

Happy Friday everyone!

I would first like to give a big shout out to year 6. They are working so hard in preparation for their SATs tests. They have been working all year towards these and I know from experience that this process gives them life skills for the future: commitment, organisation and resilience, amongst others.

Our celebration assembly last week saw the first winners of our new values (Honesty, Ambition, Respect and Kindness). These have gone down well and we will continue to look for ways to celebrate when children demonstrate these.

A reminder to please keep reading to your children at home and logging these reads.

It was exciting to be able to announce the news about the playgrounds. We are still looking at other ways to enhance the school for your children, so continue to watch this space.

Today we say goodbye to Miss Holburn from the Sunshine Cafe, who is leaving us to pursue a new career path. Good luck, and thank you for all your hard work with us.

This week in Nursery, we celebrated World Earth Day!

The children loved sharing the story Michael Recycle and learning how recycling and reusing help to look after our planet. We also learnt a fun and catchy song, 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle', which really supported the children's understanding of how we can care for the Earth.

The children enjoyed sorting a range of materials into the correct recycling boxes, showing a great understanding of the differences between paper, card, tins and plastics.

The children demonstrated wonderful imagination and creativity while making junk model animals and working together on large-scale models. We also had lots of fun exploring paper mache and creating our own Earth pictures using pipettes. These activities helped to develop fine motor skills, teamwork and perseverance throughout the week. Well done Nursery



Year 5 have had a busy week across the curriculum. In Maths, they have been working on statistics, focusing on reading and drawing line graphs. They have also begun planning and writing an information website based on the book Holes and specifically Camp Green Lake in English. In Science, pupils explored air resistance and how it affects movement, while in Geography they have been learning about deserts and their environments.

This week year 1 have been continuing to plan and write their own stories in English while in maths we have been learning to count in 2, 5, and 10s. In Science, we have planned our own investigation to grow a bean and in art we have made our own 3d paper structures. In Geography, we created our own maps of the local area and in PSHE we have been identifying things that are safe to go on and inside our bodies. Finally, in computing we have been creating our own pictograms using the I pads.

This week in geography, year 2 pupils have been exploring different coastal towns and learning about their key features. We also enjoyed an exciting hook day, where we studied the artist Rachel Whiteread and created our own pinch pots. The children used 'score and slip' technique too carefully add seaside-themed detail details to their creations. Over the past two weeks, Both classes visited Vange library, Where we learned about books suitable for different age ranges. The children especially loved listening to the new stories and discovering a wider range of books to enjoy.

This week Year 6 have learnt about the circulatory system. We have looked at how oxygenated blood is pumped around the body by the heart. It then travels back through the heart to the lungs to become oxygenated again. In English we have written a persuasive letter to ask for Mr Davie's permission to go on our cinema trip to Vue. We included a variety of reasons why we deserve such a treat including our months of continuous perseverance, resilience and dedication. In Maths we have looked at calculating the area of compound shapes and have started to look at the area of triangles. During PSHE, we have started to discuss money and skills we need to budget when we go to secondary school.

This week year 3 have begun an exciting experiment in science using the testable question ' Does the amount of air affect plant health?'. We are enjoying our core text 'The wind in the willows' and are currently writing an explanation text about what animals do to prepare for winter.

This week in Reception we have been exploring our local environment, looking at maps of our surrounding areas and focussing on key places. The children enjoyed sharing the story Martha Maps It Out, and we compared the maps we had seen to the maps that Martha created. In PE we enjoyed using the footballs, learning new skills and team work. We have also been using our listening skills this week, playing a game of Simon Says, making sure we followed the instructions and rules for the game.



This week Year 4 took part in a Thames workshop! They learnt about the River Thames source and the places that it runs through. They got to recap all the features of the river that they learnt. It was lovely see how much information they remembered. They also learnt about trade routes and special rivers called canals that helped boats travel safely and quickly. It was also fun to learn about how the tide works too!



This week in Sunshine Cafe we have loved our outdoor learning. The children enjoyed a sensory trail and scavenger hunt, exploring outside to discover different textures like sticks, flowers, and grass. Through outdoor learning, they used their senses to feel, observe, and describe using visuals the objects they find. They also enjoyed exploring the water in the tray, splashing, and experimenting with how it felt. We are also very sad to say goodbye to our lovely Miss Holburn. We wish her all the best in her next adventure, and she will be extremely missed.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine - if we are lucky enough to get any!

Mr Davie - Head of School



Nursery

For children aged 3 before 31st August 2026

Limited spaces available for our nursery in September 2026

15/30 hour funded

Additional 15 hours can be paid for if funding not available

Application forms available in the school office or
email admissions@cherrytee-pri.essex.sch.uk

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.

School Dinner Menu - Week One

27th April—1st May

Monday

Breaded Chicken Goujons

Breaded Quorn Goujons

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wrap

Eton Mess

Tuesday

Beef Bolognese and Pasta

Quorn Bolognese and Pasta

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 Rustic Tomato Sauce

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Mini Muffin

Friday

Chicken Niggets

Beyond Chicken 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	95.0%
Ladybirds	98.9%
Hedgehogs	100%
Rabbits	96.4%
Owls	98.2%
Squirrels	96.3%
Year 3 Blue	98.6%
Year 3 Green	92.8%
Year 4 Blue	92.6%
Year 4 Green	98.1%
Year 5 Blue	95.4%
Year 5 Green	95.8%
Year 6 Blue	89.3%
Year 6 Green	97.9%

Wow Wow Wow!!

Well done! The whole school attendance for this week was 96%

Year 3 were the highest in Key Stage 2 with 98.6% and ...

**WE HAVE OUR SECOND 100% CLASS
WELL DONE TO HEDGEHOGS**

Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2026



Sunday 26th Of April

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS



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Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk



Value Awards



Butterflies	Gianna J	For always showing ambition in her learning, listening during teaching sessions, trying her best and producing beautiful sentence writing, thinking carefully about her handwriting.
Ladybirds	Zayn A	For showing ambition in his learning this week. Zayn has read every night at home and completed some really good maths learning in class with our teen numbers.
Hedgehogs	Demi-Marie B	For demonstrating ambition through challenging herself to develop fluency counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
Rabbits	Mia E	For always being polite, using good manners and speaking to others with respect.
Owls	Betty V	For kindness as she has been helping her friends when they have been finding things difficult.
Squirrels	Valeria A	Valeria consistently shows great ambition in English and maths. Always giving her best effort and responding positively to feedback. She is developing strong resilience in computing and is encouraged to keep asking for support to help her continue progressing in her learning.
Year 3 Blue	Stacey C	Stacey has shown an increase in confidence this week as she has been asking for help and being honest when she doesn't fully understand something. She has shown excellent perseverance in all tasks.
Year 3 Green	Ezra K	He has shown kindness to people all week and has been sharing equipment with his peers.
Year 4 Blue	Lewis R	For showing respect to adults and peers in his class. He has tried very hard all week to make sure he is listening and not being distracted by others within lessons and has also given his friends advice on how to be respectful in class.
Year 4 Green	Lexie S	For showing our value of kindness by being willing to help her peers and adults in class with tasks.
Year 5 Blue	George D	For always showing high levels of respect to his peers and all adults around the school.
Year 5 Green	Kirsty-Alice G	For always giving her all in her work and showing great resilience in all that she does. Kirsty always completes her reading at home and shows great ambition to improve in her work in school.
Year 6 Blue	Rhian H	For showing ambition this week during our writing lessons. Creating some fantastic ideas in her persuasive letter and constantly thinking of ways to improve it further through her use of strong vocabulary.
Year 6 Green	Muku C	For always trying his best during lessons to produce work to the best of his ability demonstrating our value of ambition. Well done.

Dates for your Diary 2026

Monday 4th May

May bank Holiday—no school

Tuesday 5th May

Bikeability—Year 5

Wednesday 20th May

9.15 am Sunflower in my Supper (Year 4)

2.15pm Sunflower in my Supper (Year 4)

Thursday 21st May

Healthy family Drop in 9-10am

Friday 22nd May

Last day of Term

Monday 1st June

Return to school

Night Owls visiting the whole school

Tuesday 2nd June

Year 5 trip to Barleylands

Tuesday 16th June

Happy Days—Individual Photos

Thursday 2nd July

Sports day—Reception to Year 6

Friday 17th July

Last day of Summer Term

School Aged Healthy Family Drop-in sessions

These sessions previously took place at various sites across the local area. They will now be held within schools, once per term, and we will hold ours here **at Cherry Tree** on the following date:

Thursday 21st May – 9.00am to 10.00am

You will have the opportunity to speak to a **Healthy Family Support Practitioner** about any aspect of your child's health (see below)

This is a **drop-in clinic** and there is no need to book.

If you do have any questions, please speak to

Mrs Cory, AHT: Inclusion

The School Age team at Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services will now be providing drop ins for parents/carers at your child's primary school. The drop ins are available for all parents/carers of primary aged children.

For more information
Tel-0300 247 0013- (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

The Team can offer support around.

- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Improving sleep
- Nutrition support
- Physical health
- Personal hygiene
- Managing health conditions
- Signposting, advice and support

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CHERRY TREE – SEMH ASSISTANT closing date 11th May 2026
MERRYLANDS – HLTA closing date 10th May
MERRYLANDS – PART TIME EYF5 TEACHER closing date 10th May
WHITMORE – ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER closing date 27th April
WHITMORE – FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICER closing date 29th April
WHITMORE – FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER closing date 1st May

For more information and to apply for any of these exciting opportunities, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies - Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)

MAY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMPS

📍 CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL
26TH & 27TH MAY

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

EARLY BIRD (BOOK BEFORE 10TH MAY)

Full Day: **£20**
Half Day: **£10**

AFTER 10TH MAY

Full Day: **£25**
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