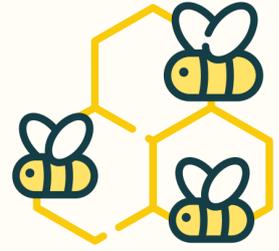




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School Newsletter

Issue No. 7

17th October 2025

Message from Mrs Smith:

What an exciting week it has been with Year 3 & 4 children going on a school trip to Taunton Museum. The trip sounded amazing and very interactive, with the children coming back full of lots of interesting facts and stories.

Another highlight of the week is that all children are now receiving a badge relating to their house groups. These badges will enable the house teams to clearly identify each other and reinforce their sense of belonging as a team. Teachers are also part of the house system, so you will see their badges too! I have to say that I was very disappointed that I didn't have a house badge too, so, as I need to be impartial, I have awarded myself a special Queen Bee Badge!

Have a fantastic weekend! Next week is the final week of term and we are looking forward to seeing you in school for parents' evenings which are now bookable through MCAS.

Be Proud!

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

Ladybirds	Leo	Goldfinch	Edith
Bumblebees	Bonnie	Woodpecker	Nellie
Caterpillars	Ronnie	Skylark	Theo
Butterflies	Wilf	Falcon	Angus
Wren	Francesca	Kestrel	Rose
Robin	Erin	Swan	Everyone!
Kingfisher	Charlotte	Puffin	Everyone!

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.

Parent's Evening!

Parents' Evening will take place on **Wednesday 22nd October** and **Thursday 23rd October** between 4:00–6:00pm. This year, bookings are being made via My Child At School (MCAS).

Please log in to MCAS and navigate to the Parents' Evening tab to make a booking.

If you have more than one child attending Cheddar First School, please allow enough time between appointments to move between classrooms.

If you experience any issues accessing MCAS or making a booking, please contact the school office and we'll be happy to assist you.



The School Council!



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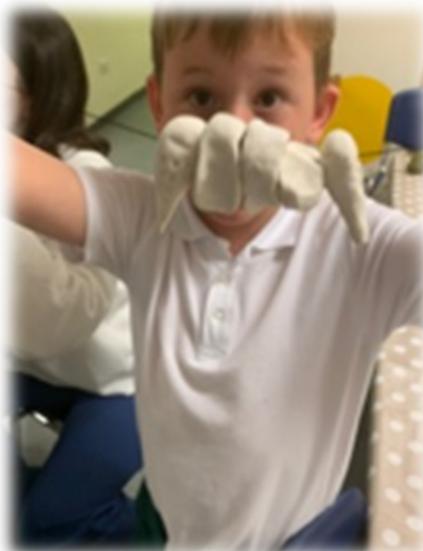
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Museum of Somerset Trip

Year 3 & 4 had a brilliant time at the Museum of Somerset this week. Children consolidated their learning about pre-historic times and had great fun exploring the ancient exhibits and participating in the Stone-Age workshops.

Thank you to Lydia at the museum, in particular, for making the experience fun and engaging.



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This week in Preschool!



Our learning this week has helped us understand different roles in the community and how people help us. We have used pretend play, songs and stories to develop vocabulary.

Children have also been firefighters and doctors in games outside and inside enjoying the last week of our enquiry around 'Me and our Community'.



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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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Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day – Thank You!

We're delighted to share that, thanks to your generous support, our school raised £120 for World Mental Health Day!

The funds will go towards supporting mental health initiatives and raising awareness for this important cause. A big thank you to all our families for your kindness and contributions. Together, we're helping to make a difference.



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.

charity number:

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Eco Council



WE NEED YOU!

Are you passionate about the environment?

Do you want to make a difference in our school and local community?

Would you like to be an Eco-Warrior and share your ideas to make a positive change?

If so, please design a poster showcasing the reason why people should vote for you to represent them at council meetings and what actions you could implement.



Little Hands Big Difference!



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**Don't miss out on the fun!
On Saturday 18th October at 3pm
In Cheddar Village Hall.**

Make bread rolls and cook on the griddle
Craft work
Forage for materials to make nests (weather permitting)
Make your own den
Have tea before you go home

If you plan to come along, please email Samm on
beneficecdrs@gmail.com

ALL AGES VERY WELCOME
Children to be accompanied by an adult please.

MORE INFORMATION :

 Benefice of Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke

 Cheddar Village Hall

 www.beneficecdrs.org

Theme: Kindness



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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
Tuesday 21 st October	Year 2 Trip to SS Great Britain
22 nd & 23 rd October	Parents' Evenings.
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.
Wednesday 19 th Nov	Mastering Multiplication Parent Workshop 9am-10am in School Hall
Tuesday 2 nd December	Reception Christmas Play - Evening. More info to follow...
Wednesday 3 rd December	Reception Christmas Play - Afternoon. More info to follow...
Wednesday 3 rd December	Years 1-4 Christmas Play - Evening. More info to follow...
Thursday 4 th December	Years 1-4 Christmas Play - Afternoon. More info to follow...
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner!
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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