

Happy half-term everyone.

A couple of key messages:

As the temperature rises, please remember to send your children to school with sun hats, water and suncream applied. We will not be able to apply suncream for them.

Our new playgrounds will be finished (and fully tested by me!) over half-term and ready to be opened on the first day back. We are really excited to be able to make these changes to our site. There are more works planned on our journey to become the best school we can be, and it is an exciting time to be part of the Cherry Tree community.

After half-term, we are trialling our new PE kit idea. On PE days, your child may wear their PE kit to school. Navy bottoms and plain white tops. This can be a t-shirt or polo top. They can wear their Cherry Tree jumper (or plain navy jumper) over the top on colder days. We will have some spare kit for children to change into and we will expect children to change into this if they turn up in anything other than the prescribed PE kit.

This is to increase the time spent doing PE and to reduce anxieties around getting changed. We also hope we won't have as much lost property!

We understand there will be some teething problems to start with so please be patient. The PE days are listed below:

- Year 1 - Monday and Friday
- Year 2 - Tuesday and Wednesday
- Year 3 - Monday and Wednesday
- Year 4 - Monday and Tuesday
- Year 5 - Tuesday and Thursday
- Year 6 - Tuesday and Friday

If these days change for any reason, we will notify you via Studybugs.

This **does not apply** to sports clubs after school. They will be expected to come into school in their uniform and get changed as usual if they are attending a club



In Nursery, we had a very special time celebrating Elmer Day! We shared the lovely story *Elmer's New Friend* and talked about kindness, friendship and how wonderful it is that we are all different. The children had great fun going on colour hunts and creating their own bright and beautiful Elmer collage elephants, while exploring patterns and shapes. There was lots of excitement during our science activity too, as the children created their own magical climbing rainbows! We are all looking forward to a fun-filled and exciting summer term ahead!

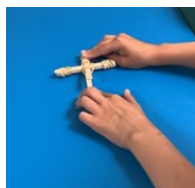
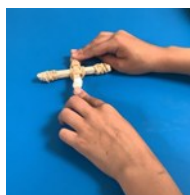


This week, year 1 has been continuing to explore fractions in maths by finding halves and quarters of numbers. In Science, we made predictions and observed how our beans have grown over the past few weeks while In geography, we identified the similarities and differences between Basildon and Shanghai. We also had an art day where we made our own tree sculptures using paper in different ways. Finally, in PSHE, we learnt all about how we can save money and how and where we can keep it safe.

Year 4 this week have finished their sculpture project where they use recycled material. We have also started our topic in maths about time, make sure you practice reading the time at home. We have also learnt about global warming and how we can protect our environment. Lots of practicing for the MTC has happened throughout Year 4, this will start on the first week back so practice as much as possible please!

In year 6 this week, have started our week by having a full Science Day in which we created the elements of blood using things like oil, food colouring and marshmallows. We also ran our own heart rate experiment, investigating the relationship between exercise and heart rate. In history, we continued our learning on Ranjit Singh and the Sikh Empire, understanding why he was considered to be historically significant. In English, we wrote rondelet's from the perspective of a character in our book 'The Pig Heart Boy'. In Maths, we began our project's on creating a Theme Park. Using our budgeting skills, we made a provisional plan of our Theme Park and are now ready to move on to our learning on 'making a profit.'

This week, we have been finishing our blog entries by putting ourselves in Stanley's shoes from our core text. We have also consolidated our understanding of capital letters and full stops. In Maths, we played Battleships to practise reading and plotting co-ordinates and learned how to translate shapes using co-ordinates. We have been making catapults in Science to test the relationship between lever length and effort. We are all looking forward to our school trip after the half-term break. Well done, Year 5, for all your hard work this half term!



This week in Reception we have very much enjoyed watching the builders create our new outside learning environment. We have made observations, discussed what we could see and some of us have written about this too. In maths we have explored sharing equally using objects to help us and have enjoyed the story "The Squirrels who squabbled" thinking about how important it is for us to share with our friends.

This week in the Sunshine Café we have been enjoying the story *When Cucumber Lost His Cool*. The children especially loved taking part in our messy science activity, where we explored different ways to melt ice and rescue the cucumber! We talked about what might help, including warm water and salt, and enjoyed making predictions and watching what happened. We have also been learning about sun safety and how to keep cool in the warmer weather. The children completed worksheets and listened carefully to stories about staying safe during the summer months. Our water trays have been very popular this week too, giving the children opportunities to explore, investigate, and work together with adults while learning about floating and sinking using different objects from around our environment. A big well done to Alyssia B for completing her first full week in the Sunshine Café, and to Stanley S for working so hard with his phonics and reading this week — we are very proud of you both!

We wish all of our families a lovely half term and look forward to welcoming everyone back in June!

This week has been a fantastic week for year 3, first of all, we would like to thank all adults and families for attending our production of *There is a Sunflower in our Supper*. The children have worked incredibly hard and it was a great success. This week across the curriculum, we have been culminating our topic of plants by producing an art project inspired by Sir Anthony Caro. The children have shown excellent engagement in their home learning and we are acknowledging all their home learning as we have seen a huge increase in this. Well done all.

Year 2 have been extremely busy this week completing tests for Maths, Reading and SPaG. In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of odd and even numbers by using dice and digit cards to make numbers and decide whether they were odd or even. In RE, we looked at different religions and made connections between the ways people pray. We had lots of thoughtful discussions and enjoyed sharing our ideas with one another.

Have a lovely half-term  
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 One

1st—5th June

Monday

**Sticky Chicken**

Sticky Quorn

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

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wrap

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Tuesday

**Homemade 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

**Rustic Tomato Sauce and Pasta**

Rustic Tomato Sauce and Pasta

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

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Carrot Cake

Friday

**Fish Fingers**

Vegetable Goujons

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

Cheese or Ham Wrap

Ice Cream Pot



## Cherry Tree Weekly Attendance Table

Butterflies	92.2%
Ladybirds	92.2%
Hedgehogs	91.5%
Rabbits	93.2%
<b>Owls</b>	<b>97.6%</b>
Squirrels	89.0%
Year 3 Blue	90.0%
Year 3 Green	94.8%
Year 4 Blue	94.4%
Year 4 Green	96.3%
<b>Year 5 Blue</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
Year 5 Green	88.1%
Year 6 Blue	84.8%
Year 6 Green	95.2%

The highest classes were Owls in Key Stage 1 with 97.6% and Year 5 Blue with 97.3%.

Whole school attendance was down a little this week at 92.6%

## Half Termly Attendance

The class winners of the best attendance who got to roll the dice to determine their treat were:

Year 4 Green in Key Stage 2 with 97.4%

And

Hedgehogs and Owls both had 95.7% in Key Stage 1

Well done!!

We also have our individual winners of the half term 100% attendance prize:

Key Stage 1 Valeria N Hedgehogs

Key Stage 2 Alice D 6 Blue



## 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.



# Value Awards



Butterflies	Zara B	For showing ambition as she finds her handwriting tricky, but always keeps trying and has made great improvement.
Ladybirds	Tajwar A	For showing respect at all times. Tajwar is polite, waits his turn and always puts his hand up when wanting to speak in class.
Hedgehogs	Abhaynoor S	For showing ambition by working exceptionally hard during assessment week and making good attempts at all questions.
Rabbits	Vinnie E	For showing ambition by working hard and trying to be more independent in writing sessions.
Owls	Alex C	For showing kindness when helping his friends with their work and supporting them when they are
Squirrels	Archie W	Archie has displayed respect by showing good improvements in his behaviour for learning this week, by making better choices in the classroom environment. He has also been trying much harder with completing his learning
Year 3 Blue	Raisa J	Raisa has shown excellent ambition this week and has regularly completed her learning at home on TTRS and she is striving to improve in all areas. She is always kind and respectful to others. Keep up the great work.
Year 3 Green	Rohaam A	For working hard in all lessons and showing respect for his classmates.
Year 4 Blue	Harry B	For respect to adults even when struggling with emotions he always shows good manners and is polite to everybody.
Year 4 Green	Albie E	For showing respect by always following the school rules, being polite and helping others.
Year 5 Blue	Brooke E	For always showing kindness and making sure other children feel included, welcomed and valued.
Year 5 Green	Lakyn B	For showing ambition with an improved attitude towards learning and a willingness to keep improving both in and out of class.
Year 6 Blue	Alice D	For always showing respect to others, listening intently to everybody's ideas and opinions.
Year 6 Green	Mellissa C	For always showing respect to her peers and to members of staff.

## Dates for your Diary 2026

### Monday 1st June

Return to school

Night Owls visting the whole school

The unveiling of the new playgrounds

### Tuesday 2nd June

9-10.15am Parent Coffee morning—understanding anxiety

Year 5 trip to Barleylands

### Tuesday 16th June

Happy Days—Individual Photos

### Monday 22nd June

Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle

### Monday 29th June

Year 6 Residential

### Tuesday 30th June

Year 6 Residential

### Wednesday 1st July

Year 6 Residential

### Thursday 2nd July

Sports day—Reception to Year 6

### Friday 17th July

Last day of Summer Term



## 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

## School Uniform

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

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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