

Happy Friday everyone!

First I would like to give a huge shout out to our year 6 pupils. They have worked really hard all year towards their SATS tests. They sat the tests this week and coped admirably with them. I am really proud of the ambition they have shown, the resilience towards the pressure and the effort they have given. Have a well-deserved weekend rest! The work does not stop here, as we have lots more to learn in order to get fully prepared for secondary school.

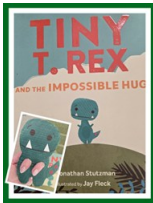
Next week, we have our new playgrounds being installed. On Monday, we will take delivery of all the equipment. The rest of the week will be spent ripping up the old equipment and replacing it with the new. The site will be safe at all times and the children will have the opportunity to watch some of the works taking place. The playgrounds will be officially opened after half term. I have explained to the children that, for safety reasons, I may need to spend some time during the half-term playing on all the equipment myself! For safety reasons.

Lastly, after half-term we will be trialling a new initiative here at Cherry Tree. On PE days, your children will be invited to wear their PE kit to school. This is:

- Plain white t shirt or polo top (or branded)
- Navy blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms (plain)
- Navy blue non-hooded sweatshirt

They may choose to wear their usual Cherry Tree jumper over the top if it is cold. They **must not** wear football kits or any other form of sportswear. Our PE uniform is perfectly attainable and can be purchased from all major supermarkets at a low cost. We are aiming to increase the time spent doing PE during lessons, reduce the amount of lost clothing and reduce some of the anxiety around getting changed. I must stress that this is just a trial and a final decision will be made in time for next year.

We've had a roar-some Dinosaur Week in Nursery! Our theme this week inspired so much curiosity and fun for the children. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing the stories Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug and The Ten Terrible Dinosaurs, which also supported our maths focus. Outdoors, they worked enthusiastically together to paint and build their very own Dinosaur World, showing fantastic teamwork and imagination. They especially enjoyed using their creations in small-world play and even grew grass to create natural dinosaur habitats. The children demonstrated wonderful creativity and increasing focus as they carefully made dinosaur skeleton collages using pasta to represent dinosaur bones. The children explored clay with real perseverance, creating dinosaur fossils using moulds and fully engaging in the sensory experience. Throughout the week, the children loved getting active as they learned a dinosaur-themed action and movement song. They confidently joined in with the actions, rhythm, and dance. The children learned new dinosaur facts, exploring what fossils are and discovering that they are often found underground in rocks. New vocabulary such as dinosaur, fossil, skeleton, and habitat was introduced. Well done Nursery, for an amazing week full of learning and fun.



This week year 1 has been very busy! In literacy, we have planned and written our own voyage stories. In maths, we have begun to explore fractions and have identified halves and quarters. In science, we have identified deciduous and ever green trees while in geography, we have explored human and physical features of Shanghai. In computing, we sorted data into a branching database and in art we made our own tree sculptures by folding, scrunching and twisting paper in different ways.

In Year 5, we have been immersing ourselves in our English work by writing blogs from the perspective of Stanley Yelnats from *Holes*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed stepping into character through role play, helping them to develop their ideas and bring their writing to life. In Maths, the children have been exploring angles, learning how to calculate missing angles in triangles and quadrilaterals, as well as practising how to accurately draw angles. In Computing, the children have continued developing their creativity and digital skills by editing their stop-motion animation projects. Well done for a great week, Year 5!

This week in Year 2, we used our plans from last week in Computing to create our own stop motion videos using the tablets. We explored speeding up and slowing down our stop motion videos to see which effects looked best. In PSHE, we learned about the difference between a need and a want. We discussed different examples and thought carefully about why some things are important for us to have and others are things we would simply like to have.

In Year 6 this week, the children have given their all towards the completion of their SATs tests. Every day this week, the children have kept a positive and resilient mind-set towards their tests, applying themselves incredibly well! All of the staff at Cherry Tree are significantly proud of how the children approached the tests. To celebrate their efforts, Year 6 took a trip to the Vue cinema this week for their own private viewing of 'The Faraway Tree.'

This week in Sunshine Café, we have loved exploring our story of the week, Stick Man, linking it to our topic of weather and seasons. During messy science, the children had great fun creating their own snowstorms using shaving foam, and enjoyed exploring our sensory trail by collecting sticks, leaves, and stones along the way, when we got back, they worked together with an adult to count what they had collected. In our communication and cognition sessions, the children worked incredibly hard in their groups, taking part in turn-taking games, counting activities, and investigating repeating patterns. It has been wonderful to see everyone developing their confidence, engagement, and problem-solving skills throughout the week. A special well done to Kian H for independently trying every activity and enthusiastically exploring all areas of learning

This week, Year 4 took part in a class debate. We were divided into teams to argue for and against the question: *Should people be allowed to cut down parts of the rainforest if it benefits them?* We used persuasive language and rebuttals to strengthen our arguments. In science, we created our own model of the water cycle. We poured warm water into a glass, covered it with clingfilm, and placed ice on top. We observed how the ice cooled the air inside the glass, causing condensation to form on the clingfilm. The water droplets then fell back down, demonstrating precipitation.

This week year 3 have been practising each day in preparation for 'There is a sunflower in our supper' and we are very excited to perform to you next week. In maths, we have been working hard looking at all things shape, we are now able to talk about horizontal and vertical. In geography, we looked at old maps of Basildon and what has changed.

This week in Reception we have been learning to make comparisons between different parts of the world including Africa, Polar Regions and where we live. In maths we have been completing subtraction calculations using rhymes, tens frames and multilink. We are looking forward to the work starting next week in our outside area, the children have helped get this area ready for the workmen to start.

Year 3 and Year 4 have really improved their engagement with Times Table Rockstars this week and it has been fantastic to see so many children practising regularly at home.

A special mention must go to 3 Green, who have absolutely smashed it this week by increasing their engagement by over 80%! The effort and enthusiasm from the class has been brilliant and it is wonderful to see the children growing in confidence and speed with their times tables.

A reminder that children should still be aiming to complete at least 10 minutes of Times Table Rockstars every evening. Regular practice is incredibly important as it helps children develop fluency and accuracy, which supports so many areas of maths learning in school.

Thank you for your continued support at home – it really does make a huge difference.

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  
email [admissions@cherrytee-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@cherrytee-pri.essex.sch.uk)

## School Dinner Menu - Week Two

18th—22nd May

Monday

Sweet and Sour Chicken

Sweet and Sour Quorn

**Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo**

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wrap

Mini Pancakes with Syrup

Tuesday

Beef Chilli

Quorn Beef Chilli

**Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo**

Cheese or Ham Sandwich

Arctic Roll

Wednesday

Roast Chicken

Quorn Roast

**Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna**

Cheese or Egg Mayo Wrap

Fresh Fruit Salad

\*\*Thursday\*\*

Chicken Nuggets

Beyond Chicken Nuggets

**Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo**

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwich

CHOCOLATE BROWNIE

**SURPRISE GIFT FOR ALL SCHOOL DINNERS**

Friday

Chicken Burger in a bun

Moving mountains "Chicken" burger in a bun

**Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo**

Cheese or Ham Wrap

Ice Lolly

## 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	89.4%
Hedgehogs	93.0%
Rabbits	92.1%
Owls	94.3%
<b>Squirrels</b>	<b>97.0%</b>
Year 3 Blue	93.6%
Year 3 Green	95.2%
Year 4 Blue	93.7%
Year 4 Green	97.0%
Year 5 Blue	96.8%
Year 5 Green	94.8%
Year 6 Blue	95.2%
<b>Year 6 Green</b>	<b>99.0%</b>

The highest classes were Squirrels in Key Stage 1 with 97.0% and Year 6 Green with 99.0% - another class with 99%!!

Whole school attendance was back up a little but this week at 94.7% - well done!

Two week's running with a class on 99%, let's see if we can get a class with 100% again next week.



## 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

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May!**  
**Cherry Tree presents...**  
**Nuggets and Brownie**  
**day!**



All children with a  
school dinner on  
this day will get a  
surprise with their  
lunch! (all options  
eligible!)

**So make sure you**  
**Book your school dinner**  
**With your teacher on**  
**Thursday!!!**

**LOVE**  
**SCHOOL**  
— *Meals* —



# Value Awards



Butterflies	Harper L	For showing ambition—she reads every night and has worked really hard improving her handwriting and remembering to use finger spaces between her words.
Ladybirds	Donzel M	For showing great ambition in his learning. He has been reading daily at home and always produces a high standard of work and tried his best in class.
Hedgehogs	Anthony T	For showing ambition by challenging himself to include more detail in his story.
Rabbits	Isabelle R	For showing ambition with a fantastic attitude towards her learning and even writing her own stories at home!
Owls	Ansharah M	For showing ambition when using her phonic knowledge to spell longer words and improving her handwriting in English.
Squirrels	Skyla I	Skyla always shows kindness towards others and is a wonderful friend to everyone in the class. She is helpful around the classroom and often supports her peers with their learning. Skyla is a very capable and intelligent pupil who always tries her very best in everything she does.
Year 3 Blue	Ayomposi A	Posi has shown excellent ambition with his work this week. He has produced some very good efforts in writing to improve the overall quality. He has also been doing lots of learning at home on TTRS and Edshed. Keep up the good work .
Year 3 Green	Connor S	For showing ambition as he has shown a keen and concentrated enthusiasm for his learning this week.
Year 4 Blue	Ellie S	For always showing kindness. Ellis is always thoughtful of everybody's feelings around her including students and staff. If Ellie notices that somebody is having a bad day she will do her best to support them in anyway she can and is a very caring friend.
Year 4 Green	Bella D	Showing the value of kindness by always helping her peers, being patient when learning and always using her manners.
Year 5 Blue	Amelia K	For showing high levels of ambition in her learning. She has worked hard to improve her writing by taking greater care with presentation and using a wider range of vocabulary to express her ideas clearly and confidently. Keep up the fantastic effort!
Year 5 Green	Chase B	For showing great honesty by recognising when help is needed and speaking up confidently. It has also been wonderful to see such determination and drive towards improving and always trying his best.
Year 6 Blue	YEAR 6 BLUE	For their ambition this week , giving their all during their SATs tests.
Year 6 Green	YEAR 6 GREEN	For their ambition this week, giving their all during their SATs tests.

## Dates for your Diary 2026

**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 drop ins for parents/carers at your child's primary school. The drops ins are available for all parents/carers of primary aged children.

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

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

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### BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

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  
WHITMORE – LEARNING SUPPORT/MIDDAY ASSISTANT (UPPER KS2) closing date 31<sup>st</sup> May  
WHITMORE – LEARNING SUPPORT/MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 31<sup>st</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](#)

Some of the children that  
took part in orienteering  
for Cherry Tree.



## 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:

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**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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BECOME A SCHOOL GOVERNOR

# BECOME A SCHOOL GOVERNOR

Make a difference in your local school

- No experience needed
- Training provided



**BERLESDUNA**  
ACADEMY TRUST

Do you want to give back to your community and help shape the future of children close to home?

We're looking for local people to join our school governing board

## Interested?

We'd love to have an informal chat.

Contact: Julie Lapslie

Email: [julielapslie@berlesduna.co.uk](mailto:julielapslie@berlesduna.co.uk)

No obligation, no interview pressure  
— just a conversation.

You don't need experience in education

Just:

- An interest in children and learning
- Willingness to ask questions and share ideas
- Time to attend a few meetings each year

What does a School Governor do?

- Help set the vision and values of the school
- Support and challenge the school leadership
- Make sure pupils get the best possible education

What's involved?

- Around 3 meetings a year
- Meetings are during the day or early evening
- Full training and support provided

What's in it for you?

- Make a real impact locally
- Develop skills and confidence
- Meet like-minded people
- Something meaningful to put on your CV