



Cheddar First School

Where Every Child Is at the Heart



School Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Smith:

What a lovely Week!

It has been such a lovely week, with the school being full of smiles, activity learning and wonderful chatter! The children have been continuing to settle into their new class routines and our new Year 4s have really stepped up, proving that they are fantastic role models. Our new Reception children have also been so amazing at getting used to school routines, completing a school treasure hunt and even staying for school lunch!

Swimming also started this week with Years 2 & 3 leading the way. Thank you to all of the lovely parent helpers who supported the children in safely getting down to the pool this week. If you can support with walking in the future, please let your child's class teacher know because we really can't swim throughout the year without your help!

I hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Be Proud!

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

Ladybirds	Isla	Goldfinch	Thea
Bumblebees	Wilf	Woodpecker	Theo
Caterpillars	Bonnie	Skylark	Mason
Butterflies	Isla	Falcon	Florence
Wren	Everyone!	Kestrel	Willow
Robin	Everyone!	Swan	Nancy
Kingfisher	Henry	Puffin	Dylan

Team Talk

This week, the children have been discussing how they can keep themselves safe in and out of school, as well as near water. I wonder if they can recall the phrase they learnt or the song they sung to remind them?

Year 3 at Forest School!

Year 3 enjoyed making 2-digit numbers in Forest school this week.



Somerset Soccer School!

Tuesday After-School Football Club

Somerset Soccer Schools are now taking enrolments for their new Tuesday after-school football club at Cheddar First School.

 Tuesdays

 End of school – 5pm

 Open to boys and girls in all year groups

Fun, structured sessions with experienced coach Richard Bourton, with 90 minutes of coaching for approximately £6 per week. 

To find out more or book a place, visit: www.somersetsoccerschools.com/after-school



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OPEN OCTOBER

TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2PM
THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 10AM
TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2PM
THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 10AM

- Small group tours during the school day to experience our vibrant classrooms in action
- A nurturing, community-focused school in the heart of Cheddar
- Straight year groups for ages 4–9, and a welcoming nursery for ages 6 months–4
- Book your place today to explore our engaging curriculum and supportive learning environment

Please contact the office to book a space

E: office@cheddarfirstschool.co.uk T: 01934 742 546



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Pupil Premium Applications!



Pupil Premium - More Than Free School Meals!

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), we strongly encourage you to apply, this applies to children in every year group.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically receive free meals through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. However, registering for FSM is still important, as it allows our school to receive additional Pupil Premium funding to provide extra support and opportunities for our children.

Why register?

As well as free school meals, registering can:

- Help fund additional staff, smaller group work and personalised support
- Support enrichment opportunities, school trips and extracurricular activities
- Ensure your child continues to receive free school meals in Key Stage 2 and beyond

Help your child access free or discounted opportunities, such as after-school clubs and residential trips

Registering is quick, confidential and does not mean your child has to have school meals, they can still bring a packed lunch.

How to apply

You can apply online or contact the school office if you need any help. Apply or find out more: [Somerset Council – Free School Meals](#)

Registering can make a real difference to your child and our school community.

This week in Preschool!



The children are settling well into our routines with confidence and independence.

We have enjoyed getting children out into our amazing outside spaces, walking through the cut grass on the field, riding on bikes and scooters, exploring forest school and playing in our gardens!



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
Thursday 1 st October	Adventure Babies 3:45-4:45pm (Preschool)
Monday 19 th October	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 20 th October	Little City (Preschool, Reception, Year 1)
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 3 Trip to the Somerset Museum
Thursday 22 nd October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 22 nd October	Last day of term
Friday 23 rd October	INSET Day
Monday 2 nd November	INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd November	INSET Day
Wednesday 4 th November	Term 2 begins!

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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