

Eid Mubarak

Happy Friday everyone.

We are nearly at the end of this short Spring 2 half term. I am sure you are all looking forward to the Easter break! We have had a busy week here at Cherry Tree. The chicks are growing well. You might just be able to make out their wings coming through!



On Wednesday we had the Safer Essex Partnerships outside the school, along with the police, to support with making the roads safer. You cannot park on the yellow lines outside the school, as this causes implications for other vehicles, which then mount the curbs to get past. This poses a risk to pedestrians.

Today we had our Easter Bunny Hop—there are many pictures from it further on. Thank you to everyone who supported - from the PTA for organising the event, to the parent helpers, the children for doing the hopping and to everyone for donating. The money raised will contribute to our new computing suite, which will improve the quality of the computing lessons that we can offer.

Parents' evening ran this week and I hope it provided an insight into the wonderful work your children are doing in class everyday, but also how you can support their education. The key takeaways are: you need to attend school regularly to have a better chance of success in later life, and you need to ensure your child reads regularly. We are launching a new homework platform for our older children, which will come out soon. The homework expectations for KS1 is listed on the website.

Don't forget we have our egg-citing Easter competitions next week. At home the children can:

Create an Easter Bonnet - EYFS & Key Stage 1 (Nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2)

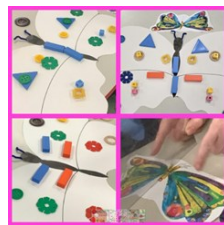
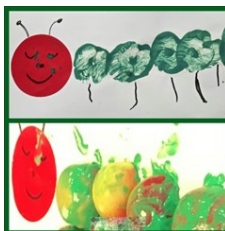
or

Design and decorate an Easter Egg or make an Easter themed model- Key Stage 2 (years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

These can be brought into school from Monday and they will be judged on Friday. There are prizes for the winners in each class – we can't wait to see them!

This week in nursery we had lots of fun with *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*! The children loved joining in with the interactive story, feeding the hungry caterpillar, and discovering how it grows and changes through its life cycle.

The children created their own caterpillars using apple printing. We also explored symmetry using mirrors and by making beautiful, bright butterflies using paint, printing techniques and loose parts. The children were so proud of their colourful, symmetrical creations.



This week in Reception we have been really busy looking after our chicks. We have spent time taking care of them, giving them food, water and keeping their home clean. We cannot believe how much they have grown and are sad to see them leave for their new homes today (even though they were a little bit smelly!) We really enjoyed taking part in the bunny hop, sporting our bunny ears and tails to help us hop around the course! In class we have been learning about doubles in maths and using different resources to help us recall the doubles to ten.

Year 3 this week enjoyed applying their data input skills by setting up their own databases. They understand what a record is and that it contains fields and alphanumeric data.

This week, Year 1 have been continuing to learn about numbers to 50 and have practised ordering them on a number line. In English, we have been writing our own adventure stories. In Geography, we explored weather forecasts and in DT we designed our own sandwiches ready to make next week! Rabbits class also enjoyed a fun trip to Vange Library, where we learnt all about different books and enjoyed reading while Hedgehogs class enjoyed having their grown-ups visit to read with them! Thank you to you all for coming in to visit, we know the children loved it!



This week in Year 6 we have been investigating angles in a triangle. Did you know that they add up to 180 degrees? Also angles in a quadrilateral that add up to 360 degrees. Finally we have looked at parts of circle and can tell you about the radius, diameter and circumference. In English we have been revising prepositions, imperative verbs and high-level punctuation. We will be including these in instructions for a replacement Easter Bunny next week.

This week Year 4 have been working hard in order to recall their times tables. We have seen a good improvement well done Year 4! Please remember to login to TTRS at home. We have also been working really hard to improve our reading and this has really paid off as this week we have started to write a non-chronological report about our own monsters and we have seen a big improvement in vocabulary. Remember to read 5 times at home. We had great fun participating in the bunny hop and made sure to cheer all of our peers as they were taking part!

This afternoon, the year 2 children enjoyed taking part in the sponsored bunny hop. They had lots of fun while staying active and working together. This week, we also started practising our sawing skills, getting ready to make our DT carriages next week. In English, we have been practising different sentence structures to help us write a persuasive text.

This week in Sunshine Cafe we have been exploring the story Aliens Love Underpants. The children have enjoyed our sensory tuff trays during our messy science lessons, and they have worked extremely hard throughout their communication and cognition sessions. A big well done to Adrian C and Zack N who completed a trip to the library with their class.

Year 5 have had a busy and exciting week of learning! In Maths, we explored equivalent fractions and how they can be converted into decimals and percentages. In English, the children completed their suspenseful Tudor stories, carefully using ellipsis and inverted commas to create tension and show dialogue. The class also took part in our Easter sponsored hop to help raise money for the school's new IT suite. In Computing, pupils created a temperature sensor using Micro:Bits, and in DT they designed and built their own frame structure prototypes. Well done Year 5 for all your hard work!

Have a lovely weekend
Mr Davie
Head of School

Important information - Term time holidays

Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them from fulfilling their true academic potential. Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays. We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time and the absences are coded as unauthorised, Essex County Council may not issue penalty notices and may instead proceed straight to prosecution and place the case directly before the Magistrates for their consideration in court. If found guilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.

FOOTBALL CAMPS

ALL GIRLS CAMP:
Tuesday 31st March

MIXED CAMPS:
1st 7th & 8th April

FULL DAY : 9AM TO 3PM
HALF DAY : 9AM TO 12PM

- ✓ EACH CHILD GETS A MEDAL & A CERTIFICATE
- ✓ PROFESSIONAL COACHING
- ✓ BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME
- ✓ AGES 5 TO 14 YEARS
- ✓ DBS CHECKED, FIRST AID TRAINED, FA QUALIFIED

PARRY'S GOAL GETTERS

£20 Full Day
£10 Half Day

*Extra £5 if paying on the day.

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK

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School Dinner Menu - Week One

23rd—27th March 2026

Monday

Sausage Roll

Vegetarian Sausage Roll

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wrap

Arctic Roll

Tuesday

Beef Bolognese

Vegetarian Mince Bolognese

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna

Cheese or Ham Sandwich

Chocolate Brownie

Wednesday

Roast Chicken

Quorn Roast

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna

Cheese or Egg Mayo Wrap

Fresh Fruit Salad

Thursday

Penne Pasta in Rustic Tomato Sauce

Penne pasta in Rustic Tomato Sauce

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Mini Muffin

Friday

Nuggets

Vegetarian Nuggets

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna

Cheese or Ham Wrap

Ice-Cream Pot

School Money

Please ensure you keep your School Money account in credit to cover any dinners booked for your child.

If your account accrues arrears of two meals (£4.80) or more your child **WILL NOT** be able to book any further school dinners and you **MUST** provide them with a packed lunch until the arrears are cleared.



Cherry Tree Weekly Attendance Table

Butterflies	92.2%
Ladybirds	92.9%
Hedgehogs	84.2%
Rabbits	97.1%
Owls	92.3%
Squirrels	96.2%
Year 3 Blue	92.4%
Year 3 Green	89.6%
Year 4 Blue	88.1%
Year 4 Green	92.6%
Year 5 Blue	79.6%
Year 5 Green	93.8%
Year 6 Blue	90.0%
Year 6 Green	97.5%

Well done to Year 6 Green in Key Stage 2 as the highest attendance of 97.5% - well done.

In Key Stage 1 it was Rabbits with 97.1% - fabulous effort.

The highest attendance this week was Year 6 Green with 97.5%, rabbits were only 0.4% behind.

The overall school attendance was 91.2% a little lower than recent weeks. Lets push for 100% next week!!



This month, Year 1 are celebrating a very special month of reading!

Today, Hedgehogs class welcomed in their parents, who got to see a phonics lesson and joined in with reading with their children.

Meanwhile, Rabbits class went on a special trip to Vange library, where they got to explore the library and listen to some different stories.

Shout Out Awards

Butterflies	Reign M	For reading at home every night, working really hard to improve his handwriting and for always helping out in class at tidy-up time and making good choices.
Ladybirds	Zenaya P	For reading at home this week, her wonderful sentence writing about the chicks and for always making good choices and following the school rules.
Hedgehogs	Mya-Rose T	For her kindness and always taking pride in her work.
Rabbits	Tayla-Brooke H	For trying hard to come into school on time every day.
Owls	Betty V	For improving during her writing lesson and working hard to use her phonics when spelling unfamiliar words.
Squirrels	Willow W	For always trying her best and working hard on improving her hand writing and her reading comprehension skills.
Year 3 Blue	Teddie R	For assisting his friend, sharing equipment and helping with his work—very kind. Well done!
Year 3 Green	Ivy L	For using all the teaches in our warning story this week including rich vocabulary.
Year 4 Blue	Lewis R	For always being respectful to others and consistently completing all his work to the best of his ability.
Year 4 Green	Elisjon K	For making good improvement with his presentation and trying his best to improve his listening skills.
Year 5 Blue	Raisa D	For being supportive to her peers and showing increased independence and confidence in her writing and maths work.
Year 5 Green	Contesa B	They have shown great respect through excellent listening skills and have put outstanding effort into their lessons. Their positive attitude and commitment to learning make them a wonderful role model in our school. Keep up the amazing work!
Year 6 Blue	Harley A	Shown fantastic effort in all his lessons, stayed focused and really pushed himself to do his best. Positive attitude and determination to learning is evident in his work.
Year 6 Green	Aylah R	For always trying her best and carrying out her prefect duties responsibly.

Dates for your Diary 2026

Monday 23rd March—Friday 27th March

Bring in your Easter Bonnets and decorated eggs or models

Wednesday 25th March

Year 6—Crucial Crew at the Towngate Theatre

Friday 27th March

Prizes for Easter Bonnets and Decorated eggs or models

Last day of term

Monday 30th March

First day of Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April

Start of Summer Term

Monday 1st June

Night Owls visiting the whole school



Easter Bonnet Competition for EYFS & KS1 (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2)

Easter Egg/Model Competition for KS2 (Years 3-6)

Friday 27th March 2026



Children in EYFS and KS1 (Nursery, Reception, and Years 1 and 2) are invited to make an Easter themed bonnet at home to bring into school. Bonnets can be brought into school from Monday, 23rd March and be given to their class teacher. The bonnets will be judged in class and a winner from each class will receive a prize.

Children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 -6) are invited to design and decorate an Easter egg or make an Easter themed model which should have a base no bigger than 30cm square. The KS2 design can also be brought into school from Monday, 23rd March and be given to their class teacher. Models will be judged and a winner from each class will receive a prize



School Uniform

You can buy uniform with our logo on from My Clothing online as well as the uniform shop.

The link for My Clothing is:

<https://myclothing.com>

15% off 23-29 March

Code SPRING15



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – EYFS TEACHER closing date 14th April
FAIRHOUSE – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 23rd March
FAIRHOUSE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 14th April
MERRYLANDS – LEAD TEACHER for AUTISM SPECTRUM CONDITIONS closing date 19th April
MERRYLANDS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 17th April
WHITMORE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 22nd March
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER closing date 24th April

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