

Happy Friday everyone.

We have seen a brilliant week for attendance. Keep this up - your children need to be in to learn! I am blown away by the effort that has gone into the Easter bonnets and projects. I am really disappointed that we couldn't facilitate getting the parents and carers in to showcase them: we will definitely be doing this next year. I am keen to involve you all in the school as much as possible and I am constantly looking for new ways to do this. All suggestions are welcome here!

Please make sure you spend some time reading the knowledge organisers that have been sent out. We have a new set of topics next half term (which are typically geography based projects) as listed below:

Nursery: The animal world

EYFS: Oh the places we go

Year 1: Let's grow

Year 2: The great coastal journey

Year 3: Spring to life

Year 4: Rapid Rivers

Year 5: Desert detectives

Year 6: Life in every beat

Another huge shout out to the PTA who, with your generosity, raised close to £4000 profit for the sponsored hop. This will be going towards the computing suite - which is a huge project with a large cost associated to it - so watch out for other upcoming events to get involved with.



We've had such a fun-filled, Easter-themed week in Nursery! We shared the story The Easter Egg Hunt. The children were excited to become little bakers— following the picture instructions to support their early reading skills, watching with amazement as the chocolate slowly melted. They mixed, scooped, sprinkled, and of course enjoyed eating their yummy chocolate nests! Our Easter tuff tray and



number activities were full of enthusiasm too, with the children practising counting to five using 1:1 correspondence and confidently naming the numerals. In the craft area, creativity was everywhere—Easter chicks, splat paintings, and colourful Bunny crowns that the children proudly wore. Wishing you all a happy—and hopefully sunny—Easter break!

This week, Year 1 have worked continued to work with numbers to 50 and solve missing number problems, while in English, we have written our own problem stories. In RE, we have learnt about why we should care for the world and the Easter story while in Geography, we have identified weather patterns across the UK. In DT, we enjoyed making our very own sandwiches and in PSHE we learnt about when we should call 999 for help. Rabbits class have also enjoyed having their grown-ups in this week to read while Hedgehogs enjoyed their trip to Vange library! Year 1 has worked incredibly hard this term and we wish everyone a very peaceful and relaxing break. Please continue to read with your children over the holidays and log this on Learning for Parents when you can.

This week in Year 2 we have enjoyed making our carriages for DT and have worked very hard on our designs. We also had lots of fun looking at all the Easter bonnets that were brought into school – they were fantastic! This afternoon in science, we learned about hygiene and why it is important to sneeze into our elbow or a tissue so we do not spread germs. We have had a very busy and fun week in Year 2!

This week in Sunshine Cafe we have been exploring our story “The Dinosaur that popped Easter”. Our children have loved making a mess with the shaving foam in messy Science and designing our own Easter eggs. We particularly enjoyed our own Easter Egg hunt, finding our own pictures in the eggs. We wish all of our children and families a lovely Easter half term!

This week Year 4 made their shell structure in Design and Technology. They learnt about shell structures and how they usually help to protect something. The shell structure they made was a box to keep objects safe. They got to select from a range of materials and they had to justify their choices by designing their product. They then made and evaluated their box. Year 4 continue to practice their times tables using TTRS so keep this up and a brand new set of homework has been given! Each child has been given a login.



This week, Year 3 have been writing Haiku poems all about the Romans as our topic comes to an end. We spent yesterday making pasta from scratch and the children did amazingly well. They had shown excellent resilience and patience. They have all worked hard this half term and we hope they have a lovely Easter holiday.



This week in Reception we have enjoyed learning about the Christian celebration of Easter. We have made Easter cards and enjoyed a yummy hot cross bun for our snack. In maths the children have been making patterns, creating their own rule and then repeating it, using a range of materials. During music this week the children enjoyed using the instruments to provide a soundtrack for their morning routine. Thank you for all your hard work helping the children create some wonderful Easter bonnets - the children loved showing them off in assembly.



This week Year 6 have written their instructions for the replacement Easter Bunny. They have decided on the equipment that they will need and have generated some fantastic ideas such as a watch that displays a hologram map and VR carrot goggles that will show them the way. They have included a range of high-level vocabulary, fronted adverbials and a range of prepositions and imperative verbs. During their art morning, they created pictures of the northern lights using a range of chalk effects and white paper to create a contrast. They have worked so hard this half term and we wish them a lovely Easter.



Year 5 have had a fantastic week of learning! ✨ In groups of 10+, the children worked together to build bird hide dens, showing great communication and teamwork skills. In maths, we explored the new topic of perimeter and challenged ourselves by solving problems with missing side lengths.



We also completed our balanced argument writing on the question "Was Henry VIII a tyrant or a fair ruler?" and ended the week by celebrating Holi, throwing colourful powder while wearing our white T-shirts!



Have a lovely Easter, and I look forward to seeing you all back for the sunny summer term!

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

£20 Full Day
£10 Half Day

*Extra £5 if paying on the day.

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Cherry Tree Primary School
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School Dinner Menu - Week One

13th-17th April

Monday

Sticky Chicken

Sticky Quorn

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wrap

Eton Mess

Tuesday

Home made Lasagne (beef)

Homemade Lasagne (quorn beef)

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna

Cheese or Ham Sandwich

Mini Beignet

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 Cheese Sauce

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Carrot Cake

Friday

BBQ chicken pizza

Cheese pizza

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna

Cheese or Ham Wrap

Cookie



Cherry Tree Weekly Attendance Table

Butterflies	90.6%
Ladybirds	97.6%
Hedgehogs	85.0%
Rabbits	96.8%
Owls	94.1%
Squirrels	96.7%
Year 3 Blue	94.3%
Year 3 Green	92.2%
Year 4 Blue	95.9%
Year 4 Green	100%
Year 5 Blue	96.2%
Year 5 Green	97.7%
Year 6 Blue	91.0%
Year 6 Green	98.2%

Well done to Ladybirds in Key Stage 1 with 97.6%

WE HAVE OUR FIRST 100% CLASS—WELL DONE YEAR 4 GREEN—AMAZING.

The overall school attendance was 94.8%

Half Term Attendance

Year 5 Green were the highest in Key Stage 2 with 96.8% and Rabbits in Key Stage 1 with 94.0%

Well done

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.

Half term 100% winners

Key Stage 1 Willow W

Key Stage 2 Harvey S

Both won a lovely Easter bundle

Shout Out Awards

Butterflies	Daniel S	For trying very hard with his sentence writing and reading regularly at home.
Ladybirds	Arish A	For doing really well in his phonics assessment this week, always following school rules and supporting the peers in his class, modelling good behaviour.
Hedgehogs	Sofia N	For the amazing effort she puts into all tasks, her independence and the pride she takes in her work.
Rabbits	Kieran R-K	For trying hard with his writing and improving his presentation.
Owls	Lexi-May W	Who is hardworking, kind to her friends and always helpful in class.
Squirrels	Cobby K	For being a good role model to his peers, always trying his best and taking onboard feedback to improve his work.
Year 3 Blue	Lily C	Well done for excellent work in maths. You have been able to show excellent understanding of fractions and you have blown us all away. Keep up the good work.
Year 3 Green	Bella-Rose B	For using the WAGOLL ands shared write effectively to write a haiku poem with the correct features. Well done Bella-Rose.
Year 4 Blue	Scarlett T	For always being kind and considerate of others and pushing herself out of her comfort zone within lessons which has shown a real growth in confidence.
Year 4 Green	Aishat B	For always being a kind and respectful member of the class. She always tries her hardest in every lesson and is always willing to help others and share her knowledge.
Year 5 Blue	Aisha F	For showing resilience in her writing this week to enable her to successfully write a story based in the Tudor era. She should be very proud of how well she has done.
Year 5 Green	Tudor D	Has shown fantastic growth in maturity and is completing all of their work independently while putting in great effort. We are also so proud of the kindness they show towards their friends every day.
Year 6 Blue	Elizabeth V	Working really hard in reading comprehension groups to boost confidence in preparation for SATs and for amazing creative art work of the Northern Lights. Well done.
Year 6 Green	Joel	For always trying his best in lessons. Well done!

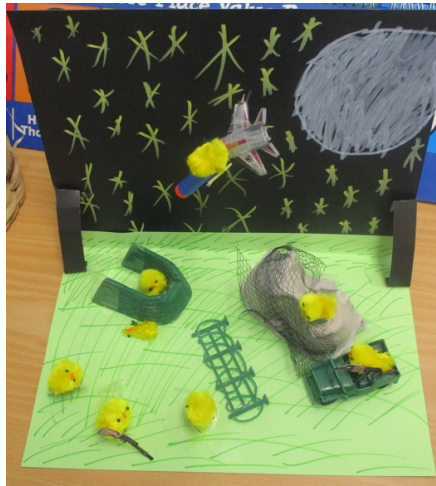


Easter Winners

Nursery AM	Amine
Nursery PM	Ensar
Nursery Full Time	Karly
Butterflies	Harper and Ava-Reign
Ladybirds	Lia and Donzel
Rabbits	Alfie H and Leyna D
Hedgehogs	Maxim and Valeria
Squirrels	Emily and Amelia
Owls	Lexi-May W and Isabelle P
Year 3 Blue	Mason and Lucas
Year 3 Green	Amelia and Talia
Year 4 Blue	Ellie S and Isabella M
Year 4 Green	Elliot W and Ruby M
Year 5 Blue	Alex B and Zoey T
Year 5 Green	Maisie S and Oliver B
Year 6 Blue	Kaia and Elizabeth
Year 6 Green	Teddy H and Bella
Sunshine KS1	Adrian C
Sunshine KS2	Ava L-M



Easter Pictures



Dates for your Diary 2026

Monday 30th March

First day of Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April

Start of Sumer Term

Monday 1st June

Night Owls visting the whole school

Tuesday 2nd June

Year 5 rip to Barleylands

Thursday 2nd July

Sports day—Reception to Year 6



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



This week, Rabbits class welcomed in their grown-ups for a fantastic morning of phonics and shared reading. The children loved sharing their books and it was fantastic to see so many adults. Meanwhile, Hedgehogs went on a trip to Vange library, where they heard some stories and took part in some fun activities. We were exceptionally proud of how well-behaved the children were - they were a credit to the school!



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – EYF5 TEACHER closing date 14th April
FAIRHOUSE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 14th April
MERRYLANDS – LEAD TEACHER for AUTISM SPECTRUM CONDITIONS closing date 15th April
MERRYLANDS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 17th April
WHITMORE – FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER closing date 14th April
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER closing date 24th April

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