



Friday 21st March 2025



Term 4 Week 4 Newsletter

Since our last newsletter, we have been taking part in lots of new and exciting activities. Please see below to find out more:

FRIDAY 21 MARCH

Red Nose Day

Today we all took part in our Whole School Sing-A-Thon to fundraise for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day!

Thank you so much for all your generous donations! Any further donations to our fundraising efforts would be gratefully received via the link below:


[Cheddar Grove is fundraising for Comic Relief](#)

It was amazing to see so many children dressed in red in support of Red Nose Day!



Make Mondays Fundays!

Monday Fundays will be returning on Monday 24th March with fun activities focused on St George's Day! Children will hear the story of St George and the Dragon and themed crafts will be available.



Make Mondays Cheddar Grove Primary School

Fundays

Children aged under five and their parents or carers are welcome to our **FREE weekly sessions** at Cheddar Grove Primary School where they can join others for enjoyable activities with our talented team.

9-11 am every Monday during term time

Refreshments available

Cheddar Grove Primary School, Bedminster Down, BS13 7DS

Girl's Football Tournament



The Year 5/6 girls football team played at Imperial Sports Ground in the Ashton Park Sports League and won two games and drew two games ahead of the final next week!

Well done and good luck!

Important Dates

Make Mondays Fundays	Every Monday – <i>Scout Hut from 9-11am</i>
Reception Singing Festival	Tuesday 25 th March - <i>£1.00 donations gratefully received via MCAS</i>
Reception Height & Weight Screening	Thursday 27 th March – <i>all opt-out forms to the office by Wednesday 26th March</i>
Rocksteady Performance to Parents	Monday 31 st March – <i>in main school hall at 3:30pm</i>
Last Day of Term	Friday 4 th April
Term 5 Begins	Tuesday 22 nd April
Year 3 Swimming	Tuesday 22 nd April
Easter Bonnet Parade	Tuesday 22 nd April
Parents Evening	Wednesday 23 rd April & Tuesday 29 th April – <i>bookings via MCAS app.</i>

Term Dates

Details of Term Dates and INSET days can be found on our website and the MCAS app.

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.

Department for Education Visit

Last week, Cheddar Grove was visited by Justin Russell, the Director General for Families from the Department of Education (DfE), along with two colleagues also from the DfE. Three members of Bristol City Council also joined the visit.

The visitors had a tour of the school and spoke with various staff members. Children had an opportunity to ask Justin questions. These questions were well thought out and prompted discussion. Questions included:

“Why did you want to come and visit our school?”

“How do you decide what we have to learn?”

“Where will you get the money from to build a nursery for little people to learn?”

“How long does it take to establish a new policy?”

“Why did you start your job, and do you like it?”

Justin Russell was appreciative of the time the school dedicated to showing him and his colleagues around and he said he was grateful for “the chance to hear more about all the inspirational things you are doing for the children in your care”.

Justin’s visit also gave Cheddar Grove a chance to further discuss our bid we have placed with the DfE for an expansion of our existing pre-school provision to include 2-year-olds.



Eco Summit Day

During our Eco Summit Day, the children experienced a host of amazing activities to help raise their awareness of our world and the things we can all do to help. Activities included:

- Making seed bombs
- Litter picking
- Juice & smoothie making
- Learning about the life cycle of a banana and making banana bread
- Bug hunts and locating a good area for our bug shelter and bird feeder
- Year 5 and 6 learned how to reduce food waste in their packed lunches and more ideas of healthy lunches

We would like to thank Lizzie Stephens of Bedminster Down Community Farm for kindly donating a multitude of seeds and an amazing box of produce. Also, a huge thanks to Aldi for donating fruit and veg for our smoothies and regrowing veg from waste. The Co-Op also donated a super growing kit and seeds.



Zumba Holiday Club



WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL

9AM-3PM

£20 PER CHILD £2 SIBLING DISCOUNT

**PLEASE EMAIL vicky.k.colgan@gmail.com
TO BOOK YOUR CHILD IN**

PARTY GAMES

EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER ARTS AND CRAFTS

FACE PAINTING

DISCO

SPORTS



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:



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).



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

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.

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



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.



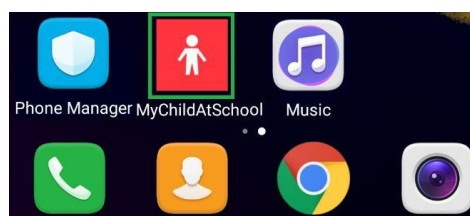
Other Non-Uniform Items

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 user information 'Miss Perry'. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Parental Consent' section with a green 'Save' button. The main content area is titled 'Parental Consent' and contains two sections of consent questions. The first section is 'Photovideo consent for School News & Events' and the second is 'Photovideo consent for Promotional Material'. Each section has a detailed explanation of how images and videos will be used. To the right of each section are two radio buttons: 'YES, I give consent' and 'NO, I do not give consent'. A left-hand sidebar menu lists various app features like 'Data Collection Form', 'Announcements', 'Parents Evening', etc., with 'Parental Consent' currently selected.

	YES, I give consent	NO, I do not give consent
Photovideo 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"/>
Photovideo 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"*

