

Three Saints Federation



Shepton Beauchamp Church School & St Mary & St Peter's Church School

Together We Flourish

8th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to the Autumn term and a very warm welcome to all our new reception children and their families. I hope you had a great summer break and are ready for the new academic year. I am excited to have joined Shepton Beauchamp and Phoenix class! I look forward to getting to know everyone and supporting the children through an exciting year of learning and growth. Mrs MacKay will be teaching our RE on Wednesday afternoons and Mrs Hallesy teaching Phoenix Class on Thursday afternoons.

Curriculum – Reception

Reception's topic this term is Let's Explore! In this project, your child will explore their class environment and school grounds so that they feel settled and happy in their new surroundings. They will learn about the local environment and find out about places they have visited on holiday. They will look at and create maps for journeys.

Once children have had the first few weeks to settle, we will begin teaching phonics using the Read Write Inc. phonics programme. They will begin by learning the set 1 sounds, learning to recognise and say the sounds before practicing their oral segmenting and blending.

In Music children will be focusing on nursery rhymes and action songs. Children will learn to listen, respond and join in with different styles of music.

Curriculum - Key Stage One

Our History topic is Movers and Shakers. Children will learn about historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world. They will learn to use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured and use historical models to explore their significance.

Our Science topic is Human Survival. Children will learn about the basic needs of humans for survival, including the importance of exercise, nutrition and good hygiene. They learn how human offspring grow and change over time into adulthood.

Our Art topic is Mix It! Children will explore basic colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. It includes an exploration of primary and secondary colours and how artists use colour in their artwork.

In Music children will explore key dimensions of music including pulse, rhythm and pitch. They will learn to sing, play instruments and compose using a song. Children will also listen to and appraise different styles of South African music.



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PE

Our PE days for this term are **Monday and Wednesday**. Please make a note of the P.E. days for which your child will need a named P.E. kit in school which include trainers.

Home Learning

Reception – Once children have progressed through phonics and are ready, they will bring home their own reading books. For now, children will choose a storybook from the book corner to share at home and enjoy being read to by an adult. Please also make a note of this in their reading record. Once we have started phonics, we will share videos of the sounds the children are learning so they can practice at home.

Key Stage One – Reading regularly at home is important in building children's confidence and fluency. Please write in your child's reading record when you have read with them. Alongside reading, Key Stage One can access Times Table Rock Stars at home. If you need log in details, please ask me. Once we are settled into class, Key Stage One will begin focusing on weekly spellings. Further information and details will be sent home once we start this.

A few quick reminders: Please make sure **long hair is tied up** whilst at school and **no jewellery** to be worn in school. If your child has ear piercings, these must be small, plain studs and not to be worn into school on P.E. days, please. **Please ensure your child has a raincoat as our intention is to use our outdoor spaces and play areas as much as possible – even if it is raining.**

We would like to continue to build on links with the community and our families and would warmly welcome visitors to come in and to be part of the school. If you are interested in supporting with readers or helping with our garden area, please let me know as we would love to have you in!

We will continue to share our learning each week during our Family assembly on a Friday.

If you have anything you would like to ask me or need to tell me, please either email or telephone the office and I will call you back at the end of the school day. Alternatively, I will be available at the start and end of the day, at the school gate or in the playground.

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