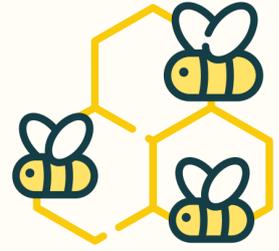




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Issue No. 25

20th March 2026

School Newsletter

Message from Mrs Smith:

Red Nose Day!

It has been another busy week bathed in sunshine, which makes everyone feel better! The children have enjoyed learning outside and making the most of the beautiful Spring weather. It was so lovely to be able to get on the field for playtimes today!

Today we have been supporting the Comic Relief Red Nose Day by laughing loudly and proudly together all whilst wearing a flash of red to support this worthy cause. It always makes me incredibly proud to see how understanding the children are of difference and how thoughtful our children are on these days. I know there have been lots of different events for you to keep track this term so thank you for your support.

Coming up we have the start of the long awaited FPTA Virtual Duck Race – we can't wait to see how it goes - more information to follow!! Also Parents evenings are now available to book on MCAS so make sure you have signed up for a slot.

Have a great weekend!

Be Proud!

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

Ladybirds	Nils	Goldfinch	Holly
Bumblebees	Imogen	Woodpecker	Samuel
Caterpillars	Jensen	Skylark	Merryn
Butterflies	Ava	Falcon	Clodagh
Wren	Ellie	Kestrel	Louie
Robin	Charlie	Swan	Oscar Ca
Kingfisher	Aubree	Puffin	Howard

Team Talk

Throughout this term, we have been talking about how to **be more resilient** whilst considering the strategies the children can use to support them. This week, the children continued to explore 'resilience' through Red Nose Day activities so that they could understand why it is so important for us to support it and how they can make a difference to others.

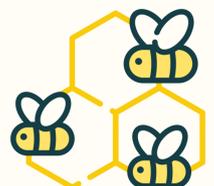
Run, run, as fast as you can!

Reception had a gingerbread-man-filled week! The children baked their own gingerbread men and then had to hunt for them when they ran off to Forest School, following a trail of flour and mess along the way!



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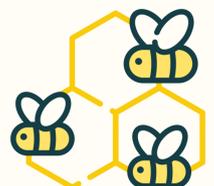
Singing Assembly!

Our weekly singing assembly with Siobhan Johnson was extra special this week as Oonagh played the welcoming music on the keyboard. Well done Oonagh!



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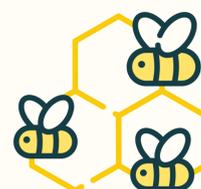
A Volcano at CFS!

Zac loved showing off the volcano he had made this week! The children enjoyed asking questions about how it was made and the science behind the volcanic eruption. Well done Zac!



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This week in Preschool!



Spring feels like it is finally here for real and we have been enjoying getting into the sunshine this week! Ladybird Room have been splashing with ducks in water. Bumble Bee Room have been looking for different flowers. Caterpillar Room have visited the pond whilst Butterfly Room have been using tools to develop fine motor skills. We love our outside learning!



Cheddar First FPTA Virtual Duck Race!

We're excited to launch our Virtual Duck Race fundraiser! Each class has its own duck that will "swim" in an online race starting Monday 30th March with the big finish on Thursday 2nd April when we'll cheer them on in school!

Fundraising:

- Each class is invited to raise sponsorship for their duck.
- Most money raised: Class wins a treat
- Race winner: Class wins a treat too!
- One child will also be picked at random from returned sponsorship forms to win a prize!

Sponsorship forms will be given to children during the upcoming week. Even £1 makes a big difference! Please return sponsorship money in a named envelope to the Post Box that will be outside the office reception by Tuesday 31st March.

Finale Day: Dress for Your Duck!

On Thursday 2nd April, children can dress up inspired by their class duck (pirate, football, army, cowboy etc.). Homemade costumes or accessories are perfect – no need to buy anything!

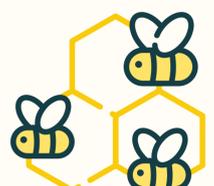
Class Ducks!	Nurture – Purple theme
Robin – Winter	Woodpecker – Royal
Wren – Explorer	Falcon – Pirate
Kingfisher – Halloween	Kestrel – Top Hat
Goldfinch – Sunglasses	Swan – Army
Skylark – Cowboy	Puffin – Football

Thank you for supporting this fun event for the children!



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CFS Green Spaces!

Join us for the next Green Spaces volunteer session on Sunday 29th March 9:30-11:30am where we'll be pruning and weeding around the school site to keep it looking lovely.

Email cfsgreenspaces@gmail.com to find out more, see the jobs list or to let us know if you're coming. Children are welcome too, they get a great sense of ownership by getting involved with their school environment.

Thank you for helping us to keep our school looking beautiful!

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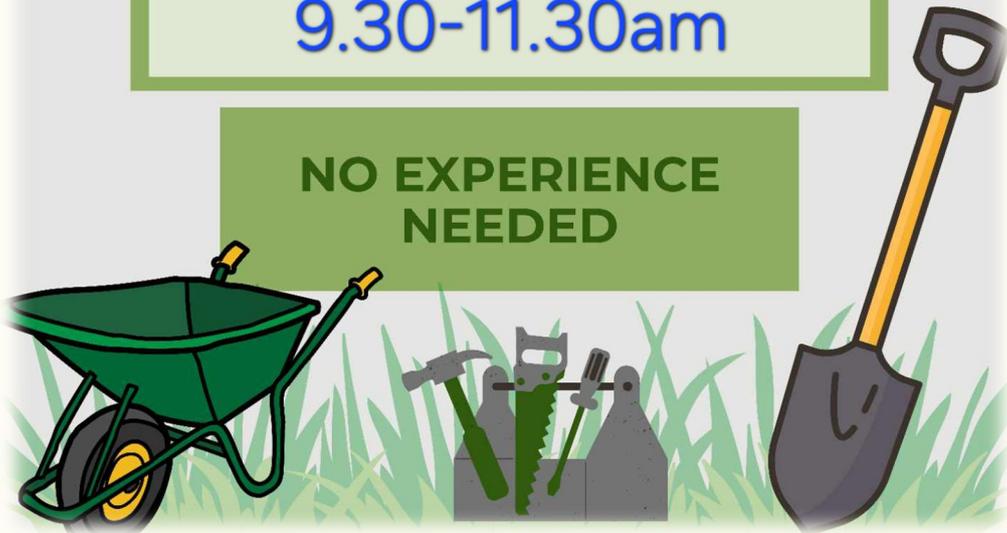
VOLUNTEERS WANTED

FOR CHEDDAR FIRST SCHOOL GREEN SPACES



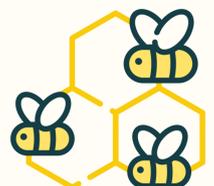
**Sunday 29th March
9.30-11.30am**

**NO EXPERIENCE
NEEDED**



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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
Friday 27 th March	FPTA Cake Sale - Kestrel Class
Sunday 29 th March	Green Spaces Volunteer Session. 9:30-11:30am. All welcome!
30 th March - 2 nd April	FPTA Duck Race Week – more info to follow
Wednesday 1 st April	Parents' Evening - more info to follow
Thursday 2 nd April	Parents' Evening - more info to follow
Thursday 2 nd April	Last day of Term 4
Monday 20 th April	Term 5 starts!
Friday 24 th April	FPTA Chocolate Bingo! More info to follow
Friday 1 st May	FPTA Cake Sale - Woodpecker Class
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6 th May	Reception Trip to Bristol Zoo Project
Friday 8 th May	FPTA Cake Sale - Skylark Class
Mon 11 th - Wed 13 th May	Year 4 Residential to Kilve
Friday 15 th May	FPTA Cake Sale - Preschool TBC
Friday 15 th May	Proposed date for the CFS FPTA Summer Party! TBC!
Friday 22 nd May	FPTA Cake Sale - Goldfinch & Kingfisher Classes
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 1 st June	Term 6 starts!
Wed 3 rd - Thurs 4 th June	Year 3 Residential to the Mendip Activity Centre
Friday 12 th June	FPTA Cake Sale - Robin Class
Friday 19 th June	FPTA Cake Sale - Wren Class
Friday 17 th July	Last day of the academic year!

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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