



Dear families,

Well, another fun-filled week has passed. Here are a few of the highlights:

Kilve Residential

What an incredible time we've had! From grass sledging and abseiling to discos and campfire chats, the children have created many wonderful memories that we're sure will last a long time. We may have a few yawns today but the time away was worth it!

Fun in Shipham

While Mrs Cottee was away, the Year 3 children made the most of the opportunity for a special trip! Accompanied by Mrs Cullen, they visited their friends in Shipham. They explored the Forest School area and enjoyed plenty of adventures, including spending time with the ducks and chickens.

Stay & Read

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our reading session. The children absolutely love welcoming visitors into the classroom. We have a few more dates coming up, so please make sure they're in your diary—we'd love to see you there!

Stay & Play

Willow Class recently hosted another open classroom session. It was lovely to welcome many of our Strawberry Tot families, giving them a glimpse of what the next stage in their children's journey might look like. We always enjoy meeting new families and sharing what makes our school so special.

Celebrating Sir David Attenborough at 100

Today, we will be celebrating the 100th birthday of David Attenborough. The children will spend time learning about his incredible work with wildlife and the natural world, and how he has inspired generations to care for our planet. It is sure to spark some fantastic discussions in class about conservation and how we can all play our part in protecting the environment.



Class Photos

A quick reminder that the photographer will be in school on Monday to take class photos and Year 4 leavers' photos. Please ensure that Year 4 children bring both their school jumper and their leavers' hoodie on this day.

We wish you all a wonderful weekend. To our Year 4 families—fingers crossed for plenty of sunshine to help with the post-camp washing!

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	Not available	Not available

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

Friday 24 th April – Friday 3 rd July	Oak Class Swimming Lessons
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
Tuesday 2 nd June	10.30am – 11.30am Stay and Play in Willow Class for little learners
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)

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STAY AND PLAY

**THURSDAY 7th MAY AND
TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 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!

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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.

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>

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**

