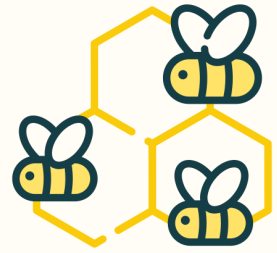




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School Newsletter

Issue No. 3

25th September 2026

Message from Mrs Smith:

What a lovely Week!

It has been such a lovely week in school and preschool this week, with so many smiling faces! The children have been excited by their learning both inside and outside of the classroom and have produced some amazing writing and creative pieces.

This week, we have had a focus on our school values of Be Ready, Be Safe Be Respectful. The children have been very thoughtful about how they can live out these values and have produced some very creative bees to help remind them.

We are all very excited for our 'Words and Wonder Enrichment Week' next week with lots of special activities planned and visitors coming in to further inspire our children. We will look forward to sharing more with you next week, in our newsletter and on Dojo, and Tapestry.

I hope you have a wonderful 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	Jensen	Goldfinch	Ella
Bumblebees	Clara	Woodpecker	Lyla
Caterpillars	Tilly	Skylark	Riley
Butterflies	Sienna	Falcon	Sunny
Wren	Elijah	Kestrel	Phoebe
Robin	Rosie	Swan	Harlo
Kingfisher	Abi	Puffin	Oonagh

Team Talk

This week, the children have been discussing about how they have settled into their new classrooms. They have thought about what is the same and what is different and also what they would like to get even better at this year.

Year 3 Watercolour Mixing!

Year 3 have been identifying and recording colours which they have mixed using watercolours. They have been mixing colours based off of different paintings.



Year 2 Geographers!

Year 2 have been working hard on combining their artistic and inquiry skills as Geographers this week. They have produced magnificent detailed and informative illustrative maps of our local area. Woodpecker Class would love to share their wonderful work and take you on a visual and soundscape tour of Somerset!



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Cheddar First FPTA AGM News!

♥️ FPTA AGM Update – Thank You! ♥️

Following on from Thursday's AGM, a big thank you to everyone who came along – it was lovely to see both familiar and new faces!

We'd also like to say a huge **thank you to Laura Fester**, who has stepped down as Chair after all her hard work and support over the past year 🐝

Our new committee for 2026/27 is:

- ★ **Chair – Hayley Keates-Porter**
- ★ **Treasurer – Louisa Williams**
- ★ **Secretary – Sarah Humberstone**

Last year was a fantastic year for the FPTA, raising **over £11,500!** 🐝 We simply couldn't do this without the support of our parents, carers, families and wider community.

A big thank you also goes to **Mrs Smith and all the teachers and staff** for their continued support. The money you've helped us raise has given the children access to so many extras – from the **planetarium and art workshops to new resources, the library refurbishment, enrichment activities and much more.** ✨

We've got lots planned for the year ahead! We touched on a few things at the AGM and can't wait to share more once everything is in place – including more enrichment opportunities and... we may have heard a little rumour that some rather theatrical visitors could be making an appearance at school later this year... 🧐👂💡

👋 **New Reception families – we're looking for class reps!** It's nothing scary or time-consuming – you'll simply be a friendly link between your class and the FPTA, helping us share messages and things like reminders for your class cake sale. **There's no pressure or expectation to help with anything else!** ♥️

We still need your help! 🙏

Helping the FPTA doesn't mean signing your life away! 😊 Whether you can sell cakes for half an hour, help set up or run an event, source a raffle prize or lend a hand occasionally, it all makes a difference.

If you'd like to help or just find out more:

✉️ cheddarfirstschoolfpta@gmail.com

💬 You can also join our **FPTA WhatsApp Community** here: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JSits5TONkcF8mW6Zgez6C>

Thank you again for all your support – we're looking forward to another brilliant year for the children at Cheddar First! ♥️



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Green Space Volunteer Session!



Join us for a CFS Green Spaces Volunteer Session weeding and Autumn planting on:

Sunday 4th October
9:30am - 11am



Any help would be gratefully received! Please email Amy on cfsgreenspaces@gmail.com for more info!



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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.

PLEASE JOIN US –
NO NEED TO BOOK!

NEW Parent Hub

A welcoming space for
parents, carers & little ones



Every Wednesday



9-11am



Coffee @ The Hub (back room)



with the lovely Holly



Somerset Parent Carer Forum C.I.C.

Once a month (3rd of the month), Ellen, a fabulous navigator from Somerset Parent Carer Forum (SPCF), will be in to give advice and information – or just share a hot cup of coffee and a chat.



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Parent Carer Drop-In Cheddar



Coffee @ The Hub , 9:30 -11:30
No need to book.

We are delighted to be partnering with The SPACE and Wessex Learning Trust to offer a welcoming and supportive SEND Navigator Drop-In Session for parent carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

Come and meet Ellen, our SEND Navigator, alongside Hollie from The SPACE, and find out how we can help you access the right support, information, and services for your family.

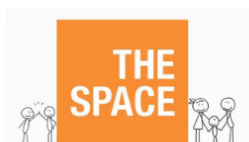
Ellen can help you to:

- Access reliable and up-to-date information
- Find the right people and services to support your family
- Prepare for meetings, reviews, and appointments
- Understand the support and options available to your child
- Complete forms such as DLA, PIP, and grant applications
- Help parent carers build confidence in understanding and supporting their child's needs.

Whether you have a specific question, need guidance, want to meet other parent carers, or simply need a friendly and understanding space to talk, you are very welcome to join us.

2026/27 Dates

- Wednesday 16th Sep
- Wednesday 21st Oct
- Wednesday 18th Nov
- Wednesday 16th Dec
- Wednesday 20th Jan
- Wednesday 17th Feb



This week in Preschool!



The children in Preschool have been exploring our topic 'Me and My Community', using our core text of Head Shoulders Knees and Toes to explore facial features and bodies. Whilst extending language and getting creative, children love to share their understanding.



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
Thursday 1 st October	Adventure Babies 3:45-4:45pm (Preschool)
Wednesday 7 th October	Open Evening at Fairlands 6-7:30pm (Year 3 & 4)
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

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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