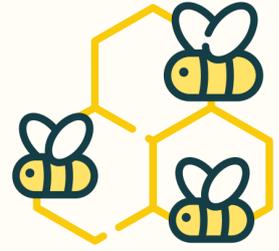




Cheddar First School

Where Every Child Is at the Heart



Issue No. 26

27th March 2026

School Newsletter

Message from Mrs Smith:

Time flies when you're having fun!

Time really does fly when you're having fun and wow, we must have been having so much fun this term because it doesn't feel like two minutes since term begun and here we are about to start the last week!

This week, the children have been out in the community again with our Year 2 children visiting our local church. Thank you to everyone at St Andrews for making the children feel welcome and for everyone who supported us to make this visit possible.

Although they all seem very ready for it, I also can't believe that some of Preschool children are getting ready to move rooms after Easter. It won't be long before some of them are moving into school!

Next week, we are all very excited to be taking part in the FPTA Virtual Duck Race and thank you so much for all of your support with this event. We can't wait to see the children dressed as their themed duck on Thursday and who will be crowned the winners!

Next week we are also looking forward to inviting you into school for Parent's Evening, if you have not yet managed to book a slot please contact your child's teacher through Dojo.

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

Be Proud!

Ladybirds	Dorothy	Goldfinch	Ivor
Bumblebees	Lily	Woodpecker	Miyah
Caterpillars	Soloman	Skylark	Ebony
Butterflies	Wilbur	Falcon	Olivia
Wren	Elio	Kestrel	Albie D
Robin	Gabriella	Swan	Eric
Kingfisher	Riley	Puffin	Kendal

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 fun activities so that they could understand why it is so important to not give up even when something is hard.

Sowing the Seeds in Reception!

The children in Reception have been investigating seeds this week.

Robins and Wrens have been looking at different types of seeds and even started to grow their own plants!

We used a newspaper pot maker to make plant pots for our cress seeds to grow. Thank you again to the Green Spaces team for donating this tool to our children for this experience!



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Language Explorers Club!

Members of our Language Explorers club meet every Wednesday to share their experiences of speaking and understanding more than one language.

Since starting the club, children have engaged in different creative activities and have made new friends.



What have we been up to?

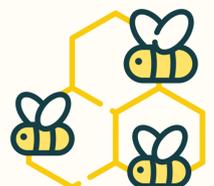
In Kestrel class, children enjoyed using weighing scales to practice reading scales and to find the mass of various objects.

They worked collaboratively and recorded their work in tables.



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This week in Preschool!



We've been making a splash in Preschool this week! Children in Butterfly room have been investigating puddles by creating puddles outside in different ways and using paint to create puddle pictures. Younger children have enjoyed the story of Snail Trail and making their own travels across different paths.



FPTA - Chocolate Bingo!

Chocolate Bingo is back!

Join us on Fri 24th April 4:30pm – 7:00pm at the Community Pavilion, Sharpham Road for a fun-filled evening!

Tickets: £5 (ages 3+)

Includes:

- Chocolate bingo
- 5 game tokens
- Free squash & water

Hotdogs: £3 (pre-order only)

Soft drinks, tea & coffee available to purchase

Book now to avoid disappointment!

Get your tickets at the link below:

<https://cheddar-first-school-fpta.sumupstore.com/product/chocolate-bingo>

Any questions, please email: cheddarfirstschoolfpta@gmail.com



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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!

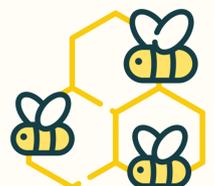
Class Ducks!	Nurture – Purple theme
Robin – Winter	Woodpecker – Royal
Wren – Explorer	Falcon – Pirate
Kingfisher – Halloween	Kestrel – Top Hat
Goldfinch – Sunglasses	Swan – Army
Skylark – Cowboy	Puffin – Football

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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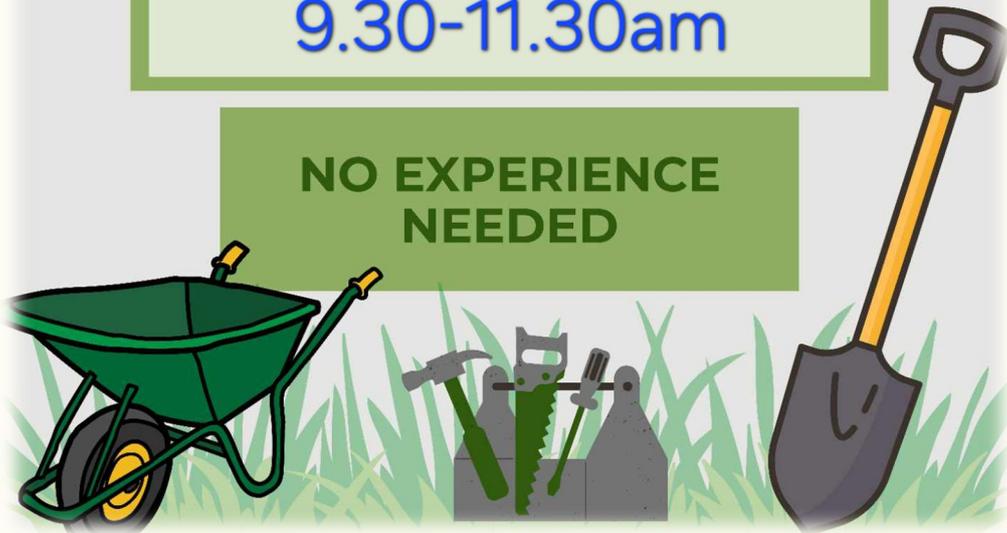
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FOR CHEDDAR FIRST SCHOOL GREEN SPACES



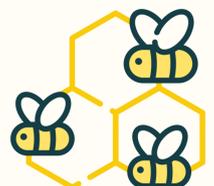
**Sunday 29th March
9.30-11.30am**

**NO EXPERIENCE
NEEDED**



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FREE Parent and Carer Workshops:



Each session will create a safe supportive space where parents and carers can engage in a way that feels comfortable for them, including anonymous contributions and end-of-session questions.

You only need to attend **ONE** workshop - but you are welcome to join two or all three if you wish.

Duration: 1.5 hour workshop + 30 mins Q&A

Online (live only):

Monday 20th April 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login by 6:55pm) - **Parents of Secondary Pupils** - Talking about sex and relationships with your teen: What parents need to know.

Monday 11th May 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login by 6:55pm) - **Parents of SEND Learners** - Supporting your SEND child with Bodies, Boundaries and Relationships.

Monday 8th June 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login in by 6:55pm) - **Parents of children ages 0-11, Early years professionals welcome too** - Starting the Conversation: Bodies, Boundaries and Relationships for the Early Years and Primary aged children.

These sessions will be led by Alice Hoyle, national RSHE expert-educator and co-author of Great Relationships and Sex Education and Becoming a Sensory-Aware School. Alice is a neurodivergent professional and parent of neurodivergent children, offering both expert guidance and lived experience to support truly inclusive, sensory-aware RSHE.

To book please scan the QR code or follow this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/2AKi48BfN8>



For further enquiries please email: **officespts@fiveways.school**

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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
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 26 th June	FPTA Cake Sale - Preschool TBC!
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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