



Cheddar First School and Preschool

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Goodbye January!

This week, as we wave goodbye to a very busy January, it's also time to look ahead to the exciting activities that are still to come this term! From Monday, we are looking forward to celebrating Children's Mental Health week, with the theme of 'Know yourself, Grow yourself' and National Storytelling. Keep a watch on Class Dojo and Tapestry so you don't miss anything!

FPTA Update!

Last night, some of the wonderful members of our FPTA met to discuss the successful fundraising activities that have already taken place and to plan the next series of events. As always, these events will need your support, both in terms of attendance and organising. So please do help where you can because we definitely could not provide all of the lovely experiences and resources for our children without them. More information to follow...



Look at what we've been doing this week!

Loreenna from Jackdaws Music Education Trust visited **Year 3** this week to offer our children an 'Opera' experience!

It was a fantastic session with pupils singing and performing opera!

Loreenna will visit again later in the term when pupils will prepare for a performance.



Team Talk – Mindfulness

This week, as the Children's Mental Health week approaches, it has been a good time to remind our children about the strategies they can use to ensure they stay healthy in their bodies and minds.



Congratulations!

Our 'Be Proud Certificates' this week have been awarded to...

Sophie - Chicks	Maisie - Woodpecker
Olivia - Fledglings	Oonagh & Gracey - Skylark
Oliver - Earlybirds	Rudi S - Falcon
Domi - Wren	Arthur - Kestrel
Holly - Robin	Lizzie - Owl
Jaxson - Kingfisher	Darcy - Swan
Rose - Goldfinch	Harriet - Puffin



Cheddar First Preschool

Earlybird children have taken part in our showcase of We're going on a Bear Hunt. Groups have had great fun using forest school to retell the story, joining in with story phrases and getting active through grass, mud, water and even a cave to find a bear!

Fledglings have been learning the rhyme Baa Baa Black Sheep with lots of gloopy mud whilst Chicks have been loving Humpty Dumpty by building walls and balancing plastic eggs that cracked open.



We will continue with storytelling next week as we join in with school celebrating National Storytelling Week - the theme is 'Re-imagine Your World'.

Please see Memos on Tapestry for more information.



Dates for your Diary	
1 st - 9 th February	National Storytelling Week
3 rd - 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
5 th February	Books@Bedtime event 5-6pm
6 th February	PINS Parent Meeting 1:30-3pm
7 th February	NSPCC Number Day
11 th February	Safer Internet Day
13 th February	Year 1 Parent DT Session. 9:10am
14 th February	NSPCC Number Day Mufti (Last day of term)
17 th - 21 st February	Half-term
21 st -23 rd May 2025	Year 4 Trip to Great Wood

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ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent from school please notify the school office on a **daily basis**. Our 24-hour telephone line is 01934 742546 or email office@cheddarfirstschool.co.uk Where possible, we would encourage any appointments to take place after school or that your child attends school before or after the appointment. It goes without saying that the more days your child is in school, the more they will learn and we all want the best for your children.

Term Dates 2024/25

Term dates and In-service days for 2024/25 are on the website www.cheddarfirstschool.co.uk Please note holidays in term time cannot be authorised.

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:

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Smith

Deputy Designated Leads:

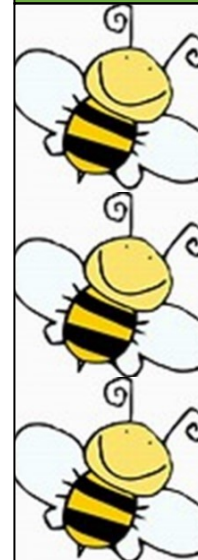
Mrs Griffin, Mrs Favre & Mrs Wade

As parents, you can contact support agencies directly on:

NSPCC: 0800 800 5000

Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224

NSPCC: [Keeping children safe online](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)



Be Safe

Be Ready

Be Respectful