



Cheddar First School and Preschool

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the start of Term 5! We hoped that you had a lovely break and that the Easter Bunny paid you, as well as your children a visit! I can't believe how quickly the summer term is upon us with lots of lovely activities planned so keep a close eye on our diary dates, Dojo and Tapestry for updates and event reminders! However for now, it's lovely to welcome you all back to school and we are all looking forward to the term ahead.



On Thursday 8th May, it is the **80th Anniversary of VE Day**.

We would like to mark the occasion, celebrating peace and living harmoniously, by having a tea-time picnic (weather permitting) at 2:30pm on the field.

Children will enjoy classroom activities prior to this, to ensure learning about the history of the first VE Day. The intention is for this to be a fun and educational day for the children and staff in school.

History Dress-up Day

On Monday 19th May, the whole school will participate in a 'History Dress-up Day' to celebrate the wonderful History learning all children have been doing this term.

On this day, we are encouraging children to come to school dressed as a person from the era they have been studying - this can be as creative or as simple as you and your child would like.

- Reception - Long Ago (anything that represents life a long time ago)
- Year 1 - School Days (Victorian era)
- Year 2 - Magnificent Monarchs (British Kings or Queens)
- Year 3 and 4 - Ancient Civilizations (Sumer, Egypt, Indus Valley)

We hope that the day will be a fun and enjoyable experience! Many thanks for your continued support.



As scientists this term, the **Reception** children will observe and care for caterpillars and worms in our classrooms! We will watch to see the caterpillars go through the stages of the lifecycle of a butterfly before we are able to release them outside and observe the movement of the worms in their worm farm before putting them back to their habitat.



Team Talk – A Growth Mindset!

This week, we have been talking about having a growth mindset with the children and how powerful a positive attitude can be!

Look at what we've been up to!

Robins and Wrens have really enjoyed the start of their new topic 'Creep, Crawl and Wriggle' for this term.

On Tuesday, we went to the Bristol Zoo Project to kickstart our topic with a minibeast workshop where we could hunt and identify different minibeasts. The children also enjoyed spotting the other wonderful animals they have at the zoo!

Thank you to the adults that volunteered to come with us for our trip!





Congratulations!

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

Reuben S - Chicks	Dylan & Olivia - Woodpecker
Bea - Fledglings	Poppy & Ariana - Skylark
Olive - Earlybirds	Dougie - Falcon
Everyone! - Wren	Bridie - Kestrel
Everyone! - Robin	Syd - Owl
Fraser - Kingfisher	Freddie L - Swan
Ben - Goldfinch	Jack - Puffin



Cheddar First Preschool

Our first week back is all about settling new children into our rooms and routines - we are lucky to have such confident children.



Chicks and Fledglings have started their new topic on Sunshine and Flowers by singing Mary Mary, getting into the garden to enjoy the sun and by checking up on the planting they did last term.

Earlybirds have been learning about the importance of looking after our teeth with a visit from a dentist and joining in with teeth brushing - our smiles will be sparkling!



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 29 th April	NHS Height & Weight Checks for Reception
Friday 2 nd May	FPTA - Robin & Wren Cake Stall
Thursday 8 th May	80th Anniversary of VE Day
Friday 9 th May	FPTA - Summer Party 4-7pm
12 th - 16 th May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Monday 19 th May	History Dress Up Day
Wednesday 21 st May	New Reception Intake Treasure Hunt
21 st -23 rd May	Year 4 Residential to Great Wood
4 th -6 th June	Year 3 Residential to Mendip Activity Centre

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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:

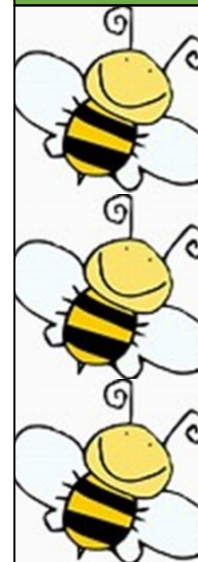
Mrs Griffin, Mrs Favre & Mrs Wade

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