



Cheddar First School

Where Every Child Is at the Heart



School Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Smith:

Happy Holidays!

I can't believe that the school year has ended – time really does fly when you're having fun! This week, in true Cheddar First School & Preschool style, we ended the term with a jam packed week of exciting activities. From Sports day to ice cream vans, the children really have ended the term with a smile on their faces and lots of happy memories to last them over the summer break!

Always at this time of year, I would like to share my heart felt thanks to all of you for your support and trust, We never underestimate what it takes to hand over your children to us each day and it is an absolute privilege to support each and every one of them on their learning journey. A huge thank you to the staff for their care and dedication in making Cheddar First School & Preschool the nurturing and fantastic setting that it is. Lastly the biggest thank you is to all of our wonderful children, who's individuality and enthusiasm for learning inspires us everyday.

As we go into the long Summer break, please stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back in September!

Be Proud!

Ladybirds	Everyone!	Goldfinch	Everyone!
Bumblebees	Everyone!	Woodpecker	Everyone!
Caterpillars	Everyone!	Skylark	Everyone!
Butterflies	Everyone!	Falcon	Everyone!
Wren	Everyone!	Kestrel	Everyone!
Robin	Everyone!	Swan	Everyone!
Kingfisher	Everyone!	Puffin	Everyone!

Team Talk

This term, the focus is on how we can keep ourselves safe. During this week, the children reflected on all the ways they can help keep themselves safe. They created a class safety toolkit and celebrated strategies they can use at school, at home and in the community.

This morning, the Eco-Council wandered over to forest school to hunt for the best spot to place our Hedgehog House! The children were very excited and shared their ideas about what the hedgehog's might like to have in their house to be comfortable. They collected lots of natural materials from around forest school, including leaves, twigs and bark, and then placed them inside the house. Let's hope the hedgehogs will find their new home inviting!



We will regularly check in on it and see if we can encourage some new residents.

On behalf of all of Eco-Council, we would like to give a huge thank you to Mrs Jenkins (DT teacher at KOW) who has kindly made our 'Hog House'!



This week in Preschool!

We took delivery of a new "shop" for Forest School on Tuesday. Massive thanks to Amy from Green Spaces for all her efforts in the funds & organisation of having it built. The first photo is of our children using it this week!



Our children in Preschool make us very proud.

Ladybird and Bumble Bee Rooms invited all their friends in with parents to celebrate the end of the year and took part in a lovely teddy parade in Forest School.

Butterfly Room children confidently celebrated their time in Preschool singing songs and sharing memories of our years together.

Some of the children were the first to start in our Baby Room so a special moment to see them ready to move on.



It's also been a week to enjoy company, playing and loving extra special treats of bouncy castles and ice creams.

We wish everyone a happy healthy holiday.



Preparing for September – Information for Families

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our families for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you all have a wonderful, well-deserved summer break!

To help everyone have a smooth start to the new academic year, we've put together a few helpful reminders and updates for September.

New School Lunch Ordering System

From September, school lunches will no longer be ordered through My Child at School. Instead, lunches will be booked using Aspens' new ordering system, Swift Kitchen.

A huge thank you to everyone who has already completed the allergy form. During the summer holidays, every family will receive an email containing a unique registration code, along with instructions on how to set up their Swift Kitchen account and order lunches ready for the new school year.

School Uniform

Our school uniform helps children feel part of the Cheddar First School community, encourages pride in their appearance and ensures everyone starts the day ready to learn. We kindly ask all families to ensure children return in September wearing the correct uniform.

You can find our full uniform policy on our website:

<https://cheddarfirstschool.co.uk/parents-and-carers/school-uniform/>

If you're looking for affordable uniform, don't forget our fantastic FPTA Pre-Loved Uniform Shop, a great way to pick up good quality items while supporting our school community!

School Bags

To help us make the best use of our cloakroom space:

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children should only bring their school book bag to school (please do not send rucksacks).
- Year 3 and Year 4 children may bring a small rucksack, if needed.

If your child needs a new book bag, please contact the school office.

The School Day

Classroom doors open at 8:45am, with registers taken promptly at 8:55am, arriving on time helps children settle into their day and ensures they don't miss any learning. The school day finishes at 3:30pm.

To help protect learning time for all children, from September we will only be able to authorise early collections for medical appointments or agreed part-time timetables. If your child has a medical appointment, please provide evidence of the appointment to the school office before collection. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us minimise disruption to learning.

Home School Agreement

Attached is our Home School Agreement. Every family signs this when they join Cheddar First School, and we'd really appreciate it if everyone could take a few minutes over the summer to read through it again. It reminds us of how we can work together to help every child feel happy, safe and successful at school.

Parking

To help keep our site safe and ensure access for staff and emergency vehicles, we kindly ask that parents do not use the school car park for drop-off or collection.

Nut-Free School

A reminder that Cheddar First School is a nut-free school. Please help us keep all of our children safe by ensuring that no food containing nuts is brought onto the school site.

Please Name Everything!

Please ensure that all uniform, PE kits, coats, water bottles, lunch boxes and book bags are clearly named before your child returns in September. Named belongings are much easier to return to their owners and help reduce the amount of lost property we collect throughout the year.

Thank you once again for all of your support this year. We wish you all a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!

FLAN JAM 4

MARKET, ARTS + CRAFTS, SKATEBOARDING, BEERS, MUSIC.

RAISING MONEY FOR:

THE SPACE

SATURDAY
JULY 18TH
2026
12-9PM



CHEDDAR

WITH BEAR HANDS



CLEANTECH TALENT



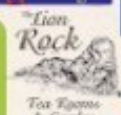
PETRUTH PADDOCKS
Free Range Camping



SIMPLE PRINT STUDIO



Fresh thought for food on the move



CHEDDAR

Cheddar Parish Council



THATCHERS
THE FAMILY CIDER MAKERS
CHEDDAR VALLEY

BRGP

LAW

REAPER
LIVE | STUDIO | ONLINE

CHEDDAR SELF STORAGE

MINICIG

INSPIREDWORX

GRS

OnPoint



Grove
CAFE & DELI

TINNEY & CO

PACIFICUS

KINGS

DEANES CIDER

THE JAM

THE JAM

The Benefice of
Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke

FREE HOLIDAY CLUB

Jungle Jamboree



Based on stories Jesus told

Monday 24th to Thursday 27th August

**The Village Hall, Cheddar
from 9.30-12.30**

for children aged from 5 to 12 years

Email: beneficecdrs@gmail.com for more details



CHEDDAR Flower Show

SATURDAY
15TH AUGUST 2026

A celebration of creativity,
skill and nature for all ages.

ENTER YOUR EXHIBITS TO BE JUDGED



BAKING



ART



CRAFTS



FLOWER
ARRANGEMENTS



PLANTS



VEGETABLES



CHILDREN
ARTS & CRAFTS



PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE FROM

Cheddar Library • Katie-Boo
The Hub • Woodburys • Towntown Deli



FIND US ON
FACEBOOK

CHEDDAR TENNIS CLUB

SUMMER HOLIDAY

JUNIOR TENNIS CAMPS

FUN • SKILLS • FITNESS • FRIENDS



SENIOR LTA CLUB COACH



HIGH COACH-TO-PUPIL RATIO



RACKETS AND
EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED



BOOK A SINGLE DAY
OR ALL FIVE DAYS!

**MONDAY 27TH –
FRIDAY 31ST JULY**

**5-10
YEARS**

MORNING SESSION

10:00am – 12:30pm

**11+
YEARS**

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00pm – 4:00pm

**£7.50
PER HOUR**

FOR MEMBERS

A SMALL SURCHARGE
APPLIES FOR
NON-MEMBERS



**CONTACT
STEPHEN PEARCE
FOR INFO**

07904 061301

Term Dates

The term dates for 2026-27 can now be found on our website here:

<https://cheddarfirstschool.co.uk/dates-and-news/calendar/>

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Monday 7 th September	First day of the new academic year!

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If you haven't done so already, please scan or click on the QR Code to complete the required dietary form. The details for this can be found [here](#)



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 0800 800 500 and Somerset Direct 0300 123 2224



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