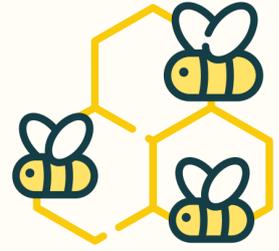




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School Newsletter

Issue No. 9

7th November 2025

Message from Mrs Smith:

Welcome back to Term 2!

We hope that you had a smooth and happy Half term and are ready for the term ahead. Term 2 is always jam packed and of course culminates in our wonderful Christmas (sorry to mention it so early!) celebrations – so hold on to your hats, keep an eye on Dojo and Tapestry for gentle reminders and together we will make it through!

This week, it has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and to start with an exciting History/Art project which saw artist and creative volunteers working together from Preschool right through to Year 4. The children have loved this project and have produced some amazing work – thank you to all the adults who made this possible.

We also saw the first of our rugby sessions taking place. These are run by Cheddar Rugby with association with The Star Scheme. What a busy and fun week it has been for everyone!

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

Be Proud!

Ladybirds	Theo	Goldfinch	Jonah
Bumblebees	Rose	Woodpecker	Nathaniel
Caterpillars	Isla	Skylark	Amber
Butterflies	Faye	Falcon	Falak
Wren	Oscar	Kestrel	Gracey
Robin	Thea	Swan	Syd
Kingfisher	Elsie & Arlo	Puffin	Ronnie

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 what they can do when they find something tricky and what strategies might be useful to help them to say “I can do it!”

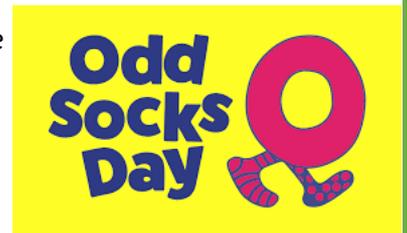
Next Week!

Anti-Bullying Week – Power For Good!



From Monday 10th November we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week with our children. With a focus on the Power For Good, this fits beautifully in with our school value 'Be Respectful'. During the week the children will be encouraged to consider and respect individuality and difference in each other and will be taking part in different activities to embed this. The Well-Being Champions will also be collating thoughts and opinions on our Anti-Bullying Charter so that it can be updated and reshared with you all.

As part of this celebration we are also encouraging the children to take part in **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 10th November**, where they can wear their odd socks to school with pride. This day is a fun day to remind the children to celebrate the differences in each other and to be proud to be different!



Tuesday 11th November we will also be supporting the children to take part in the remembrance celebration. **On Tuesday we would love the children to wear something red** as they will be taking part in a special Remembrance Assembly, where they will be show casing their artwork from this week's project and reciting a remembrance themed poem. Thank you for your support with this.

And on **Friday 14th November** the children will also be able to wear **mufti to school** and make a contribution to the **Children in Need** campaign via our direct JustGiving link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/cheddar-first-school-15>



November!

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

Staff are going the extra mile this month to support men's health!

This month, the staff would like to raise awareness and funds for all the dads, brothers, sons and friends in our lives. Messrs Smart, Hynam, Webb, Hussey and others are all growing facial hair or running other events for Movember.

We would love your support and encouragement and will post regular updates! Together we can raise awareness and hopefully prevent future generations from being so heavily impacted.



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Poppy Art!

The whole school has enjoyed participating in Poppy Art in the run up to Remembrance Day which we shall celebrate next week. A huge thank you to all of our lovely local artists who have come in to work with our children to produce such wonderful artwork.



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This week in Preschool!



It's been a week of celebrating Autumn across the setting. Children have got out and about to experience leaves above and below - the joy children discover in leaf play is infectious! Opportunities for looking, talking, collecting, printing and snipping are just a few ways we have explored the signs around us that tell us it's autumn.

We have also had a visit from an artist to help create artwork for Remembrance next week!



School Council Christmas Appeal

Cheddar First School Council has worked hard to think of ways to improve our school and support others in our community over the years.

Our latest project is to help support others in the run-up to Christmas by collecting and donating items to the Cheddar Valley Foodbank – something that has been hugely successful in previous years.

This week, we have spoken to pupils about the items the Cheddar foodbank urgently require.

We are asking everyone in our school to help with this collection as much as possible by donating items from the list below. Items can be brought into school and put into the 'drop-off trolley' from **Monday 17th November up to and including Monday 1st December**. These items will be handed over to our local foodbank in time for Christmas.

We know that use of foodbanks has been rising recently and we hope that, with your generosity, we can give much-needed items to help those in need this Christmas.



Items Required:

- Cereals
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned meat
- Tinned baked beans or spaghetti
- Pasta
- Rice
- Cleaning Products
- Toiletries (toothpaste, shower gel, soap, shampoo)
- Toilet rolls
- Tinned fish
- Long life milk
- Dog & Cat food
- Orange juice
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned pasta sauces
- Sauces / Dressings
- Tea
- Coffee
- Tinned rice pudding or custard
- Jam, Marmalade, Marmite, Peanut butter
- Biscuits & Snacks
- Nappies & Baby wipes
- Sanitary products

Other Christmas-related items are welcome but **PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE WITHIN DATE**.

Although the foodbank is extremely grateful for all donations, they cannot accept homemade goods, alcoholic beverages or items that will need to be kept frozen or refrigerated. They also already have a lot of tinned soup so this is not required at this time.

As always, contributions are entirely voluntary and we thank you for continuing to support our school and the Cheddar Valley Foodbank.

Many thanks and kindest regards,

Cheddar First School Council



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CHRISTMAS JUMPER COLLECTION!

Please donate outgrown jumpers
to Cheddar FPTA!

Donations can be left in
the uniform shed 🎄



Charity No- 1154707



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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

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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.

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Cheddar First School invites parent to:

Mastering Multiplication Parent Workshop

Join us for a fun and informative workshop where we'll demystify the statutory Multiplication Tables Check in Key Stage 2 and share practical, engaging strategies to boost your child's confidence and fluency with times tables. You'll leave with simple, effective ideas and resources to support your child's number skills at home!

Wednesday 19th November 9-10am

School Hall

For Parents of children in Years 2, 3, and 4!

Complimentary tea, coffee, and biscuits provided

We look forward to welcoming you!



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Partnership for
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PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS

We are delighted to share our Parent Group which is part of the Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project, we are now in Year 2 of the project.

This group is a friendly place to come and meet other parents in your school who also have children with additional needs (your child doesn't need a diagnosis to attend). We will be joined by reps from Somerset Parent Carer Forum. We hope that these groups will be a place to meet other parents and share experiences.

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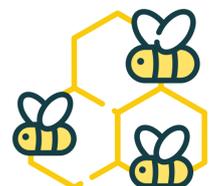
Tuesday 18th November 9:30-11:00

Parent Session



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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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Save the date! Messy Church Christingle

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

Followed by
Messy Church
Christingle Service
at 4.30pm
in St Andrew's
Church, Cheddar



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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 10 th November	Odd Sock Day
10 th - 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need - Mufti Day!
Monday 17 th November	Tulip Photography - More details to follow...
Tuesday 18 th November	PINS Workshop 9:30-11am. See poster in newsletter for details.
Wednesday 19 th November	Mastering Multiplication Parent Workshop 9am-10am in School Hall
27 th Nov - 4 th December	Book Fair
Tuesday 2 nd December	Reception Christmas Play - Evening. More info to follow next week
Wednesday 3 rd December	Reception Christmas Play - Afternoon. More info to follow next week
Wednesday 3 rd December	Years 1-4 Christmas Play - Evening. More info to follow next week
Thursday 4 th December	Years 1-4 Christmas Play - Afternoon. More info to follow next week
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner!
Friday 12 th December	FPTA Christmas Disco (Tickets go on sale 13 th Nov)
Monday 15 th December	Year 1 Pantomime Trip to The Playhouse.
Friday 19 th December	Party Food & 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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