



Thursday 13th February 2025

Term 3 Week 6 Newsletter

We have now reached the end of Term 3 and hope that you all have a very restful half-term break!

We'd like to issue a polite reminder that PE kits still form part of our uniform policy and as such, there should be no deviation from the items listed below.

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- **Black** trainers

Children should not come to school in full, branded tracksuits.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March!

Children are invited to wear a costume of their favourite book character or alternatively, they can bring a prop in relation to their favourite book if they prefer.

National Book Tokens will be given to the children on the day. Children can swap their World Book Day £1 token for any of the [World Book Day £1 books](#) or get £1 off a full price title at participating retailers.



Important Dates

INSET Day	Friday 14 th February
Half Term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February
Year 1 SS Great Britain Trip	Monday 3 rd March – <i>please consent & pay on the MCAS app</i>
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March – <i>children may wear a costume or bring a prop relating to their favourite book</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 4

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 24th Feb 2025 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>Basketball Year 5 & 6</p> <p>3.20pm – 4.30pm</p> <p><i>Starts w/c 24th Feb 2025 for 6 weeks</i></p> <p><i>Please sign up on MCAS app under 'Clubs > Available' – Live on MCAS 13th Feb @ 4.30pm</i></p> <p><i>This is a free school club run by USports Coaches.</i></p> <p><i>Limited spaces available</i></p>	<p>Zumba Year 1 to Year 6</p> <p>3:20pm – 4:30pm</p> <p><i>Starts w/c 24th Feb 2025 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 3 & 4</p> <p>3.20pm – 4.15pm</p> <p><i>Starts w/c 3rd March 2025 for 4 weeks</i></p> <p><i>Please sign up on MCAS app under 'Clubs > Available' – Live on MCAS 13th Feb @ 4.30pm</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.

Eco Team Litter Pickers

Meet our team of fabulous litter pickers! They have been making a super effort at keeping our school tidy.

Help them out by remembering to always put your rubbish in the bins!



Year 5

Year 5 have created their own Flower Tables for Number Day last week!



Year 5

Year 5 have studied Shackleton's Journey in English this term and had to discover clues by melting the ice. We have loved learning about surviving in and exploring the Antarctic.



Cheddar Grove Girl's Football

The Cheddar Grove Girl's Football team were victorious in their match against St Bonaventure's last week. They secured a 3-1 win; well done!



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.

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

Please see below for the daily menu which will be starting from Monday 24th February:



*Afterschool
Club
Menu*

Monday
Hot Dogs or Veggie Dogs

Tuesday
Beans on Toast

Wednesday
Pasta with Tomato Sauce

Thursday
Sausage/Veggie Rolls

Friday
Pizza or Toastie

Desserts
Fresh Fruit and Frozen yoghurts available
daily. Vegetarian/vegan and dairy free
options.

Zumba Holiday Club



**Holiday
Club**



WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

DISCO

9 AM - 3 PM

PARTY GAMES

SPORTS

ARTS & CRAFTS

£16.00 per child



**To book a slot please email
vicky.k.colgan@gmail.com**



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 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

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



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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.



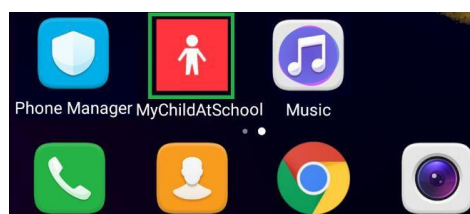
Other Non-Uniform Items

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



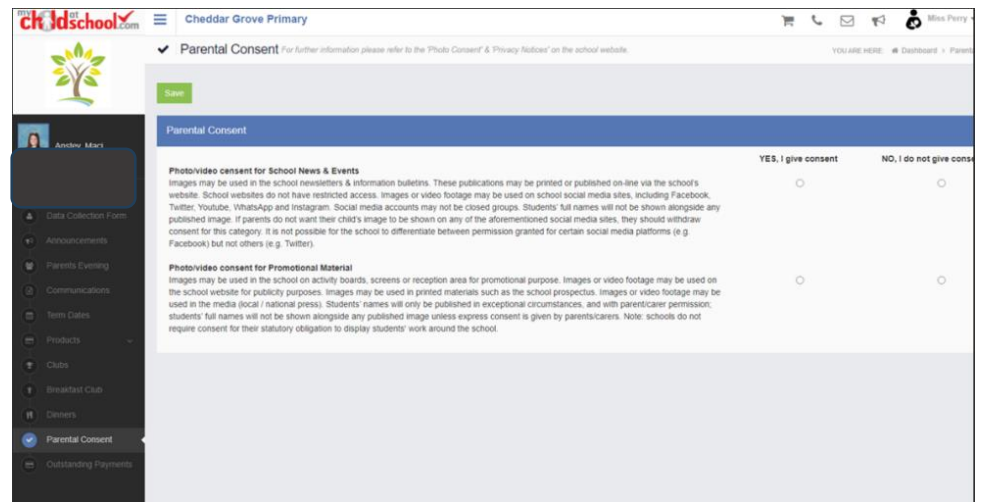
Tap the loudhailer icon on the toolbar. Any announcements posted by the school will display the title and date. To view the announcement, simply tap it and scroll in the message window as necessary. To return to the main **Announcements** page, tap the **< Announcements** arrow. To view any attachments,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



*"Cheddar Grove Primary School -
Rooted in Joy, Growing Together,
Learning for Life"*

