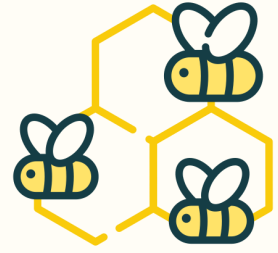


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School Newsletter

Message from Mrs Smith:

Welcome to Mighty May!

Well what super week to welcome in Mighty May! This month we will be challenging ourselves and the children to use positive affirmations and scripts to ensure that even when we begin to tire we can keep going – because what a busy month May is going to be! Everything from the FPTA Summer Party to residential and class trips, Mental Health Awareness Week activities to parent information meetings, it is all happening so make sure that you keep a close eye on Dojo and Tapestry to ensure that you don't miss anything!

April didn't disappoint us though and this week we saw it out in style with lots of lovely visitors in school. We always love showing people around and sharing the wonderful learning that is taking place and to hear how well our children are doing. It was also fantastic to welcome in Kimberley Hanks, a local author, who very kindly gave up her time to share her books and writing process with the children. The children were so excited by her assembly and I know she will have inspired lots of future budding authors so a huge thank you to her. If anyone else has an inspiring career or experience that they would like to share with our children we would also love to hear from you.

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday Weekend and we will look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday!

Be Proud!

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

Ladybirds	Niamh	Goldfinch	Kaja
Bumblebees	Grace	Woodpecker	Phoebe
Caterpillars	Imogen	Skylark	Kensi
Butterflies	Esther	Falcon	Fox
Wren	Oliver	Kestrel	Teddy
Robin	Marnie	Swan	Manuel
Kingfisher	Dommie	Puffin	Chloe

Team Talk

This term, the focus is on the range of feelings our bodies feel. This week, the children learned the importance of talking about their feelings and identifying trusted people they can go to for support. They practised simple ways to start conversations when something is worrying them.

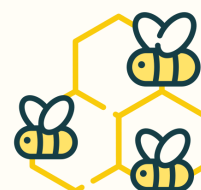
Language Explorers Club!

Children in our Language Explorers club have been working on flag collage this week. The children enjoy coming together each week to share their experiences with other bilingual learners in our school.



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This week in Preschool!



Across Preschool, children have been involved in all aspects of growing food - getting beds ready by weeding and digging, getting compost moved, filling pots, planting seeds and watering plants.

The growing spaces are all looking very productive!

Children have joined in with songs and stories about growing and gaining hands on experience with different vegetables.



FPTA: Summer Party!

Sun's out....and our annual CFS Summer Party is back!!

Can you help out? Preparations are in full swing for the event and lots of organising for this has been completed....so we now just need support on the day to make it a success!

If you can help, please can you let the PTA know - either WhatsApp Sarah on 07773 392279 or email cheddarfirstschoolfpta@gmail.com

"Help" could be...joining us to set up the field in the afternoon, clear down after the event, or manning the bar or a stall - for whatever time period you can do. If you'd prefer to help on a games stall, Class teachers will also be in touch.

Every pair of hands counts - thank you! Please note - we 100% include all our lovely Preschool children parents & guardians in this event, and equally welcome your help too if you can !

Raffle tickets: These have gone out in book bags this week, with some FANTASTIC prizes up for grabs. Please return your sold tickets and money to the red letterbox outside the office.

Tombola prize donations: Please drop these off to the office too! New & like-new items very gratefully received!

SUMMER PARTY

Friday 15th May
3.45pm-6.30pm

CHEDDAR FIRST SCHOOL FIELD

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- bouncy castles •
- games •
- tombola •
- rugby •
- disco queen •
- 5 slice pizza •
- bar •
- ice cream •
- raffle •

and much more!

Pre-order your games tokens and inflatable wristbands to skip the queue!

PLAY LEARN
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IMAGINE FUN

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FPTA: Chocolate Bingo etc!

Chocolate Bingo Fun & Fundraising Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and joined the fun at last week's Chocolate Bingo! It was a fantastic event, with brilliant feedback from both children and adults alike. Special thanks to Rachel for organising the event, the FPTA volunteers (Steve, Hayley, Pete, Katie, Hannah, Laura, Lou and Will) and the children who ran the games - Everyone helped to make it a great success!

Last Sunday, Lou, Will, Laura and Becca also represented the FPTA at the Cheddar Rugby Festival, selling raffle tickets to visitors who could win a wheelbarrow full of goodies including generous donations from Thatcher's and St Austell Brewery!

What a fab fundraising weekend: across the two events, we raised over **£1,000** for the school!



Local Partner's Needed!

Support Cheddar First School – Become a Local Partner (Formally known as a School Governor)

Cheddar First School is looking for Local Partners, a flexible volunteer role where you can use your skills to support the school and help shape the future for children in our community.

We welcome individuals from all backgrounds and professions to contribute. You'll play a key role in providing support, challenge, and accountability, helping ensure the school continues to thrive.

Learn more and apply here: <https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/vacancies/governor/>

Interested or have questions? Please contact Charlotte Cox at ccox@cheddarfirstschool.co.uk



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Skylark Cake Sale!



£1 per Cake
Cash/Card Accepted



FRIDAY 8th May



**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
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
Tuesday 19 th May	Swan's MTC Parents' Information Evening: 3:30-4:15pm
Thursday 23 rd May	Puffin's MTC Parents' Information Evening: 3:30-4:15pm
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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