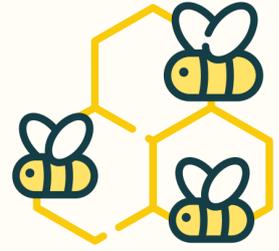




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School Newsletter

Issue No. 8

23rd October 2025

Message from Mrs Smith:

What a fantastic term we have had! Lots of school trips for the children and visitors coming into school have really brought the curriculum to life and has made for an exciting start to the year.

This week, Bristol University were back in school to show our Year 3 children lots of skeletons and inspire their Science learning. Year 2 went on a trip to the SS Great Britain this week and we were so proud of their conduct, enthusiasm and behaviour which was commented on by the staff and public - what super ambassadors they are for our school! Lastly, this week saw the culmination of the termly House competition – congratulations to all of Patchwork and Mason Bees who are this term’s joint winners!

Have a lovely Half Term and we will see you all on Monday 3rd November ready for Term 2!!



Be Proud!

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

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

Team Talk

Throughout this term in **TeamTalk**, we have been considering the strategies that the children can use to support them as they start something new. This week, they have been reflecting on what they have learnt and how they might support someone else by starting new friendships and handling situations positively.

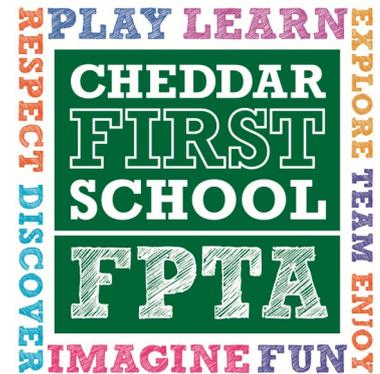
An FPTA Christmas!

Cheddar First School PTA Christmas Helpers wanted!!

We've got lots of different ways, big and small, you can get involved this festive season — whether you've got 5 minutes, a great idea, or a roll of Sellotape handy!

An ideas person?....

Come along to our Christmas Planning Session on Monday 3rd November at 7.30pm at The Riverside Pub. We'll be chatting all things festive below — some plans are confirmed, a few still need your input (and maybe a few extra elves).



Happy to help from home?....

Every year, the PTFA funds a Christmas gift for each child. Can you help us by taking some books and paper home to wrap? (Shhh... top secret from the little ones!)

Got a Christmas Raffle prize or connection?...

Our elves Lou, Rachel & Hannah are busy gathering raffle prizes!

Could you donate something, ask your workplace, or gift your own skills as an experience (a bake, a lesson, a haircut, a massage...)?

Every little helps make the magic happen

Free to lend a hand at our events?...

We'd love some extra hands for:

- Selling programmes at the school Nativity performance - elf Sadie already has lots of lovely local businesses supporting (performances 2/3/4 Dec)

And...subject to getting enough interest and help:

- Being part of the Christmas Disco Crew — pour drinks, help on the door or tidy up while your child boogies away! (Date TBC)
- And if Cheddar Festive Night goes ahead, (TBC, likely Fri 5th Dec?) we'd love a few helpers serving hot chocolate or mulled wine for a 30-min slot



Phew! We know there's a lot happening — together, it all adds up to something really special for our children ♡

Join us on 3rd November at the Planning Meeting, comment below or ping us a message directly if you can lend a hand to anything above — hopefully there's a little something in this list you feel you could do, many hands make light work and all that. It really does all makes a difference - thank you!

#CheddarFirstPTFA #EveryBitHelpsOurSchool #FestiveFunAtCFS



Natural Faces!



We are all very proud of our nurture children.
Look at their amazing emotion
Autumn natural faces!



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

Paige has already raised an incredible £265. Can you help her reach her £300 target?

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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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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WISE UP WORKSHOPS

Empowering Parent Carers to succeed



Wise Workshops @ Coffee@The Hub Cheddar



**Wednesday 15th October-
Autistic Masking**

presented by Platypus @ 10.00-12.00 & Online

Wednesday 3rd December-

Emotional based School Avoidance (EBSA)

presented by SPCF & EP Service @ 12.30-14.30 & Online

Monday 2nd February-

Understanding Sensory processing

presented by Bibic @ 12.30-14.30 & Online

Thursday 2nd April-

Sleep differences in Neurodivergent young people

presented by CYPNP Team @ 12.30-14.30 & Online

Monday 15th June-

Social Stories

presented by SPCF @ 10.00-12.00 & Online

Book now:

www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops/



These sessions are open to all parent carers in Somerset who have a child with additional needs and/or a disability.



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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
Monday 3 rd November	First day back!
Monday 3 rd November	All After-School Clubs start this week.
Monday 17 th Nov	Tulip Photography - More details to follow...
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!
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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