



Dear families,

What an amazing and joy-filled week it has been in school! We've had a *very* busy few days with the Willow nativity performances, Christmas lunch, Christmas jumper day, and our brilliant We've Got Talent event. We have been absolutely blown away by the confidence, enthusiasm, and kindness our children have shown throughout every activity. They should all feel incredibly proud of themselves.

As we move into the final week of term, there is still lots to look forward to:

Upcoming Events Next Week

- **Chestnut and Oak Performances**
Monday and Tuesday at 2pm in the school hall. We can't wait to see the children shine on stage. There isn't a physical ticket, please join us on the day that you selected using the online form.
- **Class Parties**
Taking place on Thursday afternoon. Children are welcome to bring party clothes in a named bag and then change after lunch, ready for traditional party games in their classes for the afternoon.
- **A Special Visitor**
On Friday, we are expecting a visit from Father Christmas, kindly organised by our PTAF, which is always a magical moment for the children. Thank you for purchasing the gifts for your child via the PTAF website.
- **Carols in the Church**
We will finish the term with carols in the church at 2pm on Friday. Families are warmly invited to join us. At the end of the service, children are welcome to go home early with you.

Additional Notices

- Friday will be a mufti day for the children of the winning house - **St. David's!** Congratulations to all children in the St. David's team for their hard work and teamwork this term.
- Thank you for supporting the Book Fair last week, sales from your purchases equated to £80 of books for school.
- Hot lunches for January 2026 – please order on MCAS by Tuesday 16th December.

Thank you for your continued support during this busy and special time of year. We look forward to celebrating the final week of term together!

Mrs Netto

Wessex Learning Trust Admission Arrangements for Somerset Schools (2027/28) Consultation

The Wessex Learning Trust are consulting on their 2027/28 admission arrangements. It is statutory to consult every 7 years or when a change is made. To view and comment on the arrangements please click here

<https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/2027-arrangements>

Our consultation will start on 1 December 2025 and end on 19 January 2026 and the final determined arrangements will be published on the Trust and our School website by 15 March 2026.

Christian Values

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

"My God is my strength in whom I trust." (Psalm 18:2)

PTAF Messages

The PTAF website is where the committee will be updating any information you need to know about events, fundraising and news.

<https://draycottandrodneystokesptaf.myshopify.com>

We are planning a BIG raffle, if you can help with a donation big or small please email drsptaf@gmail.com

BUY TICKETS ONLINE

<https://draycottandrodneystokesptaf.myshopify.com/products/raffle-ticket?variant=56361688400245>



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 -

Day	3.15pm - 4.15pm	3. 15pm - 5.30pm
Monday	Mrs Major	Miss Kirk
Tuesday	Mrs Head	Miss Kirk
Wednesday	Mrs Major	Miss Kirk
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 2	
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 (bring party clothes)
Friday 19 th December	PTAF Father Christmas visit (from 10am) Carols around the tree in church 2pm All welcome

TERM 3	
Tuesday 6 th January	Year 4 Parents meeting regarding Kilve Court residential visit
Thursday 22 nd January	Forest School After School Club 3.15pm-5.30pm
Friday 30 th January	PTAF Wear What You Like Day – in exchange for raffle prizes
Friday 6 th February	Number Day

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 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.drsmfirstschool.co.uk/diary	Please note, holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Other information that may be of interest

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St Leonard's, Rodney Stoke Christingle Service



Attachment

Join us on
Sunday 14th December
at 11.15am

Make your Christingle
during the service.
(all parts provided)

Everyone is welcome!



HOLIDAY CLUB

At Kings Fitness & Leisure

- ✓ For ages 5-13 years
from £23* per day
9.00am-4.00pm.
- ✓ Extend the day with early
drop-off and late pick-up
from £4.50 per session
- ✓ Have Fun playing Christmas
games, sports, going swimming,
and doing festive arts and crafts!
- ✓ Bring packed lunch, snacks,
refillable drinks bottle, swimming
kit, weather dependant items
(sun cream, waterproofs etc).



Visit our Junior
Activities Page here:

Contact Kings Fitness & Leisure at
01934 744939 to sign up NOW!



*£23 if booked 3 weeks in advance, alternatively, £30 per day, if booked
after this time frame

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2025/2026 SOMERSET SAINT FLU VACCINATION WALK IN CLINICS FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (From Reception up to and including Year 11)

**All clinics below are for the FLU Nasal spray vaccination and are walk ins
(No appointment is needed). If your child requires the FLU inactivated injection
Please contact 0300 323 0032 to arrange an appointment.**

DAY	DATE	TIME OPEN	LOCATION
Monday	15 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Minehead Community Hospital, Luttrell Way, Minehead TA24 6DF
Monday	15 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN
Tuesday	16 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Bridgwater Community Hospital, Bower Lane, Bridgwater TA6 4GU
Wednesday	17 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Frome Community Hospital, Enos Way, Frome BA11 2FH
Monday	22 nd December	09:30 – 14:30	Victoria Park Health and Wellbeing Hub, Victoria Park Drive, Bridgwater TA6 7AD
Tuesday	23 rd December	10:00 – 12:30	Burnham-On-Sea War Memorial Hospital, 6 Love Lane, Burnham-on-Sea TA8 1ED
Tuesday	23 rd December	10:00 – 12:30	Upper Bracken House, Chard Hospital Site, Crewkerne Road, Chard. TA20 1YA
Monday	29 th December	09:30 – 12:30	Westlands Entertainment Venue, Westbourne Cl, Yeovil BA20 2DD
Tuesday	30 th December	09:30 – 12:30	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN
Tuesday	30 th December	09:30 – 12:30	West Mendip Hospital, Old Wells Road, Glastonbury BA6 8JD

Parent Support Sessions

[WISE Up Workshops](#)

[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

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
- NSPCC: Keeping children safe online

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

<https://somensetsafeguardingchildren.org.uk>

