

Friday 22nd November 2024

Term 2 Week 3 Newsletter

Welcome back to Term 2! We have a fun-filled term planned with lots of performances and events; please take a look at the **'Important Dates'** section below for further information.

The Cheddar Grove PTFA Winter Fair will be taking place at school on Friday 29th November – we are currently looking for any donations, large or small, for raffle prizes. We are also looking for donations of soft toys for our Teddy Tombola stall and bottles of any sort (alcoholic, soft drinks, condiments, toiletries etc) for our Bottle Raffle. If you would like to donate, please send your donations to the school office by Thursday 28th November.

Applying for Reception Places for September 2025

Please see below advice from Bristol City Council, for families looking to apply for a Reception place in September 2025. Applications are made through Bristol City Council's School Admissions Website & the deadline for applications is 15th January 2025.

A guide for **parents and carers** on applying for a **primary school** place for the school year **2025-2026**

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you will need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2025



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What do I need to do to apply for a school place?

- Check the guidance on applying for schools – available at www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions, or by contacting School Admissions. The guidance contains details on how & when to apply, information on each school along with their admissions policy and oversubscription criteria. With the mix of different types of school from Church schools, Foundation schools, Academies, Free Schools and Community schools the admissions policy could be different for each school you put as a preference so it's important to ensure you check this carefully.
- Some schools require supplementary forms to be completed as well as the common application form. Make sure you check if this applies to the school(s) you are interested in.
- Visit the schools. All schools hold open days. Contact the school directly for further details on open days.
- Look at the school's prospectus and its website which are useful sources of information.
- You can name up to three school preferences. We advise you to name more than one school.
- Make sure you apply on-time. The deadline is 15 January 2025.

School Admissions (CH)
 Bristol City Council
 PO Box 3399, Bristol, BS1 9NE
www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions
 e school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk
 t 0117 903 7694



Why apply online?

- The system helps you by checking for errors.
- There is no risk that your application will be lost in the post.
- It is quick and easy to do.
- You will get an immediate email confirming that your application has been received.
- You will receive an email notification of the outcome of your application on the same day as the offer letters are posted.
- The system is available 24 hours a day until the final submission time of midnight on 15 January 2025.

Apply online www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Cheddar Grove
Primary School



Open days

Come and see our amazing school!



Tours of the Pre-school
and Reception
classes for
September 2025



Scan QR code to
book your place

www.cheddargroveschool.org.uk

Open Days 2024

Our Open Days are a great way for prospective new families to Cheddar Grove to see our wonderful learning environment. If you have any friends or family interested in Cheddar Grove, please share the below flyer with them. You can sign up for an Open Day tour via the website or using the QR code.

Donate A Decoration

Donate a Decoration for the Cheddar Grove Christmas Tree!

Bring a decoration to school on Thursday 28th November to help decorate the Cheddar Grove Christmas Tree which has been kindly purchased by the PTFA.

Decorations can be shop bought, second hand or home-made.

Bring your decoration to your classroom and then take it to the hall at break time to place it on the tree!



Please bear in mind this is a donation and as such each decoration will be kept by the school to decorate our Christmas tree each year – we hope to build a fabulous collection of decorations to create lasting memories!



You're invited!

Cheddar Grove PTFA's Winter Fair

Join us for games, activities, crafts, stalls,
music & festive treats.
Plus a special visitor from the North Pole.

Date: Friday 29th November

Time: 4.30 - 6.00pm

Venue: Cheddar Grove School

Free Entry - Cash Stalls



Important Dates

Open Day School Tour	Tuesday 26 th November – 4:30pm
1D Parents Evening	Tuesday 26 th November – <i>Bookings on MCAS app</i>
Donate A Decoration for the Cheddar Grove Christmas Tree	Thursday 28 th November – <i>children can bring in a tree decoration and place it on the tree in the school hall at breaktime</i>
Winter Fair Donations to be sent to School Office	Thursday 28 th November – <i>raffle prizes, soft toys and bottle donations gratefully received for the Winter Fair</i>
Cheddar Grove PTFA Winter Fair	Friday 29 th November – 4:30pm – 6pm. <i>Free Entry, Cash Stalls</i>
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance	Tuesday 10 th December – 10am & 1:45pm
Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance	Thursday 12 th December – 10am & 1:45pm
Reception Theatre Trip	Friday 13 th December – <i>please consent & pay on the MCAS app</i>
Rocksteady Performance	Friday 16 th December – <i>after school in Main Hall</i>
KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 17 th December – 10am Wednesday 18 th December – 10am
RF Christmas Performance	Tuesday 17 th December – 2:30pm
RT Christmas Performance	Thursday 19 th December – 2:30pm
Last day of Term 2	Friday 20 th December
Return to school for Term 3	Monday 6 th January

Term Dates & Inset Days

Term dates for this academic year can be accessed on MCAS and the school website.

Mindfulness for Bristol Parents of SEND Children



Pause•Soften•Connect•Be

A Mindfulness Course for parents and carers living in Bristol, which looks at how to be with the stress and worry that comes from being in the role of a parent or carer of a child with additional needs.

This ten-week course allows us to notice how we habitually react when under stress and how practising mindfulness techniques can help us to regulate our emotions more effectively, including becoming more resilient during stress. With practise, we become more able to pause, soften, connect with our breath and be with difficulties in the moment. As a result, we may find we are able to respond more calmly and skilfully.

Evidence shows that when under stress, parenting skills are found to collapse. With Mindfulness for Parents, it's the parents' own stress and suffering, that is the primary focus of the training rather than the problem behaviour of the child.

Mindfulness for Parents/Carers supports you to:

- Reduce stress
- Reduce harmful intergenerational patterns of stressed-out parenting
- Improve emotional regulation
- Improve family communication and relationships

Online Mindfulness for Bristol Parents of SEND Children:

Day: Tuesdays 9.30 am – 12 noon

Dates: 14th January 2025 – 25th March 2025 (Term time only)

Via: Online Zoom

Cost: FREE

Book: Call Claire-Louise on 07949399633

Contact: mpcp.bristol@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.mpcp.info>



Year 2

Year 2 have kicked off term 2 by making 'terrible soup' inspired by their book 'Billy and the Beast'. Luckily, there was not a grated hedgehog or spicy mouse in sight - just vegetables! Some children even asked for a second helping.



British Legion Memorial Service

Our House Captains were kindly invited by Bishopsworth British Legion to join their Memorial Service. Some of our children performed thoughtful readings and laid wreaths in remembrance.



Odd Sock Day

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, children were encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate their unique differences and promote kindness and respect.



Children in Need

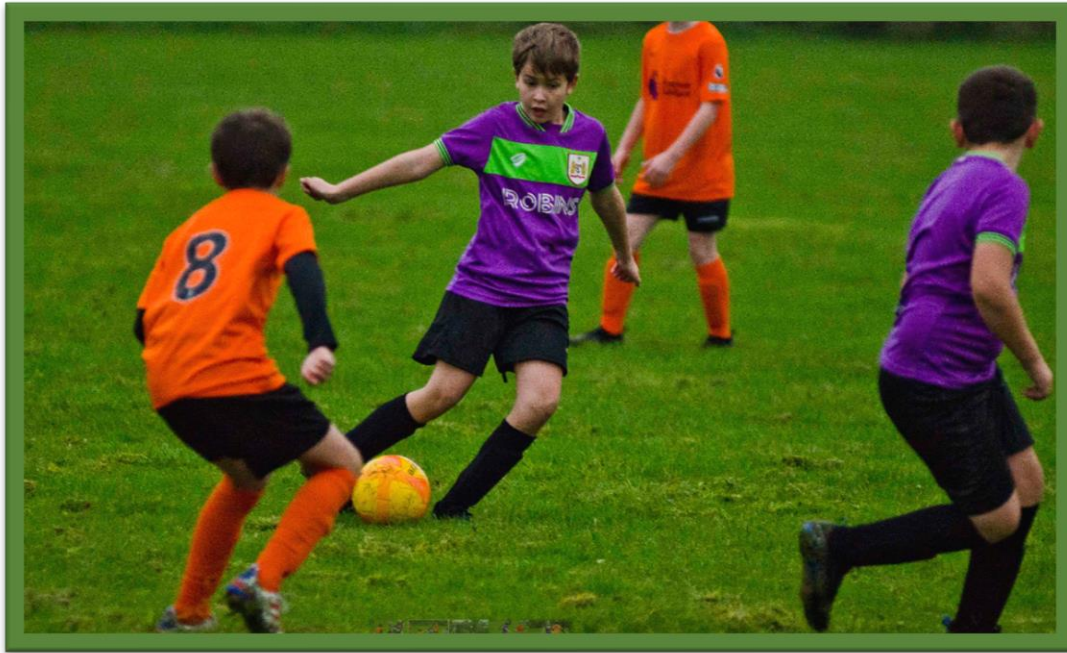
We had a fantastic fundraising effort for Children in Need this year – as a school community we managed to raise over £700! Thanks to all your generosity we will be able to donate these much-needed funds to this very worthwhile charity!



Coronation Cup Football Match

Cheddar Grove played an impressive Knowle Park team in the Coronation Cup. Although the scoreline did not go our way, the team worked very hard together and kept going to the very end.

Well done boys for all your fantastic efforts!



After School Clubs – Term 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>KS1 & KS2 Judo Year 1 to Year 6</p> <p>3.20pm – 4.30pm</p> <p><i>Starts w/c 4th November 2024 for 5 weeks</i></p> <p><i>Please email bristolschoolofjudo@hotmail.co.uk to sign up and check availability</i></p> <p><i>This is an external club that incurs fees</i></p>	<p>Tag Rugby Year 5 & 6</p> <p>3.20pm – 4.30pm</p> <p><i>Starts w/c 11th November 2024 for 6 weeks</i></p> <p><i>Please sign up on MCAS app under 'Clubs > Available'</i></p> <p><i>This is a free school club</i></p>	<p>Zumba Year 1 to Year 6</p> <p>3:20pm – 4:30pm</p> <p><i>Starts w/c 4th November 2024 for 6 weeks</i></p> <p><i>Please email vicky.k.colgan@gmail.com to sign up & check availability</i></p> <p><i>This is an external club that incurs fees</i></p>	<p>Football Club Year</p> <p>3.20pm – 4.15pm</p> <p><i>Starts w/c 11th November 2024 for 5 weeks</i></p> <p><i>Please sign up on MCAS app under 'Clubs > Available'</i></p> <p><i>This is a free school club</i></p>	
<p>Rocksteady Years 1 – 6</p> <p>During school day</p> <p><i>Please visit rocksteadymusicschool.com for further details</i></p> <p><i>This is an external club that incurs fees</i></p>				

If your child would no longer like to attend the club they have signed up for, please contact the school office.

If you would like to book for an after school club provided by school staff, this can be done through MCAS under Clubs > Available. These are booked on a first come, first served basis and places are confirmed on MCAS, under Clubs > Enrolled. If your child does not attend 2 sessions, this place will be allocated to a child on the waiting list.

Futura Afterschool club – Daily 3.20pm -17.45pm

After school club bookings **MUST** be made termly at the start of each Term. We accept Tax Free Childcare payments - please email through to childcare@cheddargroveschool.org.uk with reference, child name date and amount paid.

For ad-hoc bookings, they **MUST** be booked via childcare@cheddargroveschool.org.uk and paid via MCAS.

Please see below for the daily menu.

Futura Afterschool Club



AFTERSCHOOL - 3.20pm - 5.45PM

£9.00

Monday to Friday

COLLECTION – Children to be collected from the bottom door in the front playground at 5.45pm. If you wish to collect your child earlier or have an emergency, please call 07721924328 NOT the school office. For queries about booking and payment please email childcare@cheddargroveschool.org.uk.

MENU

Monday

“Make your own pizza” followed by fruit.

Tuesday

Beans or cheese on toast followed by yoghurt or fruit.

Wednesday

Ham, cheese, or tuna sandwiches followed by flapjack or fruit.

Thursday

Sausage roll or veggie sausage roll followed by fruit or muffin.

Friday

“Make your own pizza” followed by fruit kebabs.

For dietary requirements, please can you email a copy of your child’s healthcare plan to childcare@cheddargroveschool.org.uk prior to booking your termly sessions.

Cheddar Grove PTFA

Our Cheddar Grove Parents, Teachers and Friends Association are always looking to welcome new members!

The events that the PTFA host events that generate much needed funds for our school whilst providing fun opportunities for our children and their families.

Please see the poster below if you would like to get involved and be part of our PTFA!

**GET INVOLVED AND
JOIN THE
CHEDDAR GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
PTFA**

PARENTS - TEACHERS - FRIENDS - ASSOCIATION

**SCAN THE QR CODE
TO LEARN MORE
OPEN TO ALL!**

PARENTS ● TEACHERS ● FRIENDS

To get involved contact: Clare on 07791 406014

**Follow us on Facebook to find out about
upcoming events. Search for:
CHEDDAR GROVE PTFA**

Community Hub

Here at Cheddar Grove, we are fortunate to have a Community Hub that offers different resources ranging from school uniform, household goods and support and advice for families at Cheddar Grove.

The Community Hub will be open every Wednesday (term time only) from 9am - 11am in the Scout Hut (accessible by the front gate).

Please feel free to drop in and join us for coffee and cake!

We would really appreciate your support in ensuring that the Community Hub continues to be a valued resource for families.



Community Hub

Cheddar Grove Primary School launched our Community Hub in March 2023 and it has become very well established. It is a project for us to connect within our school community and bring families together. We provide a welcoming space where you can receive a hot drink and piece of cake. There is also an opportunity to pick up some help with toiletries, school uniform that has been loved and pre-owned.

The Community Hub is a safe space to interact and receive any help from our team if needed. We would love to see you on Wednesday's 9.00-11.00 at the HQ situated on the school field.

Emma and Max

Below are some important notices – please be sure to read them thoroughly.

Attendance

At Cheddar Grove Primary, we strive to promote excellent school attendance every single day.

Our school gates/doors open at 8:50am and learning starts at 9:00am sharp - children need to be in class on time to benefit fully from the school day. All children from Nursery through to Year 6 need to be in school by 9:00am.

Children who are late and arrive at school after 9:00am will be recorded as late in the register. Please can we encourage all parents/carers to bring children to school on time.

If you are going to be late due to extenuating circumstances, please contact the school office. All absence due to illness must be reported at the earliest opportunity to the school's absence line. If your child is absent for more than one day due to illness, please note that we will still require a phone call each morning for an update on their condition.

For any pre-arranged absences due to medical appointments, we will request medical evidence as proof of appointments – please drop into the school office or send an email to office@cheddargroveschool.org.uk.

For any pre-arranged absences for holidays/any other circumstances, an Absence Request Form will need to be completed – please contact the school office for a form should you require one.

First Aid Notifications

All first aid notifications if your child has received treatment or medication during the school day, will be sent via email at the end of the school day. Please ensure that the school office hold your correct email address in order to receive these notifications.

Administration of Medication Forms

Cheddar Grove are now using a paperless system for completing a form if your child requires medication during the school day. You can find this form on the MCAS app under 'Announcements' or on our school website on 'The Office > Forms' tab. All medication should be delivered to office staff in a labelled container on the day your child starts the medication and collected at the end of every school day whilst the medication is being administered.

Parking

Please can we reminder all parents/carers of thoughtful and conscientious parking. Can parents please refrain from parking on single yellows and in front of driveways. We pride ourselves on being a community school and as such, we support our community in any way we can.

Collections During the School Day

We appreciate that at times you may need to drop-off or collect your child during school hours, for example for medical appointments etc. We ask that you refrain from dropping off/collecting during lunchtime – latest drop-off/collection before lunch should be 12:00pm and earliest time after lunch for drop-off/collection is 1:15pm. If it is unavoidable that your child needs to be dropped-off/collected during lunch time, please speak to a member of the School Office Team.

Children Walking Home Alone

If you wish for your Year 5 or Year 6 child to walk home unaccompanied, we require parental permission. Please provide consent on the MCAS app under the 'Parental Consents' tab.

Items From Home

We have had an increase in items/toys being brought into school from home; these can often distract children from their learning, and we cannot guarantee that these items will not be lost or broken and as such they should be kept safe at home.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property including clothing and water bottles in the main office area. Please be sure to check here if you child has any missing items. As always, we would strongly encourage labelling all items worn or brought to school to ensure that they can be returned to the correct owner.

Water Bottles

Please remember that children need to come to school every day with a clearly labelled water bottle. This can be refilled in class throughout the day as required. There are still some children coming to school without a water bottle. Thank you for your co-operation.



School Uniform

Please can we politely remind all parents/carers that school uniform **MUST** consist of:

- School logo polo shirt or plain bottle green/white
- Plain **black** skirt, shorts or school trousers (no leggings)
- School logo jumper/cardigan or bottle green jumper/cardigan
- **Black** school shoes/trainers



PE kits still form part of our uniform policy and as such, there should be no deviation from the items listed below.

PE kits **MUST** consist of:

- Plain **white** top/T-shirt/polo shirt
- Plain **black** shorts/legging/jogging or tracksuit bottoms
- School jumper, cardigan, or **plain black** hooded fleece/jumper
- **Black** trainers

Children need to come to school wearing their PE kit, on their relevant PE days. Full school uniform must be worn to school on non-PE days.

Please do not send children to school wearing 'branded' clothing such as hoodies with logos, denim jackets, or football kits as this does not constitute school uniform.



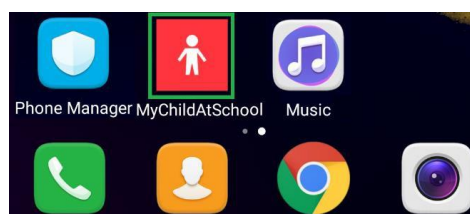
Other Non-Uniform Items

Children can only wear stud earrings and a watch to school. Please no hoop earrings or bracelets.

Children cannot come to school with nail varnish or nail extensions of any sort.

If any children are not wearing the correct school uniform or PE uniform, parents/carers will be contacted.

MCAS App



We highly recommend setting up the MCAS app if you have a smart phone, due to this now being the main way we will send out communication. We will also be using the system to book breakfast club and trips etc. If you are experiencing any problems, please contact the office.

Announcements



Tap the loudhailer icon on the toolbar. Any announcements posted by the school will display the title and date. To view the announcement, simply tap it and scroll in the message window as necessary. To return to the main **Announcements** page, tap the **< Announcements** arrow. To view any attachments, simply tap on them.

Messages



The **Messages** feature allows the user to receive messages through the **Parent App**. Simply tap **Messages** from the toolbar. To display **Received** messages, simply tap the respective tab and tap again to view the message.

In order for your child to be photographed and images to be used in the newsletter, Twitter/X and promotional materials, you will need to give consent on the MCAS app.

The screenshot shows the MCAS app interface for Cheddar Grove Primary. The top navigation bar includes the school logo, a hamburger menu, the school name 'Cheddar Grove Primary', and utility icons for shopping, phone, email, and a user profile for 'Miss Perry'. Below the navigation bar, a green 'Save' button is visible. The main content area is titled 'Parental Consent' and contains two sections of consent forms. The first section is for 'Photo/video consent for School News & Events', with a detailed explanation of how images and videos will be used in newsletters, social media, and school websites. The second section is for 'Photo/video consent for Promotional Material', explaining their use on activity boards, screens, and in printed materials like prospectuses. Both sections have two columns of radio buttons for 'YES, I give consent' and 'NO, I do not give consent'. A dark sidebar on the left lists various app features like 'Data Collection Form', 'Announcements', 'Parents Evening', 'Communications', 'Term Dates', 'Products', 'Clubs', 'Breakfast Club', 'Demos', 'Parental Consent', and 'Outstanding Payments'.

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