



Cheddar
First School

Where Every Child Is at the Heart



School Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Smith:

Oh My Word, What a Wonderful Week!

This week, we have been celebrating all things poetry to support National Poetry Day yesterday! Our wonderful 'Words and Wonder' week was supported by all of you via our fantastic FPTA and saw the children engaging their inner poet and creative sides as they explored a number of amazing activities. From the Years 3 & 4 children taking part in drama workshops run by Somerset Youth Theatre where they learnt all about performance skills ready for performing their class poems in assembly today, to Adventure Babies taking our Reception, Year 1 and 2 children on a special immersive story telling adventure - along with their teddy bears of course! Finally Preschool had a visit from Boogie Beats where they also explored their creative sides through dance and music! It really has been such a fantastic week of inspiring experiences for our children! Look out on Dojo for the Poetry Performances as they are amazing!! Well done to everyone for bringing this week together for our children and a huge thanks to Somerset Youth Theatre, Gemma from Adventure Babies, Boogie Beats and all of you for making it happen. The children really have had a wonderful week and these sorts of experiences would simply not be possible without your financial support!!

Have a safe and fun weekend!

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

Be Proud!

Ladybirds	Nils	Goldfinch	Samuel
Bumblebees	Matilda	Woodpecker	Charlotte
Caterpillars	Albie	Skylark	Freddie
Butterflies	Angelica	Falcon	Rose
Wren	Shelby	Kestrel	Theo
Robin	Millie	Swan	Oliver
Kingfisher	Alfie	Puffin	Maisie W

Team Talk

This week, the children have been discussing about how they feel when things change. They have thought about the feelings they experience when there is an unexpected change and how not all change is difficult. This was a great opportunity to talk about strategies they can use when they feel anxious and it was reassuring that they already had lots in place to help already.

Words and Wonder Week 2026!

The children have had so much fun immersing themselves in language and movement this week!

The week began with the creation of sound poems during a bee group enrichment session.

We had Somerset Youth Theatre come in on Wednesday to work with our KS2 children - they were fantastic!

On Thursday, Gemma from adventure babies brought stories alive with our Reception and KS1 children.

On Friday boogie beats came in to do a words and movement session with our Preschool children. It's been a busy week!

All pupils were able to perform their poems in a whole school assembly this morning. We hope you enjoy watching your child's performance on class dojo.

Thank you so much to the FPTA for funding such a vital part of the curriculum and for allowing the children to experience the wonder of words in such a fun, creative way! The children of cheddar are very lucky!



A Quick Reminder!

It is so lovely to see so many of our children walking, cycling and scooting to school – what a great way to start their day!

Please can you ask your children to dismount from scooters and bikes when they enter the school site as there have been several near misses recently and, with such a busy site, we would hate for anyone to get hurt.

Thank you for your support with this.



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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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This week in Preschool!

Everyone in Preschool has had an opportunity to be involved with Words and Wonder week!

Storytelling, exploring rhymes and action songs, musical activities and performing together - children are confident to join in our core rhyme of Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.

Well done everyone for their enthusiasm.



CFS Green Spaces News!

Cheddar First School Green Spaces received a grant this summer from the Mendip Hills Fund provided by the Somerset Community Foundation to replace the wooden roleplay shop in Forest School. Thank you so much! AB Bespoke Woodwork created the fantastic shop with extra shelves, plenty of countertop space and rounded corners, with child's play in mind.



Cheddar First School Green Spaces are also running another volunteer session this **Sunday 4th October 9:30am-11am** to help keep the school grounds looking tidy. Bring gardening tools for planting and weeding, kids are welcome - they can get involved or play with friends.



WANTED: Donations of non-toxic hardy plants and flowers. The Green Spaces team would love to bring some colour to the site, we'd particularly love some winter pansies or something similar.

Email cfsgreenspaces@gmail.com to let us know you are coming and to check plant donation suitability/safety. Thank you for your support.



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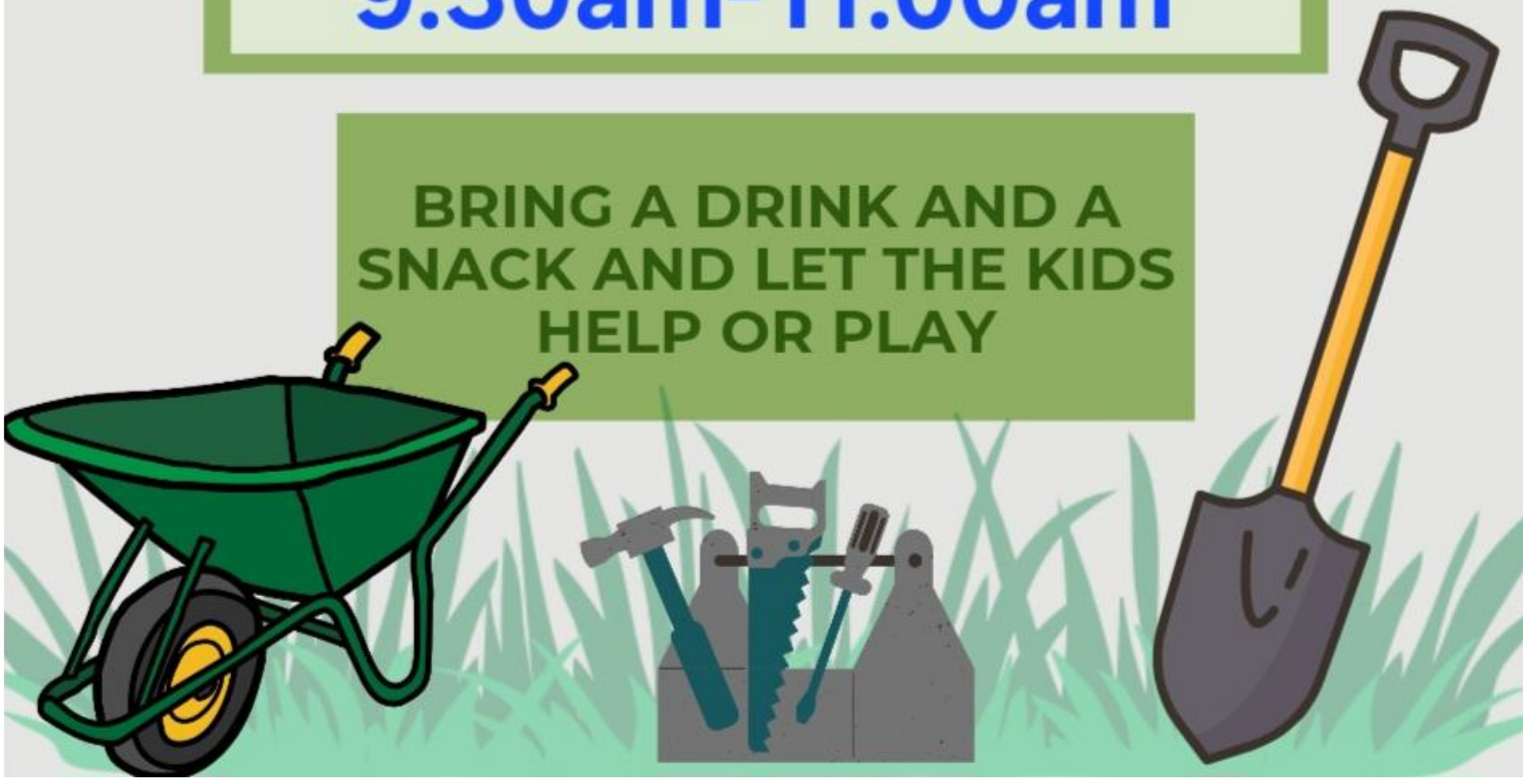
VOLUNTEERS WANTED

FOR CHEDDAR FIRST
SCHOOL
GREEN SPACES



Sunday 4th October
9.30am-11.00am

**BRING A DRINK AND A
SNACK AND LET THE KIDS
HELP OR PLAY**



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
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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