

Happy Friday everyone! We have finished a hot week with a very hot day today! Please ensure your child comes to school with a hat, sun cream applied and a water bottle. We have a water fountain in each key stage and provide additional water at lunch in this heat. We have areas of shade during lunchtime as well.

Today we had Essex Fire and Rescue in to deliver an important assembly about water safety, covering how to stay safe in or near the water. Thank you to the parent who contacted us to request we do something to promote staying safe near the water.

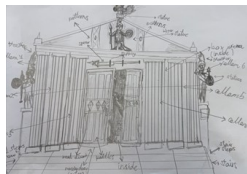
Next week we have a really busy week. Lots of our year 6s are off to their respective secondary schools. On Wednesday and Thursday, we will be holding our transition days. Children will find out their new teachers on Wednesday morning, then spend two days in their new class. Drop off and pick up will all be as usual, and a letter will be coming out Monday with further information.

A new year inevitably brings with it staff changes. We are sad to say goodbye to Miss Jones and Miss Simpson, who are leaving us at the end of the academic year. We are very lucky to have secured the services of three experienced teachers to join our team in September. They will be here for the transition days.

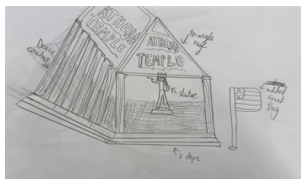
We also say goodbye to Mrs Cory, who sadly will be leaving us as well. She has provided her own message below.

Miss Littlewood, our incoming SENCO, will be joining us on the transition days so please give her a warm welcome.

I understand that change is unsettling, and that Cherry Tree has experienced its share of changes this year, but our school has made fantastic progress this year and continues to go from strength to strength.



Year 5 had a fantastic time during our Greek-themed Hook Day! The children took part in their very own Greek Olympics, with the city-state of Rhodes emerging as the overall winners—well done to everyone in Rhodes for their impressive efforts. Throughout the day, the children immersed themselves in Ancient Greek culture and history. One highlight was a lively re-enactment of the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur. The performances were full of enthusiasm and creativity, and it was wonderful to see the children bring the story to life. The children also put their design skills to the test by creating their own Greek temples dedicated to Athena, using their knowledge of different column styles and building materials. They then designed and decorated Greek vases inspired by a chosen god or goddess and their associated symbols. To round off the day, we enjoyed a Greek food tasting session featuring feta cheese, pitta bread, houmous, honey, olives and Greek yoghurt. While some foods proved more popular than others, it's fair to say



that olives were the least favourite overall! We had a wonderful day packed with learning, creativity and fun. As always, well done to all of Year 5 for another excellent week!

Year 2 have had a fantastic week and have thoroughly enjoyed our Flight Hook Day, where we focused on Geography, History, Science and Art. We travelled on a plane to different destinations linked to significant people from history and learned lots of interesting facts along the way. In Science, we made different paper aeroplanes and tested them to see which design travelled the furthest. We enjoyed comparing our results and discussing why some planes flew better than others. Finally, in Art, we created maps of a familiar place as well as our local airport, Southend.

This week, year 3 have begun to learn about time. They begun by learning the 5 minute intervals and 1 minute intervals on an analogue clock. We have shown excellent resilience when we have found it tricky. We have been exploring further about Ancient Egypt and are able to recall some detailed facts. We are very much excited for our school trip to Colchester castle on Monday.

This week in Reception we have been learning about the earth's oceans and seas, we explored these areas on maps and talked about the difference between them. The children have also learnt about the effect plastic pollution is having on our seas and the marine life that lives there. Our stories Someone Swallowed Stanley and Clean Up! helped us understand these effects and what we could do to prevent this. In maths we have been learning to use and understand positional language, we then used this language to create cube models. The children enjoyed working as part of a team during our PSED lesson to build a den.

In Year 6 this week, we have been busily rehearsing for our end of year production. We have been tirelessly practicing our lines and fine tuning our positions on the stage. We cannot wait for the show in July! Whilst in French, we learnt the French terms for family members.



In Nursery we enjoyed sharing the stories *Sharing a Shell* and *Barry the Fish with Five Fingers* using them as a wonderful opportunity to explore themes of kindness, teamwork, being unique and sharing. The children have loved using different printing and collage techniques to decorate shells and sea animals this week. They have also shown much enjoyment exploring our bubbly rock pool and finding the different sea creatures hiding beneath the bubbles.



The children took part in discussions surrounding 'Sun Safety' and shared their ideas on how we can keep ourselves safe and healthy, especially during hot weather.

To support our maths learning, the children explored our number plates and seashells and we practised sorting, counting and subitising the numbers 1 to 5.



This week in Sunshine Café, we have been exploring the wonderful story of *The Singing Mermaid*. The children enjoyed making their own mermaids using a variety of craft materials, developing their creativity and fine motor skills as they carefully decorated them. We also had lots of fun during our music activities, singing a range of familiar nursery rhymes and joining in with actions and movement. Our water sensory trays were a big hit this week, providing opportunities for the children to splash, pour, scoop, and investigate different textures and materials. These activities encouraged curiosity, exploration, and imaginative play while supporting the children's communication and social skills as they played alongside their friends. A big well done to Sonny G for showing increased personal independence and excellent problem-solving skills, particularly when recognising, matching, and exploring different colours during activities this week.

This week Year 4 had their Topic Day all about the Mayans! We learnt about Mayan Gods and went on a fact hunt. We then had a chance to make calendars, built a Mayan pyramid, crack codes using the Mayan number system and we got to try a Mayan chocolate drink! We also created drawings and collages based on the rainforest that the Mayans live in.

#### **Football and Netball Tournament:**

A selection of pupils from year 5 and 6 represented our school in a football and netball tournament this week. In some very hot weather, the teams gave their all and played some fantastic football and netball against a number of teams within the trust. We could not be prouder of the effort the children gave. Well done all of those involved!



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)

I wanted to let you know that I will be leaving Cherry Tree at the end of the summer term. I have accepted an exciting opportunity to lead SEND within an expanding alternative provision. This was not an easy decision, as I have loved being part of the Cherry Tree community and working with your children. A replacement has already been appointed, who will join us for the transition days next week to ensure a smooth handover. I look forward to supporting the children for the remainder of the term and making the most of the time I have left at Cherry Tree. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Cory

## School Dinner Menu - Week Two

22nd—26th June

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 Gammon

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

Coconut Jam Sponge

Friday

Chicken Nuggets

Beyond Chicken Nuggets

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	91.6%
Ladybirds	91.7%
Hedgehogs	94.1%
Rabbits	94.6%
Owls	92.9%
<b>Squirrels</b>	<b>96.0%</b>
Year 3 Blue	93.3%
<b>Year 3 Green</b>	<b>97.6%</b>
Year 4 Blue	90.0%
Year 4 Green	97.4%
Year 5 Blue	95.4%
Year 5 Green	97.0%
Year 6 Blue	83.4%
Year 6 Green	94.5%

Well done to Squirrels in Key Stage 1 and Year 3 Green in Key Stage 2 with the highest attendance this week.

The total school attendance was 93.5 %  
Let's push for the 100% next week!



## **Beat the Street**

We have made a reasonable start to the competition—we are currently 10th on the leader board.

Let's make our mark on this event and show everyone what a fantastic team spirit there is at Cherry Tree when we work together to climb that leader board!

If you haven't already, please sign up. There are prizes to be won for the school and we will be giving individual prizes each week too.

*\*\*if you are registered as a nickname please let Mr Cooper (Year 6 Blue) know your username so we can see our winners\*\**



# Value Awards



Butterflies	Lottie-Mae E	For demonstrating kindness by welcoming a new child into our class, inviting them into her play and explaining the class
Ladybirds	Sonny B	Sonny is a very respectful member of the class, he is always polite to adults and peers. He takes good care of our classroom environment, ensuring that everything goes back into the correct place, often tidying up after others.
Hedgehogs	Hira Y	For showing respect through active listening and acting to improve after feedback in writing.
Rabbits	Izadora H-B	For showing ambition with a more positive attitude to her learning this week and communicating with adults with more respect.
Owls	Esmae C	For showing ambition by improving her focus during lessons and responding to feedback in her work.
Squirrels	Skyla I	Skyla consistently shows ambition in all areas of her learning and always strives to do her very best. She listens carefully to feedback and takes it on board to improve her work. Her positive attitude and determination are helping her make excellent progress across the curriculum.
Year 3 Blue	Lola R	Lola has consistently shown kindness throughout her time in school, she always uses her manners and plays with children so they are not on their own.
Year 3 Green	Shafin A	For showing ambition using rich synonyms in his persuasive leaflet, inviting the Pharaoh to his banquet.
Year 4 Blue	Ozzie C	For showing ambition in his work and his attitude to his learning. Ozzie has tried very hard this week to always try his best in his work and focus within his lessons. Well done Ozzie!
Year 4 Green	George T	For showing the value of respect. He is always following the school rules, always using manners and always looking out for his peers. Well done George!
Year 5 Blue	Alex B	For always having a positive attitude towards all aspects of school life and for showing an ambitious nature in developing his learning.
Year 5 Green	Jacob C	Demonstrating ambition when showing fantastic resilience in maths this week. He worked incredibly hard and pushed himself beyond his usual efforts to successfully complete a range of varied fluency questions. We are so proud of the determination and perseverance he has shown - keep up the great work Jacob!
Year 6 Blue	Kyle S	For showing ambition with his dedication to his role within the year 6 performance. Practicing his lines with such enthusiasm, bringing life to his role!
Year 6 Green	Riley F	For showing great ambition and determination in participating in the school production, stepping out of his comfort zone, and contributing with enthusiasm and dedication.

## Dates for your Diary 2026

### 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

### Friday 10th July

School fete and bouncy castle event 3.15pm

### 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

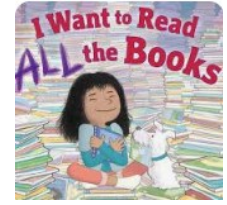
2.30pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

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

BERLESDUNA – COMPLEX NEEDS & SEND TEACHER closing date 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
FAIRHOUSE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 6<sup>th</sup> July  
WHITMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 1<sup>st</sup> July

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.co.uk/vacancies)



## 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:

<https://myclothing.com>

**10% off all orders till 31.07.26**

**Code SSPEND10**

**Ice-Lollies for sale every Friday after school.**

**ONLY 50P EACH**



## **HOLIDAY COURSES**

**Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2, Level 3, Learn to ride courses and a new course Child Bike Workshop & Learn**

To book, please visit link [essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking](https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking)

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee





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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