

Happy Friday everyone!

I hope you all enjoyed the bank holiday. It still felt like a long week for some reason!

I would like to officially welcome Mr McQuade to the school. Mr McQuade is our new Deputy Headteacher and will help Cherry Tree with our aim of becoming the best school we can be. He has completed his first week with us and you will see him on the gate. Standards at this school are being driven up, and he will add further capacity here, so that your children benefit from an excellent education.

A reminder not to park on the yellow lines outside the school; we had a build-up of traffic again on Friday. If you see cars parked here, and it is safe to do so, please photograph them and send them to Essex highways, the county council or (if illegal and dangerously parked) the police.

Next week is SATS week. Our year 6 children are invited to a free breakfast club, to ensure they are in school and ready for the tests ahead. We practice the tests 4 times, in test circumstances, throughout the year. This is to help reduce stress and so the children feel ready for the real things. However, this is still a stressful time. We all know how it feels to sit a test or exam. The children have worked so hard to prepare for these and I am very proud of how they have applied themselves. Regardless of the outcome from the tests, they can be proud of themselves. They will finish the week with a trip to the cinema as a treat!

Next week is water saving week. Please be mindful of how much water you use and how much you pour from the tap and *don't* end up using.



Nursery have had a lovely, fun-filled week of learning. The children have been amazing, showing great focus and enthusiasm during our phonics sessions as they practised listening carefully, recognising sounds and blending words together.

We enjoyed sharing the stories *Simon Socks* and *Monkey Puzzle*, which helped the children learn about matching, colours, patterns and families. The children especially loved the hands-on activities. They had lots of fun making their own matching socks and pegging them onto a washing line, helping to build their fine motor skills.

The children also enjoyed a matching game where they matched baby animals to their mothers by recognising similarities. In addition, they created wonderful monkey hats and confidently joined in with a counting rhyme.

We are so proud of all the children for their brilliant effort and fantastic learning this week – well done everyone!

This week year 1 have been planning and writing their own instructions in our literacy sessions. In maths, we have been continuing to explore multiplication and have been practising doubling numbers. In geography, we have been exploring the human and physical features of China and in science we have identified wild and garden plants. In computing we have continued to explore representing data and in RE we have been learning about how different religions celebrate babies being born.

This week in Sunshine Cafe, we have been exploring the story *Elmer and the Rainbow*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our PE lessons, taking part in turn-taking games and badminton activities. We have also continued to support the children's social and communication skills through a variety of turn-taking games during their communication sessions. We had a wonderful afternoon welcoming our parents for an arts and crafts session linked to our topic this term, *Weather and Seasons*. Different activity stations were set up, providing lots of creative and engaging opportunities for everyone to enjoy together. A special well done to Bailey S for independently initiating play with peers and joining in with a turn-taking game of football during PE.

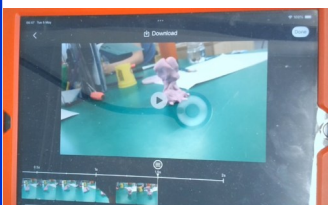
This week year 3 have been working hard on their production as we find ourselves less than 2 weeks away from inviting their adults to come watch. Children have done incredibly well to learn their lines and we are grateful for help with this. In PSHE, we have been looking at the rights and responsibilities of a child and how they are protected by adults to ensure the rights are maintained.

This week Year 4 made their own sculptures that reflected what they liked about themselves. It was based on shadow sculpture. They carefully cut out their own banners so they could be seen as shadows. They also learnt about what a river could be used for and created their own river drawing based on this. Not long until the MTC so please make sure you are using TTRS to help practice!

Year 2 have had a busy and exciting week of learning. In Science, we looked at different seeds and bulbs from plants and compared their differences. We carried out a comparative test to investigate how cress grows under different conditions, including no water, no light and no warmth, and compared them to a healthy test plant. We checked whether our predictions were correct and discussed why the plant with no sunlight had turned yellow. In Geography, we learned that Weymouth is in the south of England and explored its human and physical features.

This week Year 6 have been working extremely hard on our reading comprehension practice papers, looking at unpicking the questions and using evidence to justify our reasons. In English, we have continued with our narratives from different perspectives based upon our book "Pig Heart Boy". We worked on adapting our language from emotive to formal language when describing the doctor's perspective of the scene. In Computing, we have been developing our computer skills further in preparation for secondary school. We researched our future school and created PowerPoints containing key information children and parents may need to know. In History, we have been looking at Global Trade and key trade routes during the Sikh Empire. We have learnt about the importance of the city 'Lahore' on global trade during this time.

This week in Reception we have been learning about the polar regions. We thought about the weather and what animals live there, we compared this to our learning about Africa last week. We found some animals trapped in ice and thought of different ways to help them escape! In maths we have been focusing on adding more using the language first, then and now.



This week, Year 5 have been busy publishing their information in a website format in English. In maths, they have measured angles using a protractor and have moved onto finding missing angles. In science the children explored the relationship between friction and the distance an object travels and used their experiment to draw conclusions. The children have also been creating their own stop motion animations in computing and have created amazing animations that have taken inspiration from classic stop motions like 'Wallace and Gromit'.

Please remember that the children have weekly homework set on our new platform Century, if your child does not know their log in please speak to Mrs Groves or Miss Priest and we will be happy to assist.

Miss Priest is inviting children to take part in science investigations at home. If your child is interested, please ask them to collect a book from Miss Priest.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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

**Tuesday 12th May 2026**

**Children from Cherry Tree and their immediate families have free entry on 12th May from 3.30pm—just show something with the logo to prove you attend Cherry Tree. Happy playing!**

**LIFE 360 Festival Leisure**



## School Dinner Menu - Week One

11th—15th 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 Nuggets

Beyond Chicken Nuggets

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna

Cheese or Ham Wrap

Ice Cream Pot



## Cherry Tree Weekly Attendance Table

Butterflies	93.1%
Ladybirds	95.1%
Hedgehogs	94.4%
<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>96.0%</b>
Owls	92.3%
Squirrels	88.1%
Year 3 Blue	98.3%
Year 3 Green	93.0%
Year 4 Blue	95.4%
Year 4 Green	95.4%
<b>Year 5 Blue</b>	<b>99.0%</b>
Year 5 Green	97.1%
Year 6 Blue	84.5%
Year 6 Green	97.4%

The highest classes were Rabbits in Key Stage 1 with 96.0% and Year 5 Blue with 99.0% - so close 5 Blue!!

Whole school attendance was down a little again this week at 94.3%.

Let's see if we can get a class with 100% again next week.

## 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.



## Parent Coffee Morning: Understanding Anxiety

Please join us for a coffee and a parent workshop on

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – 9.00am to 10.15am**

**Cherry Tree Primary School**

Delivered by **Mikaela Sengendo**

**MHST Senior Clinician**

There is no need to book. Please just turn up on the day

If you do have any questions, please speak to

Mrs Cory AHT: Inclusion



# Value Awards



Butterflies

**Ava Reign GD** Ava always tries her best in class,. She listens and applies herself at all times and has reached a high standard across all areas this year. She shows great ambition.

Ladybirds

**Carla C** For the kindness that she shows in school, from supporting our newer children making them feel welcome, to always ensuring everyone feels included in games at lunchtime.

Hedgehogs

**Hettie M** For demonstrating kindness by always being willing to help and support her peers.

Rabbits

**Mahmood F** Showing ambition by always working hard and trying his best whatever task he is set.

Owls

**Isabelle P** For showing ambition by trying to improve her writing and upgrading her ideas when writing about the coast.

Squirrels

**Anna K-C** For showing ambition in her English. She has been working more independently to form her sentences and worked hard to improve her hand writing.

Year 3 Blue

**Andy C** Andy has shown respect consistently. He is respectful to his peers and listens well. He respects the environment by ensuring it is always tidy and he has shown respect to the school rules by always being ready to learn.

Year 3 Green

**Amelia C** For showing respect for herself and being a role model in and out of school.

Year 4 Blue

**Lily P** For showing ambition, she has been trying her best to succeed in all lessons and has shown great improvements in her focus.

Year 4 Green

**Noah C** For showing our school ambition. He has been taking feedback on board and is continuously striving to improve his work. He always demonstrates a great attitude towards his learning and is always ready to learn.

Year 5 Blue

**Szymon S** For always showing high levels of respect to both his peers and adults around the school.

Year 5 Green

**Contesa B** Contesa always displays kindness but this week Contesa has been ambitious to achieve in class and is always resilient.

Year 6 Blue

**Nikol S** For showing ambition during her writing lessons this week. She is constantly re-evaluating her work, always finding ways to improve her vocabulary choices, her use of advanced writing features and her spelling.

Year 6 Green

**Western H** For showing ambition with his learning leading to improved arithmetic results.

## Dates for your Diary 2026



Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May

**Year 6 SATs—Good Luck Everyone**

Monday 18th May  
Speedwatch— Road Safety (Year 5)

Wednesday 20th May

9.15 am Sunflower in my Supper (Year 3)

2.15pm Sunflower in my Supper (Year 3)

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

9-10.15am Parent Coffee morning—understanding anxiety

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:

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 drops ins for parents/carers at your child's primary school. The drops 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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### BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – COMPLEX NEEDS & SEND TEACHER closing date 14<sup>th</sup> May  
BERLESDUNA – GOVERNOR/TRUSTEE closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
CRAYS HILL – CLASS TEACHER closing date 15<sup>th</sup> May  
FELMORE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 18<sup>th</sup> May  
MERRYLANDS – HLTA closing date 10<sup>th</sup> May  
MERRYLANDS – PART TIME EYFS TEACHER closing date 10<sup>th</sup> May  
MERRYLANDS – AUTISM SUPPORT CENTRE LEAD TEACHER closing date 13<sup>th</sup> 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  
26<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY

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

**EARLY BIRD (BOOK BEFORE 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY)**

Full Day: **£20**  
Half Day: **£10**

**AFTER 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Full Day: **£25**  
Half Day: **£15**

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- ✓ Ages 5 – 14
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