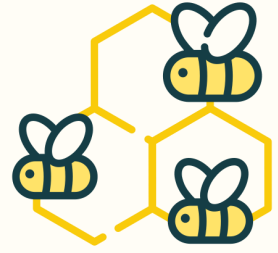


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Where Every Child Is at the Heart



Issue No. 2

24th April 2026

School Newsletter

Message from Mrs Smith:

Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term! I hope that you have all had a restful and happy Easter break and are ready for the busy term ahead.

It was so lovely to welcome the children back to lots of outdoor learning in the sunshine this week! Our Year 1 & Reception children have also started swimming this term. It is always amazing to see how far our Reception children have progressed when they are able to walk confidently to the swimming pool, get undressed and dressed, swim and walk all the way back!

A big thank you to our wonderful FPTA who have provided us with our new school signs to help keep our children safe.

Keep a watch on the diary dates as, whilst this term may be short, it's certainly still a busy one!

Welcome Back!



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

Be Proud!

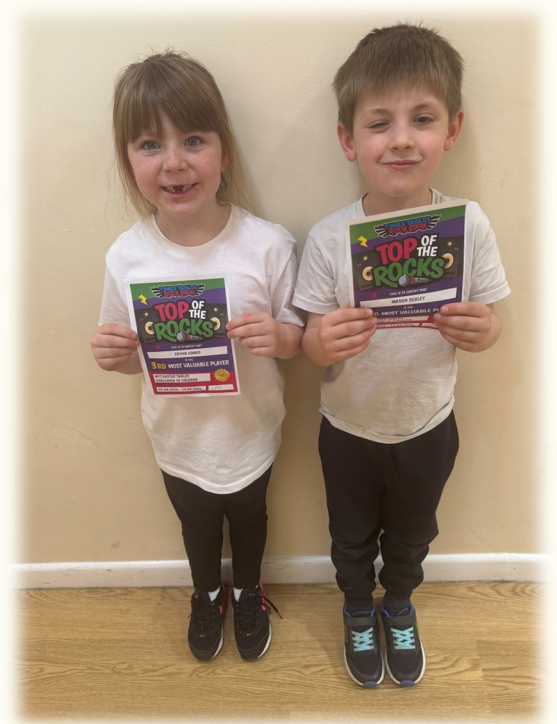
Ladybirds	Everyone!	Goldfinch	Grace
Bumblebees	Phoebe	Woodpecker	Sybil
Caterpillars	New Friends!	Skylark	Seb
Butterflies	Ada	Falcon	Nicky
Wren	Remy D-B	Kestrel	Albie H
Robin	Flo	Swan	Harley
Kingfisher	Freddie	Puffin	Georgia

Team Talk

This term, the focus is on the range of feelings our bodies feel. This week, children explored different feelings and learned that all emotions are normal. They practised recognising and naming feelings to better understand themselves.

TT Rockstars!

In Assembly this week we celebrated our TT Rockstars! Thank you so much to all of the children who worked hard over the Easter holidays to complete the WLT multiplication competition. A special well done to Kestrel class who were the top scoring class of Cheddar First school!! Puffin Class were awarded with second place and Skylarks were third. What an achievement.



A very big well done to Bethany in Skylark class who achieved the highest score in the school with a whopping 2179 points. Mila in Kestrel closely followed with 2051 points - wow! And one of our youngest participants, Elsie in Kingfisher, got 1091 points!

I was so impressed- well done! Keep your eyes peeled for more competitions and prizes coming soon! Mrs Harris.



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This week in Preschool!



We have welcomed new friends to our setting, caught up on holiday news and settled back into our familiar routine.

Rooms have been getting gardens ready to plant so the weather has been perfect to get those weeding jobs done! We look forward to getting things growing very soon.



All Things Plants!



The Year 4 children have been enjoying finding out about plants; exploring their structure, functions and features.

They have been amazing botanists recording their learning including detailed, labelled diagrams and fabulous facts.

They are currently investigating how water is transported through xylem vessels in celery with food colouring.



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Tuning Into Parenting (TIPS)

Dear Parent

Having successfully run our pilot course we are now happy to announce we are planning our second round. If you would like to know more then please join us on the evening of Wednesday April 29th at 5pm for a coffee and chat at 'Community at the Hub, Cheddar'.



You will be able to meet with participants who have completed the first workshop and The Space staff to ask any questions you may have.

These six weekly sessions are open to all parents with children attending a school within Wessex Learning Trust.

This evidence-based programme focuses on building emotional intelligence in children by helping parents and carers learn how to better understand, connect with, and guide their child through their emotions. The aim is to create a more holistic, whole-family approach to emotional development and wellbeing.

If this sounds like something that would benefit you and your family then please do contact us to express your interest.

www.thespacesomerset.org.uk or follow us on

Social Media www.instagram.com/thespacecheddarvalley or

www.facebook.com/thespacecheddarvalley



Dear Parent/Guardian,

It's that time of year again! We are planning to run our Football Academy this summer. The Football Academy is centred around children of all abilities and ages having an enjoyable football experience whilst learning new skills. Our aim is that all children have a fantastic time, have fun, and make friends through playing football.

The academy begins on **Monday 27th July** and finishes on **Thursday 30st of July**, starting at **9am** and finishing at **4pm**. The academy is open to children from **Year 1 – Year 11**. It will be held at Hugh Sexey Middle School, Blackford, Wedmore, BS28 4ND. The timetable incorporates a mix of training, tactics, tournaments, competitions, and fitness. We aim to deliver high quality coaching whilst the children enjoy themselves participating in tournaments, games, and challenges.

The academy is staffed by teachers/qualified FA coaches who are First Aid trained and have experience of coaching children. The cost per child will be **£110** for the four days or **£35** for a day. We hope you agree this offers excellent value for money considering the level of coaching and activities provided. Each child will leave with a **Participation Medal and a Football**. Throughout the four days there are plenty of chances to win prizes, trophies, and various medals in all types of competitions such as Crossbar Challenge, 5 sec shootout and Penalty Shootout. On the final day there is a presentation ceremony where prizes and medals are given out.

If you would like to take this opportunity, then please fill out this [online booking form](#) . For payments pay online via bank transfer. Transfer the correct amount to:

GWMC FOOTBALL ACADEMY
Sort code 30-67-47
Account number 34871860
Ref: YOUR CHILDS NAME(S)

Please remember - **availability is limited and places are filled on a first come, first served basis**. Once your child has confirmed their place you will shortly receive a receipt. In late June you will be sent a timetable and further information. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please contact Mr. Waterfield/Mr Coggins via e-mail gwmcfa@hotmail.com. We will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours

Sincerely

Mr. Waterfield

&

Mr. Coggins



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FOR
DETAILS

**ST ANDREW'S
FRIENDS & FAMILY
QUIZ NIGHT**

Saturday 9th May

6pm Cheddar Village Hall

**Join the reordering group for a fun
evening with family and friends**

Teams of up to 8 with a max of 6 adults

£2 per person

Cash / card for drinks & snacks from the bar

Raffle

Bring some £1 coins for half time games

Space is limited, book your space early via email

beneficecds@gmail.com

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 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 - Fri 15 th May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Mon 11 th - Wed 13 th May	Year 4 Residential to Kilve
Thursday 14 th May	'Wear it Green Day' - In aid of The Space
Friday 15 th May	FPTA Cake Sale - Preschool TBC
Friday 15 th May	FPTA Summer Party! 4-7pm
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	History Dress-Up Day! More info to follow...
Friday 12 th June	FPTA Cake Sale - Robin Class
Friday 19 th June	FPTA Cake Sale - Wren Class
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day!
Friday 26 th June	FPTA Cake Sale - Preschool TBC!
Thursday 9 th July	Year 4 Leavers Service & BBQ
Friday 17 th July	Last day of the academic year!

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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