



Friday 24th January 2025

Term 3 Week 3 Newsletter

We are now half-way through Term 3 and the children have been displaying great progress already! Please see below for examples of the children's fantastic learning. We also have a couple of important reminders to share; please see below.

Parking Reminder

We have had multiple reports from concerned neighbours near both our front and back gate entrances of anti-social and/or dangerous parking. As such, please can we remind all parents/carers to thoughtful and conscientious when parking in the area.

Parents/carers should refrain from parking on single/double yellow lines, on communal grass areas, in front of driveways or in any way that may cause an obstruction or endanger the safety of our community.

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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.

We are aware that some children are bringing in their own 'fidget toy' items such as blu-tac. We must reiterate that if your child requires similar items to aid their learning, these will be provided by and kept at school after discussion with your child's class teacher or our SENCO, Mrs Wilson and should not be brought in from home.

Read Write Inc. Phonics Update

A big thank you to the PTFA who kindly brought our brand new Read Write Inc Book Bag Books.

From next week, your child will take home an accompanying book bag book that relates to the book they have read in class. For example, if they are reading 'A Bad Fright' the matching book bag book would be 'Fright Night'.

These new book bag books are not paper copies and must be returned in good working order so please can we ask that you take great care of them. If your child does not bring their current reading book or book bag to their RWI lesson they will not be able to take a book bag book home.

Thank you for your continued support with Read Write Inc.



Important Dates

Year 4 Swimming	Tuesday 7 th January – Tuesday 11 th February
INSET Day	Friday 14 th February
Half Term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February
Year 1 SS Great Britain Trip (proposed)	Monday 3 rd March – <i>please complete feasibility form. Once we have all responses we will review if trip can proceed.</i>
Year 3 Bristol Museum Trip	Friday 7 th March – <i>please consent & pay on the MCAS app</i>
Book Fair	Thursday 13 th March – Thursday 20 th March – <i>sales after school in the studio.</i>
Class Photographs	Wednesday 19 th March
Reception Height & Weight Screening	Thursday 27 th March – <i>all opt-out forms to the office by Wednesday 26th March</i>

Term Dates & Inset Days

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

After School Clubs – Term 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 & KS2 Judo Year 1 to Year 6 3.20pm – 4.30pm <i>Starts w/c 13th Jan 2025 for 5 weeks</i> <i>Please email bristolschooljudo@hotmail.co.uk to sign up and check availability</i> <i>This is an external club that incurs fees</i>	Tag Rugby Year 3 & 4 3.20pm – 4.30pm <i>Starts w/c 14th Jan 2025 for 5 weeks</i> <i>Please sign up on MCAS app under 'Clubs > Available'</i> <i>This is a free school club</i>	Zumba Year 1 to Year 6 3:20pm – 4:30pm <i>Starts w/c 8th Jan 202 for 6 weeks</i> <i>Please email vicky.k.colgan@gmail.com to sign up & check availability</i> <i>This is an external club that incurs fees</i>	Football Club Year 5 & 6 3.20pm – 4.15pm <i>Starts w/c 16th Jan 2025 for 4 weeks</i> <i>Please sign up on MCAS app under 'Clubs > Available'</i> <i>This is a free school club</i>	
Rocksteady Years 1 – 6 During school day <i>Please visit rocksteadymusicschool.com for further details</i> <i>This is an external club that incurs fees</i>				

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.

Reception

Reception have been on a nature walk looking for and recognising signs of winter.



Year 1

Children in Year 1 have enjoyed drama and dance to introduce our new book for this term: ***Lila and the Rain***. Lila sets out on a journey to try and bring the rain to her village in Kenya.

Here the children are enjoying re-enacting the story through dance, drama and music.



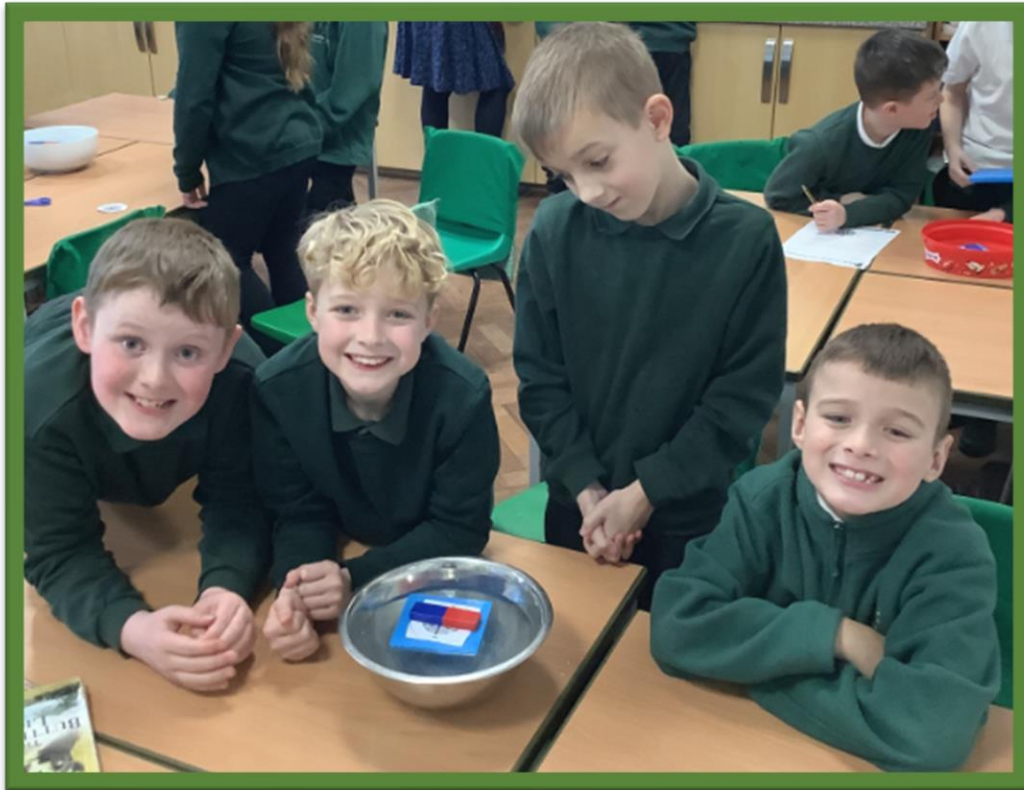
Year 2

Year 2 have been creating human sculptures inspired by the work of Antony Gormley. We took the time to sketch our designs in our sketchbooks first before modelling the clay. We also studied how to join our clay effectively so that our models wouldn't break!



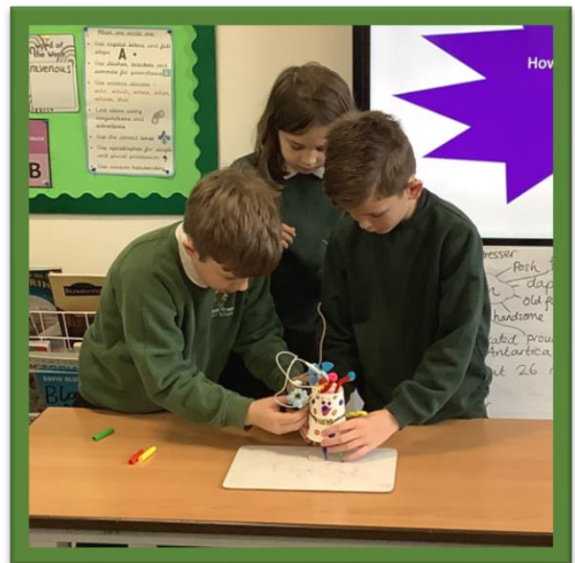
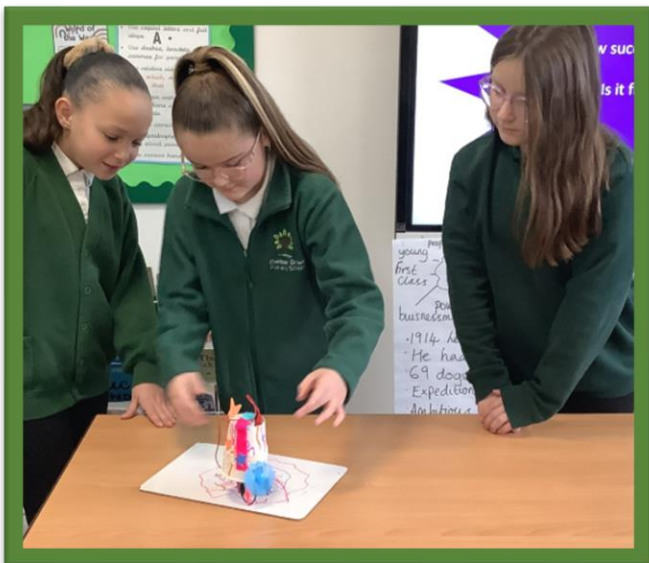
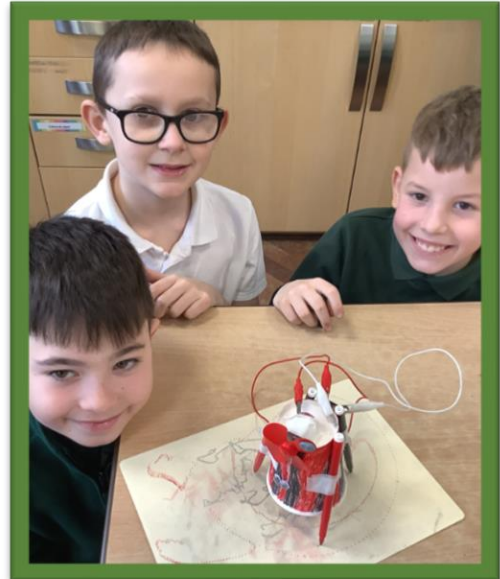
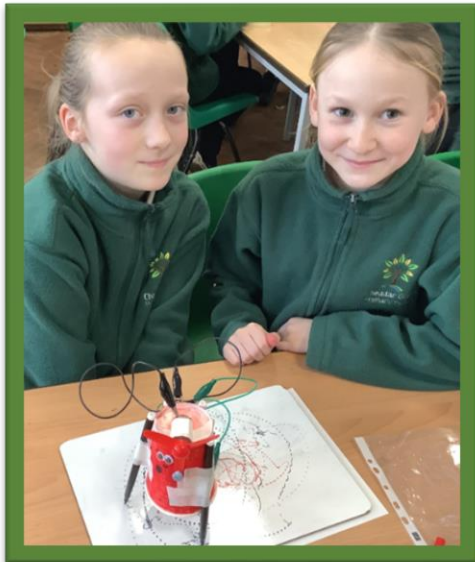
Year 4

Y4 have been learning about the properties of magnets and investigating how to find magnetic north using bar magnets. We discovered that the red north pole always turns and finds magnetic north.



Year 5

Year 5 have been making electronic Doodler toys by creating a circuit with a motor and building a fun toy that doodles when it moves. The children displayed some great teamwork and resilience to overcome any technical issues. Well done Year 5!



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!



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 is 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 remind all parents/carers of thoughtful and conscientious parking. Parents/Carers should 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

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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 your 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.



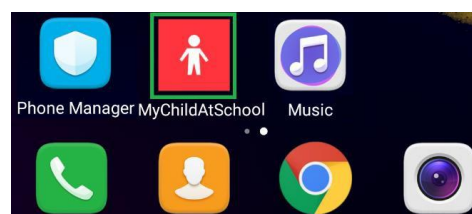
Other Non-Uniform Items

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 'Parental Consent' form in the MCAS app. The form is titled 'Parental Consent' and includes a 'Save' button. It contains two sections for consent: 'Photo/video consent for School News & Events' and 'Photo/video consent for Promotional Material'. Each section has a text area explaining the school's policy on image use and two radio buttons for 'YES, I give consent' and 'NO, I do not give consent'. The 'Parental Consent' section is highlighted in blue. The left sidebar shows the user's profile and a list of app features.

	YES, I give consent	NO, I do not give consent
Photo/video consent for School News & Events Images may be used in the school newsletters & information bulletins. These publications may be printed or published on-line via the school's website. School websites do not have restricted access. Images or video footage may be used on school social media sites, including Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, WhatsApp and Instagram. Social media accounts may not be closed groups. Students' full names will not be shown alongside any published image. If parents do not want their child's image to be shown on any of the aforementioned social media sites, they should withdraw consent for this category: it is not possible for the school to differentiate between permission granted for certain social media platforms (e.g. Facebook) but not others (e.g. Twitter).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Photo/video consent for Promotional Material Images may be used in the school on activity boards, screens or reception area for promotional purpose. Images or video footage may be used on the school website for publicity purposes. Images may be used in printed materials such as the school prospectus. Images or video footage may be used in the media (local / national press). Students' names will only be published in exceptional circumstances, and with parent/carer permission, students' full names will not be shown alongside any published image unless express consent is given by parents/carers. Note: schools do not require consent for their statutory obligation to display students' work around the school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Rooted in Joy, Growing Together,
Learning for Life"***

