

Happy Friday everyone!

Another big thank you for your continued patience whilst we host children and staff from Fair-house. We only expect this to continue for another week. Our children have adapted to this change very well and I am very proud of them all.

We continue to drive up standards in the school. Last term, our early years and KS1 strengthened their practice in writing. Our KS2 strengthened theirs in reading. This term, they have swapped the focus. All of the work we are doing behind the scenes means that your children are getting a stronger and more consistent quality of education. The Ofsted left the school with a lot of work to do, but we are working hard to achieve our targets.

Thank you to those that have already completed our survey. If you haven't already done so, please vote for your values that Cherry Tree will adopt. These should be values that you would like to see above all others in society.

Next week, on Tuesday at 9-10 we are hosting a coffee morning for parents and carers. The senior leadership team will be available to discuss the direction of the school and any concerns you have. There will be cake so please come along!

A reminder not to park on the yellow lines outside the school - you could be reported to Essex council or even the police, and receive a fine.

Lastly, we are taking part in the Trust TT Rockstars competition against all the other schools. Of course we want to win, so please encourage your children to get onto those devices and start playing!



This week in Nursery we shared the traditional story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. For our maths input we have explored measurements tallest and shortest. Comparing our heights and working together in the construction areas using different materials to build the tallest beanstalks. We are also learning about plant cycles, each child planted their own magic bean. Over the next few weeks, the children will learn to look after their beanstalks as they grow. Hopefully, the beanstalks will reach the beautiful castles each child created.

This week, Year 1 have been writing their own 6-part superhero stories! In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers and beginning to add to 20 using a range of resources. In history, we have been investigating old and new toys and finding how they are similar and different while in science we investigated what happened to a sound when we moved further away from it. In art, we used lego to make our own prints and create pictures and in computing we used iPads to design our own rocket.

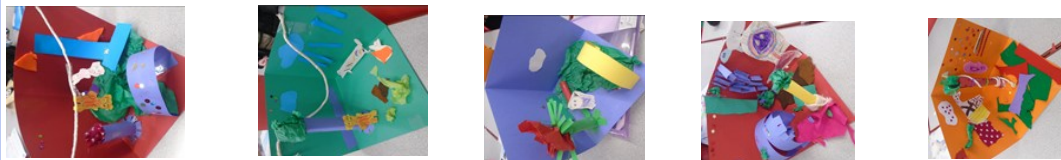
This week in Reception we have read Gingerbread Man story and investigated why he could not swim across the river. In Maths we continued to explore numbers to eight, including doubles and odds and evens. We also explored the concept of 'pairs' and enjoyed the story Simon Sock. In Art we used our threading skills to decorate our own Gingerbread Men.

Year 6 have had a fantastic week. The children have really enjoyed writing from the perspective of an evacuee during World War II, producing some thoughtful and lovely pieces of work. In History, they have been fascinated by learning about the Blitz and have shown great engagement, asking insightful and curious questions throughout the lessons.

This week in Sunshine Cafe, we have been loving our story of the week "A Squash and a Squeeze". We have been exploring different textures to represent the animals in the story, through our messy science and art lessons. We are now live on Tapestry so parents can keep up to date with our daily activities. We enjoyed PE this week with our sports coach, we have been working really hard to listen to instructions on how to use the equipment safely and our confidence in this is improving weekly. A big shout out to Sonny G for his first week within the Sunshine Cafe, he is settling in very well.

Year 4: This week we learnt about brushing our teeth. We took part in an experiment where we tested brushing for 10 seconds, 1 minute and 2 minutes. We discovered why dentists recommend brushing our teeth for 2 minutes. We also learnt about painting with different textures and used this to create a 3D painting.

In Year 2, the children had their explore day where they travelled to a new destination and found the animal they created last week. The children used their imaginations to explore their destination. Some children travelled to the desert, the Arctic or the jungle. From this, the children were able to generate words for what they could see, hear, feel and smell. After the children created 3D models of their location and the animals that inhabited there.



This week Year 3 have been writing a recount about penguins incredible adventures in Antarctica. We have enjoyed learning the names of muscles including the bicep, tricep and quadriceps and discussed their importance when we move. Children have also begun rehearsing their songs for our upcoming production of 'There is a sunflower in our supper.'

This week in Year 5 we have been tackling short division with exchanging. We have completed some artist backgrounds ready for next week using water-colours. In science, we have researched about the many moons in our Solar System. In English we have also begun planning and writing our space adventure story using many different features.

Have a lovely weekend
Mr Davie

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.



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – EYFS TEACHER closing date 29th January
CHERRY TREE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 5th February
CHERRY TREE – FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER closing date 5th February
ST MARYS – CLASS TEACHER closing date 4th February
MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 26th January
WHITMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 23rd January

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

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.

School Dinner Menu - Week Two

26th—30th January

Monday

Baked Carbonara (ham)

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Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wrap

Angel Delight

Tuesday

Chicken Quesadilla

Vegetarian Quesadilla

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Ham Sandwich

Cinnamon Cake

Wednesday

Roast Pork

Quorn Roast

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna

Cheese or Egg Mayo Wrap

Fresh Fruit Salad

Thursday

Penne Pasta with a Rustic Tomato Sauce

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Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwich

School Cake

Friday

Fish Fingers

Cheese and Onion Quiche

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Ham Wrap

Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Icing



Cherry Tree Weekly Attendance Table

Butterflies	93.7%
Ladybirds	91.9%
Hedgehogs	92.5%
Rabbits	88.9%
Owls	89.1%
Squirrels	92.6%
Year 3 Blue	91.2%
Year 3 Green	91.8%
Year 4 Blue	90.6%
Year 4 Green	93.2%
Year 5 Blue	93.0%
Year 5 Green	91.7%
Year 6 Blue	89.8%
Year 6 Green	91.7%

Well done to Butterflies in Key Stage 1 with an attendance of 93.9% - third week running as the highest class, can anyone beat them?

In Key Stage 2, Year 4 Green are the highest for the second week running with 93.2% this week—well done.

The highest for the school was Butterflies with 93.7%. Who will it be next week?

Let's have a real push to get the attendance up over the last 3 weeks before half term.

Don't forget there are individual prizes to be won for 100% attendance each week and 1 lucky winner in each key stage each at the end of half term.

Which class will get cake or brownies for reaching 100%?



Shout Out Awards

Hedgehogs	Hayley T	For her increased independence in writing.
Rabbits	Freddie H	For trying really hard to work independently and using his sounds in his writing.
Owls	Emily A	For always being ready to learn this week and working hard in maths to be resilient.
Squirrels	Anna K	This week, Ann has been more involved in class discussions and is confidently sharing her ideas. She has shown great enthusiasm for her learning and is keen to contribute. Anna has also been working hard in maths and trying her best with all activities.
Year 3 Blue	Hashir S	Hashir has been working hard in all his lessons and in particular his maths. He is beginning to reason using his mathematical language. Keep it up.
Year 3 Green	Raheem I	For independently working on his fine motor skills which has resulted in good presentation in all his books.
Year 4 Blue	Festus G	For always showing respect to everyone around him including adults and children and always giving 100% in all lessons.
Year 4 Green	Lilly B-T	For settling well into Cherry Tree, growing confidence in her abilities and participating in every lesson with enthusiasm.
Year 5 Blue	Brooke E	For demonstrating outstanding resilience and commitment to learning. She has shown a great deal of determination by acting on given feedback and persevering , even when faced with challenges. Well done!
Year 5 Green	Oliver b	For using some amazing vocabulary for his descriptive adventure story. He has been practising being more resilient with his learning!
Year 6 Blue	Nikol S	Always showing aspiration in all she does—she is a positive learner who literally gives 110% in all she does.
Year 6 Green	Kabir K	For wonderful progress with his arithmetic!

Dates for your Diary 2026

Tuesday 27th January

9-10am Coffee Morning with SLT

Thursday 5th February

8.50am School Aged Healthy Family Drop-in session

Tuesday 10th February

Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February

Last Day of term

Monday 16th—Friday 20th February

Half term

Monday 23rd February

Return to School

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Tuesday 10th March

Happy Days Class Photos



Come and talk to the Senior Leadership Team

**Your opportunity to come and ask
questions about the school and our
exciting plans for the future.**

**Tuesday 27th January 2026
9-10am**

Tea, coffee and some of the lovely cakes made by our own
cook that your children enjoy with lunch.

If you can let us know if you want to come along that will
be great (to make sure there is enough cake) but you are
more than welcome to turn up on the day



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 dates:

5th February – 8.50 am onwards

7th May – 8.50 am onwards

You will have the opportunity to speak to a **Healthy Family Support Practitioner** about any aspect of your child's health, e.g., sleeping, eating, physical development, etc.

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

School Uniform

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

The link for Myclothing is:

<https://myclothing.com>

Exclusive Cherry Tree 10% discount until 31.03.2026

Use the code MYCQ110