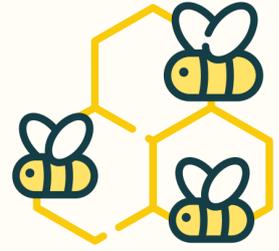




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School Newsletter

Issue No. 11

21st November 2025

Message from Mrs Smith:

The Glitter is nearly out!

Thank you to everyone who joined Mrs Harris this week for the Maths Mastering Multiplication Workshop – we hope you found it helpful and enjoyed working alongside your children too!

A huge thank you for supporting us to raise £130 for Children in Need. We know that this will really make a difference to children who need it.

This week the children have started their preparations for the Christmas Show and Nativity! Walking up the corridor, I can hear a delightful mix of times tables, phonics, elf songs and children being the full range of nativity characters! I love this time of year in school; where else can you get this mix of business as usual and the mad dash to ensure that everyone is ready on time for what is arguably the most sort after ticket of the year! We are so looking forward to sharing this year's productions with you, so I hope that you have your ticket ordered and are looking forward to joining us!

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

Be Proud!

Ladybirds	Jesse	Goldfinch	Lyla
Bumblebees	Ocean	Woodpecker	Toby
Caterpillars	Viki	Skylark	Demelza
Butterflies	Ben	Falcon	Olivia
Wren	Alfie	Kestrel	Maisie
Robin	Isaac	Swan	Eddie
Kingfisher	Freddie	Puffin	Rowan

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 beauty of making mistakes! This week's activities and discussion points have encouraged the children to understand that mistakes are not failures but steps on the way to great learning!

Mastering Multiplication!

A huge thank you to all our amazing Year 2, 3, and 4 parents who joined us for the Mastering Multiplication workshop on Wednesday morning! It was fantastic to work alongside you, share ideas, and have some fun while sharpening our multiplication skills together with the children.

Your energy, enthusiasm, and ongoing support mean so much and make a real difference to our school. Thank you for being such a brilliant part of our community! Mrs Harris.



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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Children in Need!

The children thoroughly enjoyed wearing Mufti last Friday to celebrate and raise money for the Children in Need campaign.

A big thank you to all who contributed as we raised **£130** for 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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This week in Preschool!



Learning across Preschool has had a seasonal feel this week as we have taken advantage of the natural environment. The change in temperature has led to new discoveries of frosty grass and icy tuff trays on welly walks.

Bumblebees have created an autumn tree exploring leaf shapes and colours. Butterfly room have learnt about nocturnal animals making hedgehogs out of clay and experiencing darkness in different ways.



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,

Cheddar First School Council



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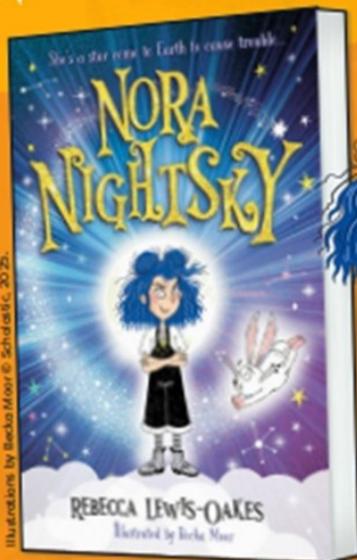


Come to our

BOOK FAIR

to spot the books you'll LOVE to read!

Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!



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Come and find me!



My brand new book!

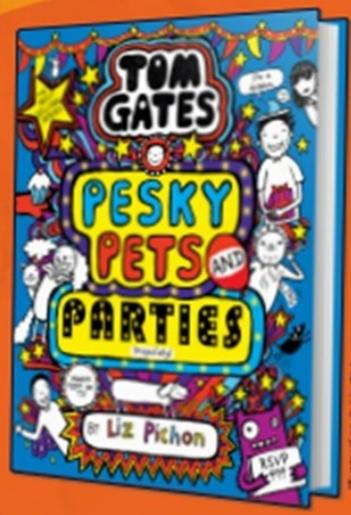


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Help our school as you shop this Christmas!

It's that time of year and we know you may be thinking about, or have started, some Christmas shopping...if you set up Easyfundraising, then you could earn a donation that helps Cheddar First School whilst you shop - and it won't cost you a penny!

Easyfundraising is a really secure, completely free-to-you way to earn donations for us, every time you shop online at loads of places like Tesco, M&S, eBay, Argos, John Lewis, and lots more! Every purchase drives a small % donation to us, that the retailer (not you!) pay - how good is that?!. It's very easy to do....you'll be all set up in under 5 minutes, just follow the steps below:

- 1 Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- 2 Search for Cheddar First School FPTA
- 3 Click Support This Cause and create your free account
- 4 Follow the setup steps to switch on the browser extension or app. Once you've done that, it runs quietly in the background — no need to remember next time you shop, it will remind you!

FPTA NEWS!



merry
CHRISTMAS
FPTA CHRISTMAS DISCO
★ **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)

CHARITY NO:1154707

The poster features a festive design with a snowman on the left, a Christmas tree on the right, and several wrapped gifts at the bottom. The text is arranged in a central column, with a red banner for the date and a green banner for the sessions. The overall theme is bright and celebratory.



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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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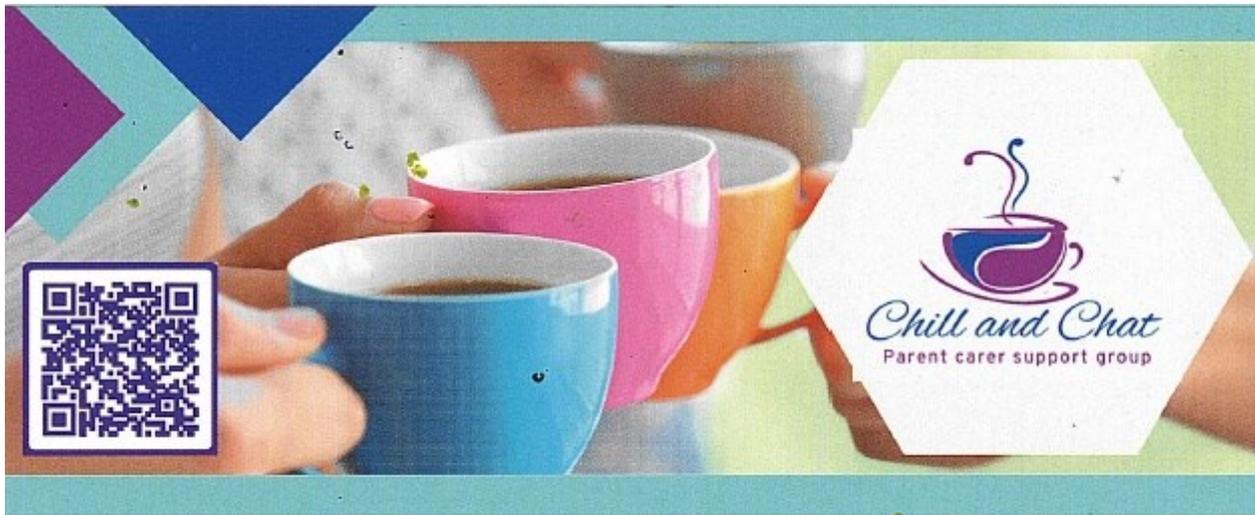
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Henstridge
1st Tuesday of the month
10am

Wells
1st Thursday of the month
7pm

Bridgwater
2nd Wednesday of the month
10am

Taunton
2nd Thursday of the month
10am

Yeovil
3rd Tuesday of the month
10am

Ilminster
3rd Thursday of the month
1pm

Street/Glastonbury
3rd Friday of the month
10am

Minehead
4th Monday of the month
11am

Langport
4th Wednesday of the month
10am

Shepton Mallet
4th Wednesday of the month
10am

Highbridge
4th Friday of the month
10am

Online
2nd Monday of the month
7:30pm



More information can be found on our website.
<https://somesetparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/events/>



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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
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 4 th December	FPTA Wreath Making Workshop 7:30pm
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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