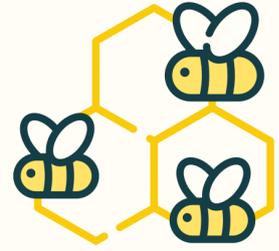




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Where Every Child Is at the Heart



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School Newsletter

Message from Mrs Smith:

What a fantastic week it has been! We saw the first whole school enrichment activity where the children spent time in their houses to create bunting in their house colours. This was an amazing opportunity for the older children to work with their younger peers and for house groups to start to get to know each other and form stronger team relationships. We are already seeing these new relationships having a positive affect on the playground and we are looking forward to the next enrichment day next term!

Also a collection of bones and skeletons were brought in and shared with the children in Key Stage 2 which caused much excitement! Our first parent workshop took place on Zones of Regulation and was well attended so thank you for coming along. If you were not able to make it, please contact the office so that details can be sent out to you. Finally the children were offered their Flu Vaccinations and Mental Health Day celebrations turned the school yellow.

Wow! What an incredibly busy and exciting week it has been! Have a restful weekend and looking forward to seeing you on Monday.

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

Be Proud!

Ladybirds	Ruben	Goldfinch	Charlotte
Bumblebees	Albie	Woodpecker	Lottie
Caterpillars	Bonnie	Skylark	Bethany
Butterflies	Rosie	Falcon	Maisie
Wren	Erika	Kestrel	Nancy
Robin	Rupert	Swan	Evie
Kingfisher	Aubrey	Puffin	Danny

Team Talk

This term in **TeamTalk**, we are continuing our focus on trying new things and building resilience to challenge ourselves. We have been thinking about friendships new and old and how to look after these friendships whilst building new ones. The children explored this topic through activities and discussion and had some really interesting ideas to share.

Hello Yellow!



We were proud to have supported the YoungMinds' 'Hello Yellow' campaign today as part of World Mental Health Day! Children were invited to come to school in non-uniform and wear something yellow to show their support for young people's mental health.

We all have days when we struggle – and for some young people, those feelings can become overwhelming. Growing up today isn't easy and too often, young people don't get the support they need when they need it most.

By wearing yellow, we're sending a powerful message: **you are not alone**. And by donating, we're helping to ensure that every young person has somewhere to turn when times are tough.

We have already raised £100 so far for this very worthy cause. If you are able to do so, you can still donate here:

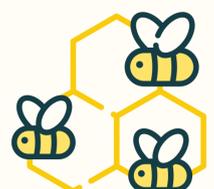


<https://www.justgiving.com/page/cheddar-first-school-14>



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500 Word Competition!

Calling all young writers!

We are excited to invite all children to take part in the BBC 500 Words writing competition - a brilliant opportunity to unleash your imagination and get your stories heard far and wide!

To enter, children should write an original story (fiction) in 500 words or less.

Don't forget to check the competition rules and age categories on the BBC 500 Words website and make sure you submit your stories before 9pm on Friday 7th November!

bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words



Let your imagination take flight!

Reception & Year 5 Admissions

Is Your Child Starting Reception or Year 5 in September 2026?

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, or they are currently in Year 4 and due to move to a middle school in Year 5, it's time to apply for their school place for September 2026.

Applications are now open and must be submitted by **15th January 2026**.

Apply online via the Somerset Council website: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/>

Need Help or Have Questions?

Please contact the school office. We are happy to support you with any part of the application process.

Paige's Fundraiser!

Paige is swimming a minimum of 5 miles in October (and is hoping to reach 10 miles!) to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society as her grandad is currently in a care home suffering with dementia.

The link to her just giving page is: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/swimfordementia2025-paigelewis

If you are able to donate, Paige and her family would be so grateful for the support for this vitally important charity.

Well done Paige - what a superstar you are!!!



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This week in Preschool!



There have been pockets of different learning taking place in different rooms this week:

Ladybird Room have been talking about families and had a trip over to the main school building to visit the new Sensory Room.

Bumblebee Room have been talking about who lives in our house and reading 'Where's Spot?'

Caterpillar Room have learnt a journey story and enjoyed showing parents round the room for Stay and Play.

Butterfly Room have been talking about birthdays and creating colours with powder paint.



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This week in School!



Kestrels have been using clay to craft pots using various forming and shaping techniques. This links with their Inquiry topic into 'Pre-historic times and the Bell Beaker Folk!'

WHAT'S ON THIS OCTOBER AT THE WELLBEING BLEND

☕ COFFEE @ THE HUB, 1-2 LOWER NORTH STREET, CHEDDAR, BS27 3HA
 @THEWELLBEINGBLEND @THESPACE SOMERSET.ORG.UK

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TUESDAYS

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WEDNESDAYS

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THURSDAYS

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SUNDAYS

7TH 11AM-1PM PFSA ONE TEAM NETWORKING EVENT <small>FREE</small>	8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH 1PM-3:30PM POSTNATAL GROUP - MARGARET MATERNITY <small>£5 PER SESSION - 10% BOOKING DISCOUNT AGREED £5 FOR REGULAR DRINK AND CAFE 20% DISCOUNT FOR ANY ADDITIONAL DRINKS/FOOD</small>	6:30PM-8:30PM EVERY THURSDAY YOUTH CAFE <small>AGES 13-19 X SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS FREE</small>	12TH 10AM-12PM SLOW STITCHING WORKSHOP <small>£20 PER PERSON, MATERIALS INCLUDED EMAIL LAURA TO BOOK: KNIGHTLEY79@YAHOO.CO.UK</small>
21ST 10AM-12PM SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM <small>DROP IN FREE</small>	15TH 9:30AM-12:30PM SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM WISE WORKSHOP <small>FREE</small>	16TH 1:30PM-3PM SEPARATED PARENTING CAFE <small>WITH SOMERSET COUNCIL FREE</small>	26TH 10AM-2PM RE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE <small>COFFEE & CAFE OR TEA CAFE FOR £5, ALL OTH. \$10 PER TABLE *HOUSE CLOTHES, SHOES & ACCESSORIES - ALL PROFITS GO TO THE SPACE</small>
21ST 7PM-8:30PM MENOPAUSE CIRCLE <small>TIME TO SHINE WELLNESS. £5 PER SESSION. LED BY AMANDA - JOIN THE SUPPORTIVE CIRCLE MONTHLY</small>	10AM-11.30 EVERY WEDNESDAY PARENT & CARER, COFFEE & CHAT <small>SUPPORT, ADVICE, INFORMATION OR JUST A FRIENDLY FACE AND A CUPPA (ON US) THE WELLBEING BLEND 10% OFF (MIN 10)</small>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">YOUTH CLUB: SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER</h3> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>TUESDAY 7TH OWLS <small>OWL ENLIGHTENMENT JOINING US WITH THEIR OWLS</small></p> <p>TUESDAY 21ST WHO AM I? <small>WE WILL TALK ABOUT WHO WE ARE AS PEOPLE, OUR LIKES, DISLIKES & INTERESTS</small></p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>TUESDAY 14TH POTTERY CREATIONS <small>STARTING OUR CREATIONS TO RAISE MONEY FOR YOUTH CLUB AND PRESENTS TO GIFT</small></p> <p>TUESDAY 28TH HALLOWEEN PARTY <small>PARTY NIGHT WITH GAMES & FANCY DRESS</small></p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">BOOKING REQUIRED</p>	

*** YOUTH CAFE:** THURSDAY 2ND DJ SET
 THURSDAY 9TH CHILL SESSION
 THURSDAY 16TH RADICAL PRIEST
 THURSDAY 23RD CHILL SESSION
 THURSDAY 30TH MANDELA (HALLOWEEN THEME DRESS UP OPTIONAL)

HALF TERM ACTIVITY

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27TH 12:30AM-2:30PM
GOACTIVE IN CHEDDAR WOODS
HALLOWEEN THEMED ACTIVITIES BOOKING REQUIRED WITH LIMITED SPACES £10 PP | AGES 8-15

HELD AT CHEDDAR METHODIST CHURCH | 6:30-8:30PM | EVERY TUESDAY



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GAMES



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PER JUNIOR

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PRICE
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AT RECEPTION.



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Open Days at Cheddar First School



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OPEN OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2PM
FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 10AM
WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2PM
FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 10AM

- Small group tours during the school day to experience our vibrant classrooms in action
- A nurturing, community-focused school in the heart of Cheddar
- Straight year groups for ages 4-9, and a welcoming nursery for ages 6 months-4
- Book your place today to explore our engaging curriculum and supportive learning environment

Please contact the office to book a space

E: office@cheddarfirstschool.co.uk T: 01934 742 546



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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
Wednesday 15 th October	Open Day at Cheddar First School 2pm
15 th & 16 th October	Year 3 & 4 Trip to the Museum of Somerset
Friday 17 th October	Open Day at Cheddar First School 10am
Tuesday 21 st October	Year 2 Trip to SS Great Britain
22 nd & 23 rd October	Parents' Evenings. More info to follow...
Thursday 23 rd October	Last day of term
Friday 24 th October	INSET Day
Monday 3 rd November	First day back!
Monday 15 th December	Year 1 Pantomime Trip to The Playhouse. More info to follow...
Wednesday 19 th Nov	Mastering Multiplication Parent Workshop 9am-10am in School Hall
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner! More to follow...
Friday 19 th December	Party Food! More to follow...
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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