as they are feeling well enough.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week for more learning adventures.

Warm wishes, Mrs Netto

Christian Values

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

'Do to others as you would have them do to you.' (Matthew 7.12)

Bags 2 School

Thank you to everyone for your kind and generous donations. Thanks to your efforts we have been able to raise **£60** for the school. AMAZING!

Wrap Around Care

Breakfast Club will be run by Mrs Bradley and Mrs Major every morning. If you would like your child to receive breakfast, they must arrive by 8.15am to allow them time to eat.

After School Club - Please note the new timings

Day	3.15pm - 4.15pm	3. 15pm - 5.30pm
Monday	Mrs Major	Miss Kirk
Tuesday	Mrs Head	Miss Kirk
Wednesday	Mrs Major	Mr Fry
Thursday	Mrs Cullen / Miss Kirk	Mrs Bradley
Friday	N/A	N/A

Thank you to everyone who is booking 7 days in advance. It is really helping with the admin and arranging the correct level of staffing. We appreciate your support. Please do come in and speak to us in the case of an emergency booking.

Upcoming dates for your diary

TERM 1	
Monday 29th September	Harvest Festival 9am St Peter's Church – All welcome
Thursday 2 nd October	Phonics & Reading Meeting for new families 3.30pm PTAF AGM at the Strawberry Special 7pm
Friday 3 rd October	Parents 'Stay & Read' 8.45am – 9.15am
Friday 10 th October	Parents 'Stay & Read' 8.45am – 9.15am
Tuesday 14 th October	Parent consultation meetings 3.30pm – 6pm (all classes)
Thursday 16 th October	Parent consultation meetings 3.30pm – 6pm (all classes)
Friday 17 th October	Parents 'Stay & Read' 8.45am – 9.15am
Friday 17 th October	Oak Worship Assembly 1pm (Oak family members welcome)
TERM 2	
Thursday 6 th November	Open day for prospective new families 1.30pm – 3pm
Monday 10 th November (for 2 weeks)	School-based curriculum assessments taking place
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day (to kickstart Anti-Bullying Week)
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need ('wear what you like' day)
Tuesday 9 th December	Willow Christmas – Dress rehearsal (grandparents & the Laurels)

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Wednesday 10 th December	Willow Christmas – Performance to families 2pm
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas lunch and jumper day - TBC
Monday 15 th December	Chestnut & Oak Christmas – Performance to families 2pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Chestnut & Oak Christmas – Performance to families 2pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Oak Class – Carol Singing at The Laurels
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas class parties

Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

Term 1	4 th September – 23 rd October 2025
Term 2	3 rd November – 19 th December 2025
Term 3	5 th January – 12 th February 2026
Term 4	23 rd February – 2 nd April 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 our [website](#).

Future INSET Days

Friday 24 th October 2025	INSET - School closed to learners
Friday 13 th February 2026	INSET - School closed to learners
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 website at www.drfirstschool.co.uk/diary	Please note, holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Other information that may be of interest



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[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 with one of the team.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Netto

Deputy Designated Leads: Mrs Brabbins & Mrs Bradley

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

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- Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224
- NSPCC: Keeping children safe online

For more information, along with regular safeguarding updates, you can also visit:

<https://somensetsafeguardingchildren.org.uk>

