



Dear families,

New Starters

A very warm welcome to all of our Reception children who will be joining us this September. We are delighted to have you remain part of our school community as you graduate from pre-school. The Willow Team are already busy preparing thoughtful transition arrangements to ensure every child experiences a happy, confident, and smooth start to official school life.

We also held the first of our 'Stay and Play' sessions this week and are looking forward to many more.

Earth Day

We enjoyed marking Earth Day on Wednesday and celebrating ways we can care for our planet. The children explored simple but meaningful actions they can take to help protect the environment and also shared thoughtful prayers.



Acts of Kindness

As part of our school values, we continue to encourage all children to show kindness in their everyday actions. We would love your support in promoting this at home too. Dojo points will be awarded for each act of kindness completed—big or small—so let's see how much positivity we can spread together!

Ukulele Sessions

This week saw a ukulele and guitar taster session for the children in years 1-4 who requested them and our weekly ukulele lessons started with Miss Barker for Oak Class. The children loved their session and are looking forward to the next one!

St. George's Day Celebrations

Today we are celebrating our patron saint, Saint George. The children will be learning about his story and its significance. To mark the occasion, St. George's team are also holding a bake sale—delicious treats will be available for 50p each. Thank you in advance for your support.



Sunflowers

We are excited to once again take part in the DRS Village Show sunflower growing competition, which will be held on Saturday 8th August. Sunflower seeds should have been sent home before the holidays—good luck to everyone taking part! We look forward to seeing how tall your sunflowers grow.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, filled with kindness and smiles.

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)

PTAF Messages



<http://draycottandrodneystokesptaf.myshopify.com/>

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	Sports Masters Coach	Mrs Major
Thursday	Mrs Cullen / Miss Kirk	Mrs Bradley
Friday	<i>Not available</i>	<i>Not available</i>

Procedure for booking:

- Booking must be made 7 days in advance on MCAS app.
- £5 late collection fee for every 15 minutes late.
- Emergency bookings – please telephone the school.

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Upcoming dates for your diary – subject to change

Thursday 23 rd April	10.30am – 11.30am Stay and Play in Willow Class for little learners
Friday 24 th April	St George's Team Bake Sale
Friday 24 th April – Friday 3 rd July	Oak Class Swimming Lessons
Tuesday 5 th – Wednesday 6 th May	Year 3 to Shipham First School for activities
Tuesday 5 th May – 7 th May	Year 4 Kilve Residential
Thursday 7 th May	"Stay & Read" 8.45am
Thursday 7 th May	10.30am – 11.30am Stay and Play in Willow Class for little learners
Monday 11 th May	Class Photos and Year 4 Photos
Thursday 14 th May	Forest School After School Club
Thursday 14 th May	"Stay & Read" 8.45am
Monday 18 th May	Book Swap – coffee & cake 3.15pm
Thursday 21 st May	Cricket Team – Winscombe Cricket Tournament
Thursday 21 st May	"Stay & Read" 8.45am
Friday 22 nd May	Willow Class Collective Worship – Families welcome
Friday 5 th June	Country Dancing Festival Brent Knoll 4pm
Thursday 11 th June	September 2026 Reception Parents Evening 6pm
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 4 Moving Up Celebration Wells Cathedral
Wednesday 24 th June	Sports Day 1pm Draycott Playing Field
Wednesday 1 st July	Transfer Day (all children move to their class / school for Sept 26)
Wednesday 8 th July	Back up Sports Day (if wet / hot on 24 th June)
Thursday 9 th July	Swimming Gala Oak Class – CANCELLED
Tuesday 14 th July	Whole School Trip
Friday 17 th July	Year 4 Leaver's Service 9.15am School Hall (Year 4 parents only)

Draycott & Rodney Stoke
C of E First School
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STAY AND PLAY

THURSDAY 23rd APRIL AND THURSDAY 7th MAY 2026
10:30 - 11:30 am

Join us and see what makes our school special!

- Explore our classroom
- Meet our friendly staff
- Join the fun
- Ages 2-5 years

Perfect for curious little learners!

www.drfirstschool.co.uk
01934 742052

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Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

Term 5	20 th April – 22 nd May 2026
Term 6	1 st June – 17 th July 2026

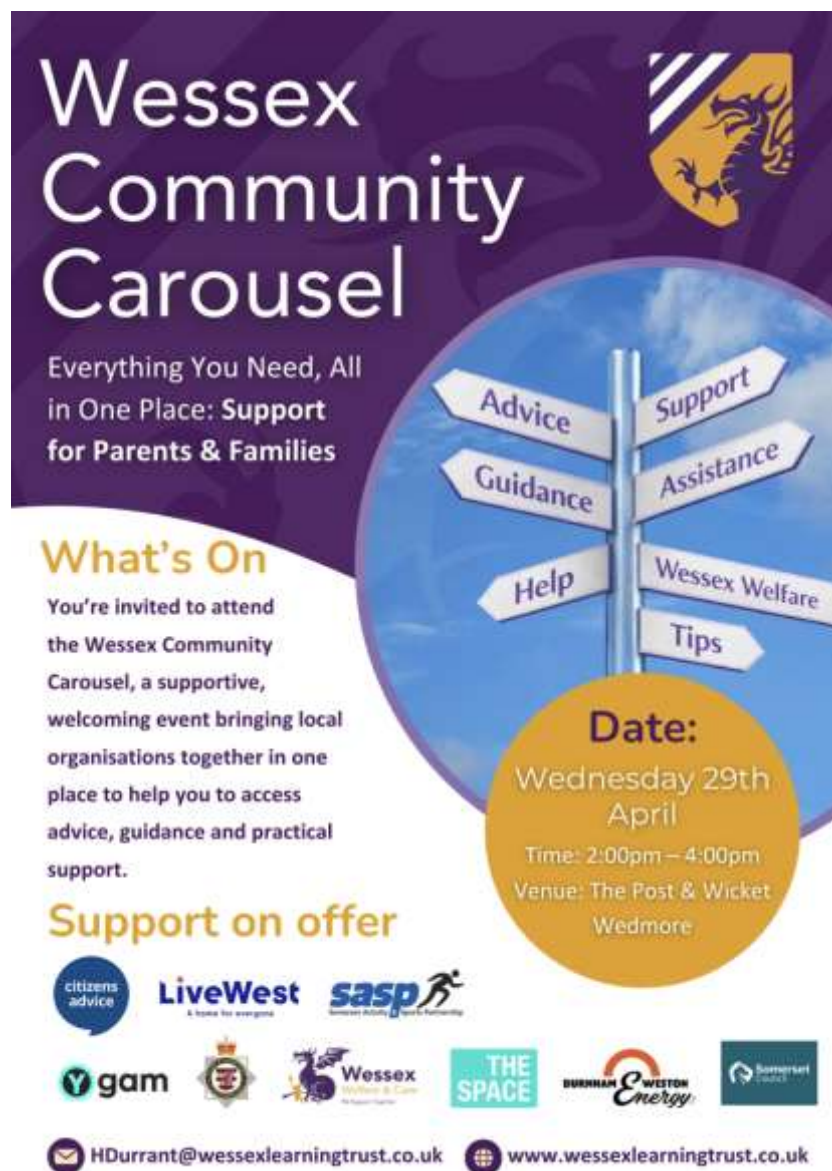
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Please see the dates for next academic year on our [website](#).

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 website at www.drfirstschool.co.uk/diary	Please note, holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Other information that may be of interest



Wessex Community Carousel

Everything You Need, All in One Place: **Support for Parents & Families**

What's On
You're invited to attend the Wessex Community Carousel, a supportive, welcoming event bringing local organisations together in one place to help you to access advice, guidance and practical support.

Support on offer

Date:
Wednesday 29th April
Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Venue: The Post & Wicket Wedmore

Logos: citizens advice, LiveWest, sasp, gam, Wessex, THE SPACE, BURHAM WESTON Energy, Somerset

Contact: HDurrant@wessexlearningtrust.co.uk | www.wessexlearningtrust.co.uk

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Parent Support Sessions

[WISE Up Workshops](#)

[NSPCWT](#)

WHAT'S ON THIS APRIL AT THE WELLBEING BLEND

WEDNESDAYS

- EVERY WEDNESDAY 8.30-10.30AM**
PARENT CLUB
SUPPORT, ADVICE, INFORMATION OR JUST A FRIENDLY FACE AND A CUPPA (ON US) **FREE**
NOT RUNNING DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS
- EVERY WEDNESDAY 8.30-10.30AM**
FOODBANK VOUCHERS AVAILABLE HERE
Trussell **FREE**
NOT RUNNING DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS
- EVERY WEDNESDAY 7.30-8.30AM**
BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
A WARM SPACE FOR OUR YOUTH BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL. **MEMBERSHIP CARD REQUIRED**
NOT RUNNING DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS

THURSDAYS

- EVERY THURSDAY 8.30PM-8.30PM**
YOUTH CAFE
CHILL OR LIVE MUSIC EVERY OTHER WEEK FOR AGES 13-19 **FREE**
NOT RUNNING 08/04
- 2ND Attachment 12.30-2.30**
WISE UP WORKSHOP SPCF
SLEEP DIFFERENCES IN NEURODIVERGENT YOUNG PEOPLE

COFFEE @ THE HUB, 1-2 LOWER NORTH STREET, CHEDDAR, BS27 3HA
THEWELLBEINGBLEND@THESPACE SOMERSET.ORG.UK

THE SPACE
COFFEE @ THE HUB
coffee @ THE HUB
Life Happens, Coffee Helps!

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>

Safeguarding is everybody's business

⚠️ If you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact:

Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224

Email: childrens@somerset.gov.uk

Police: 101 or in an emergency 999



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