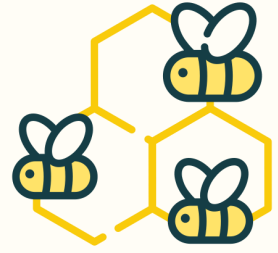


# Cheddar First School

Where Every Child Is at the Heart



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8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

# School Newsletter

## Message from Mrs Smith:

### What a busy Week!

Although this has been a short week, we have still managed to pack a lot in, meaning that May has certainly started in style! The children have been busy learning both inside and outside the classroom and it has been great to hear and witness how engaged and excited they are by what they are doing.

The Reception children also ventured out of school on their first school trip this week. They were incredibly brave and set off on their coach for a visit to The Bristol Zoo Project, full of smiles! They had a fantastic day and were a credit to the school and themselves with their polite manners and good listening. A huge thank you to the staff and the lovely volunteer helpers who made this trip possible and such an enjoyable experience for everyone.

Next Friday is the wonderful Summer Party, organised by our incredible group of FPTA members. This is always such an enjoyable event and always raises lots of money to support enrichment opportunities and resources for all of our children. I really hope that you will be able to come along and support us from 4pm next Friday, and have a fabulous time too!

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday when we wave our Year 4 children off on their residential trip to Kelve!

## Be Proud!

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

Ladybirds	Ruben	Goldfinch	Tilly
Bumblebees	Nadia	Woodpecker	Harriet
Caterpillars	Florry	Skylark	Lizzie
Butterflies	Erik	Falcon	Harry
Wren	Bertie	Kestrel	Asha
Robin	Ezra	Swan	Oscar Cr
Kingfisher	Charlotte	Puffin	Elowen

## Team Talk

This term, the focus is on the range of feelings our bodies feel. This week, the children explored ways to manage big emotions such as anger and frustration. They practised simple strategies to help calm their bodies and minds.

# Attendance Letters!

Yesterday, all families received a letter outlining their child's current attendance percentage.

We appreciate that some parents may have been concerned to receive this letter especially where attendance is particularly high or where absences have been due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances such as a part-time timetable. The purpose of the letter was not to cause worry or suggest that there is a serious concern but rather to inform all families of their child's current attendance percentage and the number of recorded late arrivals.

Whilst we acknowledge the feedback we have received and will make some adjustments moving forward, these letters will form part of our routine termly communication with parents so that we can continue to work together to support every child.

As always, we are committed to working in partnership with families and offering support where needed. If you would like to discuss your child's attendance further, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



## 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](mailto:ccox@cheddarfirstschool.co.uk)



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# Wear it Green Day!

## Wear it Green Day - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Get ready to go GREEN! On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, we will be taking part in 'Wear it Green Day' with a non-school uniform day to raise awareness and support for children's mental health.

Children are invited to wear something green and make a donation to help support The Space, a local charity providing vital mental health support for children and young people in the Cheddar Valley.

Every donation will help make a difference!

Please donate here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/cheddar-first-school-19>



## Tennis Assembly!

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed an exciting tennis assembly with Stephen Pearce from Cheddar Tennis Club. The children learned about the skills needed to play tennis, heard about opportunities to get involved locally and even had the chance to join in with some fun demonstrations and activities.



A big thank you to Stephen for visiting us and inspiring the children to get active and give tennis a try!

Please see the poster later in the newsletter outlining a Tennis Open Day at Cheddar Tennis Club this Sunday!



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# This week in Preschool!



Exploring natural treasures, engaging curiosity and trying new things have all been learning experiences in Preschool this week.

Ladybird Room have been looking for potatoes in soil, Bumblebee Room checked their growing seeds, Caterpillar Room made soup to try and Butterfly Room found out about exotic fruit!



# FPTA: Summer Party!

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

Please see below a poster for our exciting CFS Summer Party - just one week to go! You can now pre-order your games tokens and inflatable wristbands here: <https://cheddar-first-school-fpta.sumupstore.com/products>. These will be available at the event, but we'll get these out to you ahead of time to help you skip the queue!

## Final shout outs!

**Help out?** Helping out for just 30 minutes will still give you lots of lovely time to enjoy the event with your little ones and family. Sign up on classroom doors for games stall, bar or tombola...or to cover a couple of remaining slots on our Glitter/Tattoo or Face painting stall if you feel creative! Any questions or offers of help, email [cheddarfirstschoolfpta@gmail.com](mailto:cheddarfirstschoolfpta@gmail.com) or message Sarah on 07773 392279. Every pair of hands counts - thank you!

**Raffle tickets:** Some FANTASTIC prizes are up for grabs. Please return your sold tickets and money to the box outside office!

**Final call for Tombola prize donations:** Please drop these off to the office. New & like-new items very gratefully received!

\*Please note - we very much include all our lovely Preschool children, parents & guardians in this event, and equally welcome your help if you can too!\*

**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!

PLAY LEARN  
RESPECT  
CHEDDAR  
FIRST  
SCHOOL  
FPTA  
LONG WHEEL PROUDLY  
IMAGINE FUN

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

Charity NO:1154707

# CHEDDAR TENNIS CLUB

## OPEN DAY

SUNDAY  
**10<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**10AM – 4PM**



**COME AND TRY  
TENNIS FOR FREE**



**BALLS AND RACKETS  
AVAILABLE TO BORROW**



**EXPERT COACHING  
AVAILABLE**



**25% OFF MEMBERSHIP  
ON THE DAY**



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
**STEPHEN PEARCE**  
LTA SENIOR CLUB COACH  
**07904061301**

# 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/](https://cheddarfirstschool.co.uk/dates-news-letters/calendar_n/)

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> - Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Residential to Kilve
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	'Wear it Green Day' - In aid of The Space. Donate by clicking <a href="#">here</a>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	FPTA Summer Party! 3:45-6:30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	FPTA Cake Sale - Preschool @ Summer Party
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Swan's MTC Parents' Information Evening: 3:30-4:15pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Puffin's MTC Parents' Information Evening: 3:30-4:15pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	FPTA Cake Sale - Goldfinch & Kingfisher Classes
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Term 6 starts!
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Residential to the Mendip Activity Centre
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	History Dress-Up Day! More info to follow...
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	FPTA Cake Sale - Robin Class
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	FPTA Cake Sale - Wren Class
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day!
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leavers Service & BBQ
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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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