

Happy Friday everyone.

It is great to see the play equipment being fully utilised. Today we had the builders back to put the finishing touches onto the EYFS equipment (a 'pulley' system on the sandpit and some soft flooring under our hill).



We are looking at ordering a host of new curriculum resources for the school, including more science and DT equipment, and more sporting equipment. Additionally, we will look to enhance the inside building with some new professional displays. I look forward to sharing these with you.

I would like to say an official welcome to Miss Lewis, who joined our Sunshine Cafe team this half-term. Also, an official welcome back to Miss Tyler-Jenkins, who returned from maternity leave this half-term. We are really pleased to have you both with us.

A quick note about the Swan Mead play area. We are noticing more and more children congregating here in the mornings. They are representing our school even if they are not on school grounds. We expect the children to come in once the gates are opened, and expect them to demonstrate our core values at all times. We will be monitoring this more closely moving forwards. If you send your children to school on their own, please remind them of our behaviour expectations.

In Nursery, we enjoyed sharing the beautiful story *The Rainbow Fish*, using it as a wonderful opportunity to explore themes of kindness and sharing. The children worked together to create a large scale sea scene, where they loved sharing the experience with one another and freely exploring colour and movement on a large scale. They also took part in discussions, sharing their ideas about which sea creatures to include. The children then created their own unique rainbow fish using collage techniques and made fantastic jellyfish, whilst developing and practising their scissor skills. To support our maths learning, the children explored patterns by matching corresponding patterns and creating their own repeating patterns through fun group turn taking games and activities.



This week year 1 have worked really hard and completed their phonics screening checks! In Maths, we have been exploring numbers to 100 and counting in 10s. In our writing sessions we have been planning and writing our own diary stories and in history we have been identifying key achievements from explorers such as Christopher Columbus and Ellen MacArthur. In computing, we have continued to think about how we can stay safe online and in PSHE, we have learnt about different jobs, including those in school.

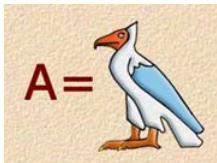
This week in Reception we have been learning about how the seafront has changed over time. We looked at some old photographs and discussed similarities and differences. In maths, we have been doubling numbers, we very much enjoyed using this knowledge to help us find the correct keys for padlocks. In art we have explored different materials, creating collages of the beach. We are still enjoying our new outdoor environment.

In Year 6 this week, we have completed our balanced argument around the topic of banning SATs for Year 6 pupils. In Maths, we worked on ratio and proportion, demonstrating these in their most simplest form. During the afternoons, we have started rehearsals for our end of year production "Pirates of the Curry Bean!"

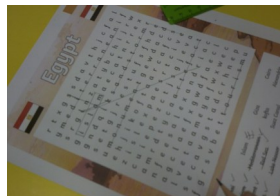
In Year 5, we have been learning to add and subtract decimals across 1. In Music, the children have been researching character and action songs in musical theatre. This is in preparation for the children creating their own musical theatre projects. We have also been working hard in our assessments this week. Well done Year 5 for all your hard work!

Year 2 have had another busy and exciting week of learning. In Science, we looked at the process of making paper and were surprised by how many steps are involved. In English, we used drama to help us remember the traditional tale *The Magic Paintbrush*, which will inspire our lively and interesting writing next week. In PE, we enjoyed finding out who could jump the furthest from a standing position and showed great determination throughout. It was wonderful to see such a friendly and competitive spirit from everyone.

This week Year 4 have planned a science experiment about the viscosity of different liquids. Ask us what our experiment is about. We have also made our own moving image using linkages and levers, we worked in teams and used good problem solving skills. We also completed the MTC this week! Year 4 have been working so hard towards this and we are so proud of them!



Today, year 3s hook day found them immersed in Ancient Egypt. We have been learning to mummify each other, use hieroglyphs to design a personalised sarophagus, draw pyramids, make cartouche out of clay and we did some food tasting enjoying Egyptian flat bread, melon, figs, lettuce, dates and turnips. We had a spectacular day!!!



This week in Sunshine Café, we have been exploring the wonderful story of *Tiddler*. The children loved making their own paper plate fish and using sponges to create a vibrant under-the-sea background! We also enjoyed water play and painting watercolour shells, which the children then independently cleaned. A huge well done to Kian H. for brilliantly using his choice board to request his wants and needs this week!

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



Value Awards



Butterflies	Daniel S	Daniel has this for ambition because he has worked hard developing his handwriting. He has also completed great sentence writing this week.
Ladybirds	Jacob B	This is for ambition as he is reading regularly at home and this has helped not only with his reading, but also his sentence writing, using his own initiative to help improve his writing this week.
Hedgehogs	Richard S	For showing ambition by challenging himself with his writing and contributing more in class.
Rabbits	Dylan H	For showing ambition as he has been working extremely hard in class and always tries his best.
Owls	Lexi-May W	For showing kindness by helping her friends and making sure everyone has what they need to take part in activities. For also helping to make everyone smile and have a positive attitude to her learning.
Squirrels	Jaelen S	Showing honesty by recognising when he has not made the right choices and taking responsibility for his actions. He has taken positive steps to put things right by speaking to an adult and seeking support when needed. This shows a willingness to learn from his mistakes.
Year 3 Blue	Mason G	For consistently showing kindness throughout the school environment.
Year 3 Green	Ezra K	For his honesty and integrity this week in his learning.
Year 4 Blue	Isabella M	For showing ambition within her assessments this week, giving 100% as always.
Year 4 Green	Prabhdeep R	For the school value of kindness, always willing to help her peers, always using kind manner and always making sure she follows school rules. A fantastic role model to her peers!
Year 5 Blue	Joseph D	For showing ambition and perseverance to improve in his learning in order to achieve his very best. Well done!
Year 5 Green	Anthony G	For showing ambition by settling in to the class well and striving to do his best in all lessons.
Year 6 Blue	Aria D	Always showing kindness to her peers and all staff members within the school.
Year 6 Green	Andrew P	For showing ambition with his swimming this week, especially with the backstroke.

Dates for your Diary 2026

Tuesday 16th June

Happy Days—Individual Photos

Wednesday 17th June

4.30pm Welcome meeting for 2026 Reception Cohort

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

Friday 3rd July

Sports day—Reception to Year 6

9 - 10.15 Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
10.45 - 12 Year 3 and Year 4
1.15 - 3 Year 5 and Year 6

Monday 13th July

9.15am Pirates of the Curry Bean—Year 6

2.00pm Pirates of the Curry Bean—Year 6

Friday 17th July

9.15am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

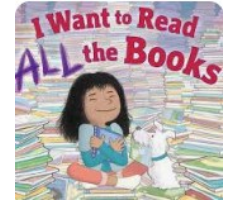
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Last day of Summer Term



Library Books

**Can you please
ensure your child
returns their library books
promptly so others can enjoy
them too.**



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 15th June

MERRYLANDS – NURSERY LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 15th June

WHITMORE – FULLTIME/PARTIME EYFS TEACHER closing date 15th June

For more information and to apply for any of these exciting opportunities, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies - Berlesduna Academy Trust](https://www.berlesdunaacademytrust.com/vacancies)



School Uniform

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

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<https://myclothing.com>

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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

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