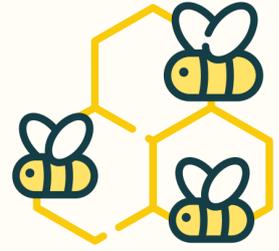




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School Newsletter

Issue No. 19

30th January 2026

Message from Mrs Smith:

Another Busy Week!

Well, the wind and the rain didn't stop us from having an inspiring week!! It was great to see so many of you joining more of our INSPIRE sessions this week. The children love these opportunities to work alongside their family members and to show you what they have been working on in class. I have to say that there were some incredible models made as a result of fantastic family teamwork and a little bit of adult competitive nature! Thank you for joining these sessions so enthusiastically!

Wednesday night also saw the return of our popular 'Books at Bedtime' event. A huge thank you to staff for dressing up in their pj's to read their favourite stories and to our wonderful FPTA for providing hot chocolates and biscuits – what a lovely way to spend the evening!

Next week, we have more INSPIRE sessions and we'll be inviting our children to dress up for NSPCC Number Day on Friday – we can't wait to see the children in their number inspired outfits!

Be Proud!

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

Ladybirds	Orla	Goldfinch	Bertie
Bumblebees	Freddie	Woodpecker	Sunny
Caterpillars	Oti	Skylark	Fraser
Butterflies	Gladmiya	Falcon	Olivia
Wren	Aurora	Kestrel	Cameron & Isla
Robin	Alfred	Swan	Evie
Kingfisher	Neave	Puffin	Lily

Team Talk

Throughout this term in **Team Talk**, we are talking about how we can **communicate effectively** whilst considering the strategies the children can use to support themselves. This week, the children explored **asking for help** when they feel stuck or unsure. They made a classroom support map showing who they can ask and how to ask for help.

Reception's Pond Visit!



Our Reception children went to visit our school pond this week and were very excited to find two newts and pond nymphs!! The children were not expecting to see many creatures in our pond due to the cold weather.

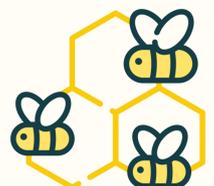
After their visit, they came back to the classroom for some research into newts and nymphs.

Robins and Wrens are already looking forward to visiting the pond again soon to see new creatures living there in the Spring!



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Year 2 Science!

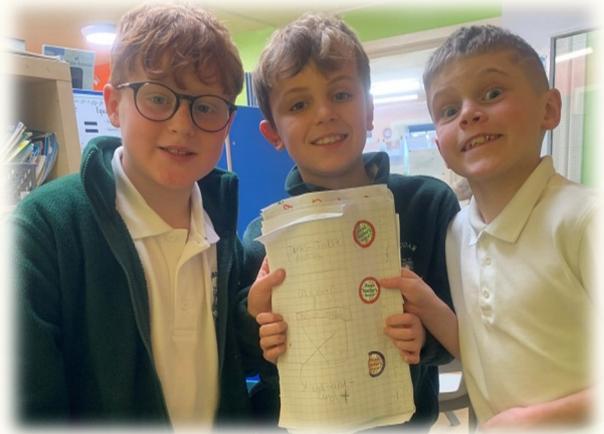
Year 2 science exploration-looking at and labelling the parts of a flower.



Year 4 children have been inspired to create their own multiplication booklets following a times table focus in year 4.

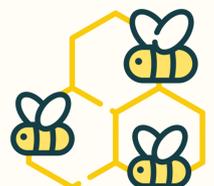
Mrs Harris was so impressed!!

Year 4 Maths!



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Reception INSPIRE!

During the Reception INSPIRE session, we used materials to create a structure.



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Year 1 INSPIRE!

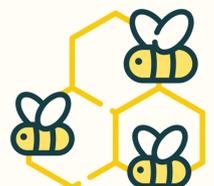
To conclude our learning about axles, wheels and chassis, Year 1 invited their grown-ups into school to create a London taxi or red bus.

All children made a fantastic model and showed great determination and creativity!



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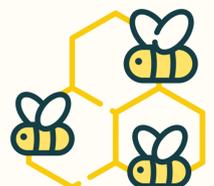


Books at Bedtime!



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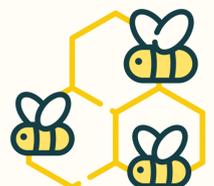


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Number Day!

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in NSPCC Number Day on Friday 6th February 2026, a fantastic opportunity to celebrate maths while helping an incredibly important cause.

Throughout the day, children will enjoy a range of fun and engaging maths activities, showing that numbers really can be exciting! The NSPCC will also be running a live competition on TT Rockstars, which we will be taking part in.

Alongside this, we will be joining in with Dress Up for Digits, where pupils are invited to come to school wearing something with a number on it. This could be a sports top, football, rugby, netball, or hockey shirt, or even a cap with a number.

Feeling extra creative? Children are very welcome to dress up in a maths or numbers theme, perhaps as a human calculator, dice, or domino!

To help raise money for the NSPCC and support the vital work they do to keep children safe, we are asking for donations and would love for everyone in the school community to take part.

We have set up a JustGiving page to make donating easy:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/cheddar-first-school-17>

Please donate if you are able, and share the link with friends and family to help us make a real difference.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to a brilliant day full of numbers, fun, and fundraising!

Mrs Harris



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This week in Preschool!



Our younger children have started a new topic on Nursery Rhymes, learning the tunes and engaging in activities to learn new vocabulary.

Older children have been taking part in stories outside in Forest school - acting out with movement and natural resources.



Children who attended today also enjoyed a visit from Adventure Babies telling the story of Whatever Next - a perfect start to our 'storytelling week' next week.

Domain 3

EATING DIFFICULTIES



Date and Venue

12 February 2026

10:00-12:00

Online

Who

Parents

Teachers

Learning support
assistants

Hour allocation

2 hours



SEF areas

We ensure that staff understand how neurodiverse needs can impact a child's behaviour and ability to learn.

We are aware of the prevalence of sensitivity around food and eating for neurodiverse children and have strategies to support children with this.

Offer details

Food and eating can be a huge issue for autistic children.

Sensory issues and anxiety can lead to a person having a very restricted diet.

What can you do to help neurodiverse children with eating difficulties? In this 2 hour session, we will explore autism and food sensitivities.

The session covers -

Sensory sensitivities and their role in eating Anxiety's role in eating.

The difficulties we usually see.

Strategies that work to help a child.

Booking

<https://shorturl.at/PrCNp>



HOLIDAY CLUB

At Kings Fitness & Leisure



For ages 5-13 years
from £23* per day
9.00am-4.00pm.



Extend the day with early
drop-off and late pick-up
from £4.50 per session



Have Fun playing games,
sports, going swimming,
and doing arts and crafts!



Bring packed lunch, snacks,
refillable drinks bottle, swimming
kit, weather dependant items
(sun cream, waterproofs etc).



Visit our Junior
Activities Page here:

Contact Kings Fitness & Leisure at
01934 744939 to sign up NOW!

*£23 if booked 3 weeks in advance, alternatively, £28 per day, if booked
after this time frame





WEDMORE HOLIDAY CLUB



For ages 5-13 years, from £23* per day, 9.00am-4.00pm, at Wedmore First School grounds



In the winter, have fun doing outdoor adventure activities in the forest school grounds, and enjoy our outdoor swimming pool in the summer!**



Enjoy a jam packed day of playing games, sports, and arts and crafts!



Bring packed lunch, snacks, refillable drinks bottle, outdoor adventure clothing, and weather dependant items (sun cream, waterproofs etc).



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Contact Kings Fitness & Leisure at 01934 744939 to sign up NOW!

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**This is a seasonal, weather dependant activity.



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
31 st January - 8 th February	National Storytelling Week
Thursday 5 th February	Year 3 INSPIRE Sessions 9:30 - 10:45am
Friday 6 th February	Non-school uniform day for NSPCC Number Day
Thursday 12 th February	Non-school uniform day for Children's Mental Health Week
Thursday 12 th February	Year 4 INSPIRE Sessions 9:30 - 10:45am
Thursday 12 th February	Last day of term
Friday 13 th February	INSET Day
Monday 23 rd February	First day back!
Mon 11 th - Wed 13 th May	Year 4 Residential to Kilve
Wed 3 rd - Thurs 4 th June	Year 3 Residential to the Mendip Activity Centre

Road Closure!

 **Heads Up, Cheddar!** 

Comer Road will be temporarily closed from 12th February for about 5 days.
This may affect school runs, so give yourself extra time and plan your route!

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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