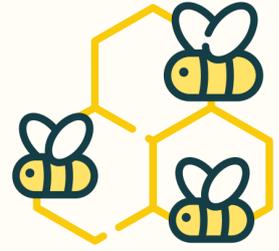




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School Newsletter

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5th December 2025

Message from Mrs Smith:

The Glitter is Well and Truly Out!

Well that's a wrap!! The Reception and Years 1-4 Christmas Performances are now complete and what a fantastic job they did – we are very proud of everyone who took part! We really hope you enjoyed the performances as much as the children enjoyed performing them for you and we have started your Christmas in style! A huge thank you to everyone for supporting these events and especially to the staff for enabling these exciting activities to take place.

Although the main performances have now taken place, there are still more Christmas events to come, particularly in our wonderful Preschool so make sure you keep an eye on Dojo and Tapestry for gentle reminders so you don't miss anything!

I hope that you have a restful weekend and are looking forward to the final two festive weeks of the year!

Be Proud!

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

Ladybirds	Everyone!	Goldfinch	Everyone!
Bumblebees	Lily	Woodpecker	Everyone!
Caterpillars	William	Skylark	Everyone!
Butterflies	Minna	Falcon	Everyone!
Wren	Everyone!	Kestrel	Everyone!
Robin	Everyone!	Swan	Everyone!
Kingfisher	Everyone!	Puffin	Everyone!

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 benefits of 'Positive Talk' This week's activities and discussion points have encouraged the children to understand how the language they use can really help their attitude to a situation. This topic explored how just by replacing 'I can't' with 'I can try' can make a huge difference– why not give it a try at home?

Year 1-4 Nativity!



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School Nativity!



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Reception Nativity!

Robins and Wrens were superstars in their Christmas production 'A Wiggly Nativity' this week!
We are so proud of them all and we hope you enjoyed watching their fantastic performances.

What a lovely way to start the countdown to Christmas!!



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Colouring Competition Winner!

Our very own Super Star!

The annual Batts Combe Quarry colouring competition has taken place with so many of our children taking a huge amount of pride and care in their entries. We were so proud of each and every entry for the effort and creative flair they demonstrated - they really did do Cheddar First School proud! Furthermore, there was an overall winner chosen from all of the local school's entries who got to turn on the quarry's iconic Christmas Star! I am delighted to announce that the winner was our very own Cheddar First School Star – Freddie Rees – Congratulations Freddie we are extremely proud of you and every night when we see the star we will remember that it was you who switched it on!



Foodbank Collection!

Katie Bishop from the Cheddar Valley Foodbank was delighted when she came to school on Wednesday to collect all of the very generous donations from pupils, parents and staff. She thinks it may be a record-breaking year with regard to the amount of goods we collected for the foodbank and thanks all of you for your generosity!



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This week in Preschool!



Getting Ready for Christmas: Our younger children have enjoyed starting their Sparkle and Shine topic with decorating the tree, creating stars and exploring light. Our older children have shared stories in a bedtime den using torches whilst talked about stars in space. Looking forward to seeing families coming along to Preschool on Wednesday 10th December at 4pm to join in with craft for Festive Fun.



Cheddar Dental Practice

Cheddar Dental Practice are now taking on NHS children - anyone under 18!
Their direct number is: 01934 742259

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 11th December

Xmas Jumper Day!

We are delighted to be supporting The Space, our local children and young people's mental health charity, for this year's Christmas Jumper Day.

On Thursday 11th December, children are invited to come to school wearing their cosiest, sparkliest or most festive Christmas jumpers.

In return, we kindly ask for a small donation to help The Space continue empowering minds, strengthening communities, and inspiring positive change.

To donate: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/cheddar-first-school-16>

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!

WHY NOT JOIN IN THE FESTIVE FUN AND WEAR YOUR
CHRISTMAS JUMPERS TO WORK THIS YEAR?
BY DONATING, YOU'LL BE SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY
— HELPING US EMPOWER MINDS, STRENGTHEN
COMMUNITIES, AND INSPIRE CHANGE



www.thespacesomerset.org.uk



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Thank You, Somerlap!

A big thank you to Somerlap, based in Mark, for kindly donating a beautiful Christmas tree to Cheddar First School. It looks fantastic in the school hall and has brought so much festive cheer to everyone!

We really appreciate your generosity and community support. <https://somerlap.co.uk>

Christmas Tree!

Somerlap



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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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Messy Church Christingle

Sunday 7th December
3pm - 4.30pm
Cheddar Village Hall

Come and join in
the Christingle
crafts, and more
followed by a
yummy tea .

Children must be
accompanied
by an adult.

To help with an idea of
numbers, please let Samm
know if you hope to come:

beneficecdrs@gmail.com

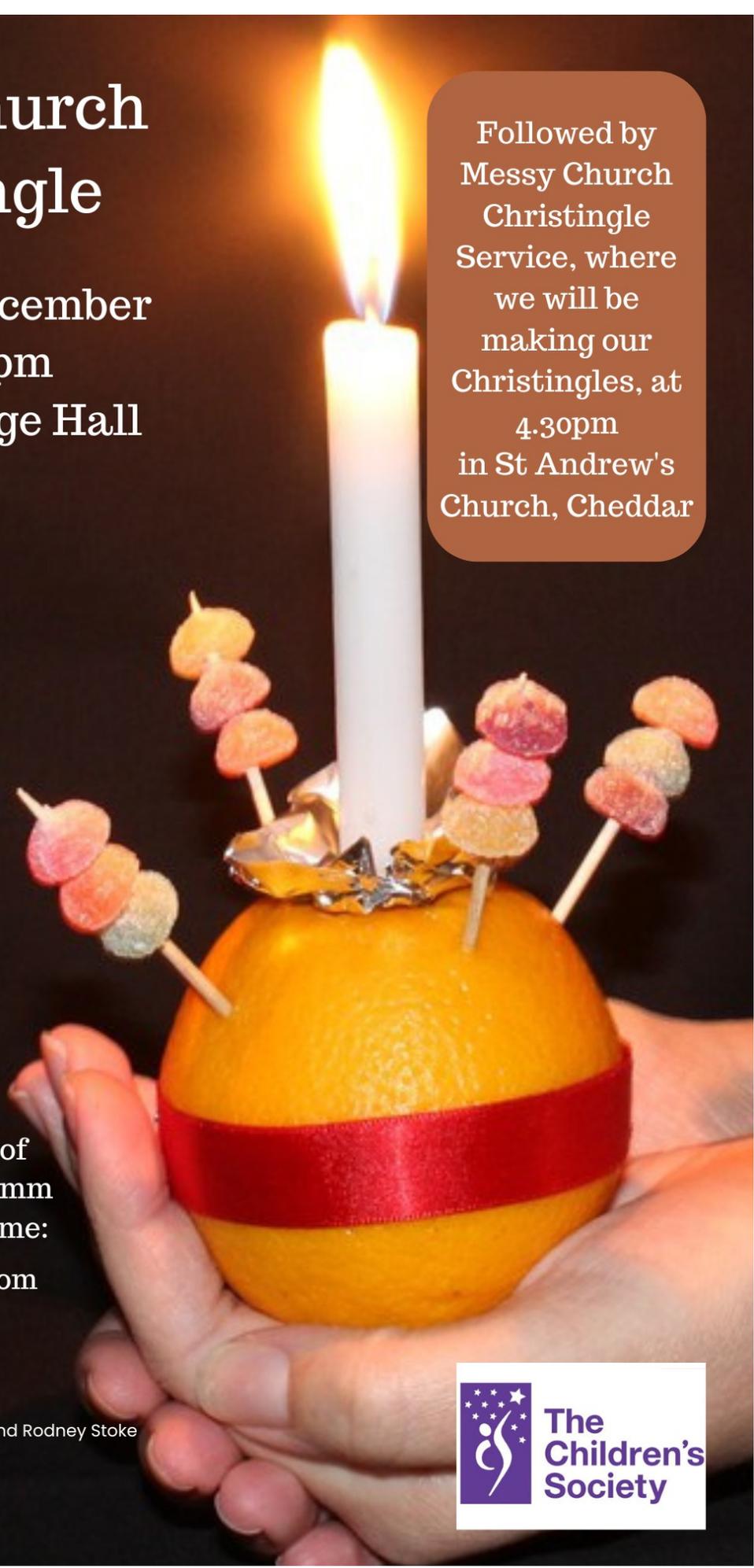
MORE INFORMATION :

 Benefice of Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke

 Cheddar Village Hall

 www.beneficecdrs.org

Followed by
Messy Church
Christingle
Service, where
we will be
making our
Christingles, at
4.30pm
in St Andrew's
Church, Cheddar



Cheddar Schools Together Present

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



13 December

10am - 12 noon

St Andrew's Church, Cheddar

Six beautifully decorated Christmas trees—created by pupils from Cheddar First School, Fairlands, and the Kings of Wessex—will be on display in St. Andrew's Church for the Christmas Tree Festival. Join us for a special morning of celebration to launch the festival.

 Refreshments

 Christmas-themed activities for children of all ages

Funds raised for ST Andrew's Reordering Project

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
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!

Movember!

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



Staff went the extra mile last month to support men's health!

Throughout November, staff have been raising awareness and funds for all the dads, brothers, sons and friends in our lives. Messrs Smart, Hynam, Webb, Hussey, Britt and others grew facial hair (with varying success) for Movember!



As December is now upon us, the tashes have been removed.....reluctantly for some, gladly for others! We wanted to thank everyone who contributed and I can announce that we have raised £217 to date! There is still time to contribute if you are able to do. Thanks again for your support for this very worth while cause. Mr Smart :)



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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