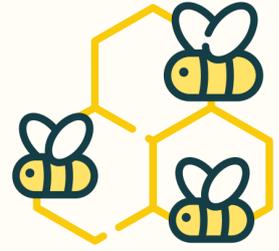




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School Newsletter

Issue No. 10

14th November 2025

Message from Mrs Smith:

What a busy week it has been with not only one dressing up day but three!!!

We started the week with celebrating Anti-Bullying Week and the beauty in difference by wearing odd socks!

Mid-week saw us turning the school red and creating poppies in lots of different ways to raise awareness of the remembrance and those brave people who have given their lives.

Finally, today, we all proudly wore our Pudsey ears and spots, to raise money for Children in Need!!

Thank you so much for supporting the children to raise awareness and money for all of these really important events.

Have a lovely weekend!

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

Be Proud!

Ladybirds	Everyone!	Goldfinch	Tilly
Bumblebees	Rozalia	Woodpecker	Ellie
Caterpillars	Lydia	Skylark	Nevaeh
Butterflies	Riley	Falcon	Amelia
Wren	Reggie	Kestrel	Otto
Robin	Rex	Swan	Lizzie
Kingfisher	Erynn	Puffin	Barnaby

Team Talk

Throughout this term in **TeamTalk**, we are talking about having a **Growth Mindset** and considering the strategies that the children can use to support them to develop this. This week, they have been reflecting on The Power of Yet! This week's activities and discussion points have encouraged the children to say they "can't do it yet" and to make a plan of how they will get there, instead of saying they can't!

Children in Need!

The children thoroughly enjoyed wearing Mufti on Friday to celebrate and raise money for the Children in Need campaign. If you are able to and haven't already done so, you can still donate via our direct JustGiving link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/cheddar-first-school-15>

Thanks for your contribution to this very worthy cause.



We are excited to launch our brand new **Royal Reader** challenge!

Each time a child reads at home with an adult, they will earn **one Royal Reader point**. These points will be added to their class total, and if the class reaches the target by the end of term, they will enjoy a special treat from Mrs Smith!

Thank you for supporting reading at home — every little bit really does make a difference. Let's get reading!

Royal Reader Challenge!



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Remembrance



On Tuesday, Remembrance Day was celebrated with a lovely assembly where children shared their fantastic Poppy artwork, poetry and a Remembrance song!



November!

Cheddar First School Team Page: <https://movember.com/t/cheddar-first-school?mc=1>

Staff are going the extra mile this month to support men's health!

This month, the staff would like to raise awareness and funds for all the dads, brothers, sons and friends in our lives. Messrs Smart, Hynam, Webb, Hussey, Britt and others are all growing facial hair or running other events for Movember.

We would love your support and encouragement and will post regular updates! Together we can raise awareness and hopefully prevent future generations from being so heavily impacted.



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Anti-Bullying Week!

Anti-Bullying Week – Power For Good!



From Monday, we have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week with the children. Focusing on the Power For Good, this fits beautifully in with our school value 'Be Respectful'.

During the week the children were encouraged to consider and respect individuality and difference in each other and took part in various activities to embed this.

As part of this celebration, the children took part in **Odd Socks Day** where they wore odd socks to school and created their own designs! This was a fun day helping to remind the children to celebrate the differences within each other and to be proud of their differences.



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This week in Preschool!



It's been a very busy week across Preschool.

We took part in Remembrance thinking about poppies and showing the setting wreath we had made last week.

Across the setting, all children have also taken part in singing for World Nursery Rhyme Week and we ended on Friday with Spots and Pudsey Yoga!





Cheddar First School invites parent to:

Mastering Multiplication Parent Workshop

Join us for a fun and informative workshop where we'll demystify the statutory Multiplication Tables Check in Key Stage 2 and share practical, engaging strategies to boost your child's confidence and fluency with times tables. You'll leave with simple, effective ideas and resources to support your child's number skills at home!

Wednesday 19th November 9-10am

School Hall

For Parents of children in Years 2, 3, and 4!

Complimentary tea, coffee, and biscuits provided

We look forward to welcoming you!



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School Council Christmas Appeal

Cheddar First School Council has worked hard to think of ways to improve our school and support others in our community over the years.

Our latest project is to help support others in the run-up to Christmas by collecting and donating items to the Cheddar Valley Foodbank – something that has been hugely successful in previous years.

This week, we have spoken to pupils about the items the Cheddar foodbank urgently require.

We are asking everyone in our school to help with this collection as much as possible by donating items from the list below. Items can be brought into school and put into the 'drop-off trolley' from **Monday 17th November up to and including Monday 1st December**. These items will be handed over to our local foodbank in time for Christmas.

We know that use of foodbanks has been rising recently and we hope that, with your generosity, we can give much-needed items to help those in need this Christmas.



Items Required:

- Cereals
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned meat
- Tinned baked beans or spaghetti
- Pasta
- Rice
- Cleaning Products
- Toiletries (toothpaste, shower gel, soap, shampoo)
- Toilet rolls
- Tinned fish
- Long life milk
- Dog & Cat food
- Orange juice
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned pasta sauces
- Sauces / Dressings
- Tea
- Coffee
- Tinned rice pudding or custard
- Jam, Marmalade, Marmite, Peanut butter
- Biscuits & Snacks
- Nappies & Baby wipes
- Sanitary products

Other Christmas-related items are welcome but **PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE WITHIN DATE**.

Although the foodbank is extremely grateful for all donations, they cannot accept homemade goods, alcoholic beverages or items that will need to be kept frozen or refrigerated. They also already have a lot of tinned soup so this is not required at this time.

As always, contributions are entirely voluntary and we thank you for continuing to support our school and the Cheddar Valley Foodbank.

Many thanks and kindest regards,

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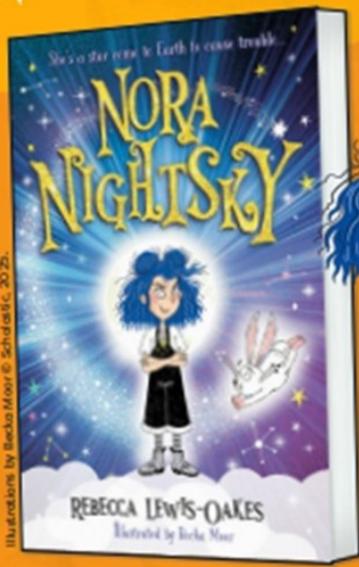
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Come to our BOOK FAIR

Every book you buy earns
FREE BOOKS
for our school!

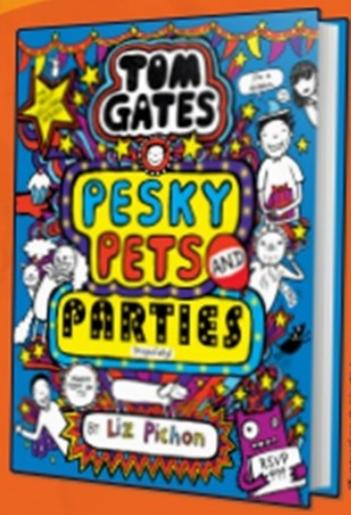
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LOVE to read!



Come and find me!



My brand new book!



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Merry CHRISTMAS

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★ CHEDDAR COMMUNITY PAVILLION ★

SHARPHAM ROAD

£5 PER CHILD (AGES 3+) PER SESSION

INCLUDES SQUASH AND BISCUIT

CHILDREN TO BE SUPERVISED BY PARENT/CARER

THURSDAY 11TH
DECEMBER

SESSION 1- 4PM-5PM
SESSION 2- 5.15PM-6.15PM

[HTTPS://CHEDDAR-FIRST-SCHOOL-
FPTA.SUMUPSTORE.COM/PRODUCTS](https://cheddar-first-school-fpta.sumupstore.com/products)

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Wreath Workshop

Get into the festive spirit with a glass of fizz, something sweet and all you need to create your own Christmas wreath!

Bookings are now open for the Christmas wreath making workshops (for over 18 years). Please note that there are limited places.

<https://cheddar-first-school-fpta.sumupstore.com/products>

All proceeds to raise money for Cheddar First School PTA.



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP FOR £35

Cheddar First School

Thursday 4th December at 7.30pm

Price includes everything you need to make a Christmas Wreath, a glass of fizz and a sweet treat! Limited places.

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Partnership for
Inclusion of
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PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS

We are delighted to share our Parent Group which is part of the Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project, we are now in Year 2 of the project.

This group is a friendly place to come and meet other parents in your school who also have children with additional needs (your child doesn't need a diagnosis to attend). We will be joined by reps from Somerset Parent Carer Forum. We hope that these groups will be a place to meet other parents and share experiences.

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Tuesday 18th November 9:30-11:00

Parent Session



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Term Dates

The term dates for 2026-27 can now be found on our website here:
https://cheddarfirstschool.co.uk/dates-news-letters/calendar_n/

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Monday 17 th November	Tulip Photography
Tuesday 18 th November	PINS Workshop 9:30-11am. See poster in newsletter for details.
Wednesday 19 th November	Mastering Multiplication Parent Workshop 9am-10am in School Hall
27 th Nov - 4 th December	Book Fair
Tuesday 2 nd December	Reception Christmas Play - Evening
Wednesday 3 rd December	Reception Christmas Play - Afternoon
Wednesday 3 rd December	Years 1-4 Christmas Play - Evening
Thursday 4 th December	Years 1-4 Christmas Play - Afternoon
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day!
Thursday 11 th December	FPTA Christmas Disco
Monday 15 th December	Year 1 Pantomime Trip to The Playhouse.
Friday 19 th December	Party Food!
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term!
Monday 5 th January	First day back!

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are concerned about a child and would like to talk to a member of staff in private, please make an appointment with one of the team via the office.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs. Smith

Deputy Designated Leads: Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Wade

As parents, you can also contact NSPCC 0808 800 500 and Somerset Direct 0300 123 2224



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