



Cheddar First School and Preschool

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Happy Easter!

What a fantastic way to end the term! The children have enjoyed visitors of all different shapes and sizes from lambs to opera singers, all of which have really enhanced the children's learning experiences.

Thank you to those joined your children in with the reading workshop this week. It was so lovely to see adults and children reading and enjoying books together, whilst also enjoying a drink and biscuit! We hope that you enjoyed this event as much as we did.



As this term draws to an end we would like to wish you and your family a Happy Easter and a healthy holiday. See you soon for the start of our Summer Terms!



Green Spaces Update!

The Reception Classes had a lovely surprise this week with some new numeracy resources. These were a bit of a mission but the community pulled together to create these useful outdoor number slices.



With ENORMOUS THANKS to:

- Woodpecker Services for donating the wood.
- Winterhead Firewood for halving them because they were pretty big and heavy!
- Cheddar Valley Handyman for sanding the wood and donating the wood preserver.
- And the very talented Andy Binning of Andy's Artwork (specialising in animal paintings and pet portraits) for taking the time and effort to hand etch every slice with numbers on one side and corresponding dots on the other.



Laminated bits of paper flying around the playground no more! We hope the children enjoy using them.

Team Talk – Moods and Attitudes!

This week, as the children complete their discussions on moods and attitudes, they have been thinking about what is in their control and what is not. More information on Class Dojo.

Look at what we've been up to!

Kestrel class have been very creative this week, rounding off their Art topic 'Animal' by producing Bankura Horses made from clay. They practiced a variety of clay-work skills and produced some intricate and decorative pieces, which they should all be very proud of.



Jackdaws Music Education Trust

Another brilliant opportunity for the whole school, and especially Year 3 this week, was when an operatic group from Jackdaws Music Education Trust came to visit us. They first presented their work to the whole school and even included the children in conducting music and singing!

It was a very interactive session and the whole school were engaged in this style of singing. Later, the group provided a brilliant workshop to Year 3.



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We are very proud of the whole of **Year 2** following their wonderful Art Exhibition inspired by our topic this term, 'Flower Head'.

Thank you to all those who came to browse through the fantastic array of art work on display. It was lovely to see how proud the children were of their pieces. Another thank you to the brilliant Polly, who's workshop inspired the children to create their final pieces.



And the children in **Reception** have really enjoyed exploring their new log number resources for our outside area this week. A big thank you to our Green Spaces team and our community for organising these fabulous resources for our Reception children!



Congratulations!

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

Everyone! - Chicks

Everyone! - Fledglings

Everyone! - Earlybirds

Esme - Wren

Alfie - Robin

Nathaniel - Kingfisher

Samuel - Goldfinch

Clodagh - Woodpecker

Aurora - Skylark

Rudi S - Falcon

Oliver C - Kestrel

Skylar - Owl

Ace - Swan

Tristan - Puffin



Cheddar First Preschool

Preschool have been finding out about Easter traditions, treats and stories. Children have had lots of real experience. They tasted hot

cross buns, explored melting chocolate, decorated eggs and created Easter sensory gardens. We continue to make the most of the fabulous weather by playing outside and children have taken part in egg hunts in the garden and forest school areas!



One of our apprentices, Ella, will be leaving Preschool after Easter. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and support since September. We wish her every success in the next chapter of her career - good luck Ella!

Wishing everyone a fantastic Easter break!



Dates for your Diary

5 th - 20 th April	FPTA - Easter Trail
Monday 21 st April	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22 nd April	First day back!
Tuesday 22 nd April	Bristol Zoo Project - Reception
Tuesday 22 nd April	Year 4 Great Wood Residential Meeting. 3:45pm
Thursday 24 th April	FPTA Summer Party Planning Meeting. 7:30pm
Friday 25 th April	5:30-6:45 Year 3 Opera Evening Performance
Tuesday 29 th April	NHS Height & Weight Checks for Reception
Friday 9 th May	FPTA - Summer Party 4-7pm

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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