

Happy end of year Cherry Tree! It has been a long year, full of change, which isn't always easy.

However, it has been worth it. I am incredibly proud to be working at Cherry Tree and serving this community. I am also very happy to be able to share our successes with you this year.

- Our attendance has improved drastically. This was from a low starting point, so there is still room to grow, but a significant achievement nonetheless.
 - We retained our good early years level of development outcomes
 - Our phonics results have improved across key stage 1
 - Our multiplication times tables check results saw a dramatic improvement
 - Our year 6 SATS results also rose dramatically - meaning more of your children leave at the expected standard, giving them a strong platform for success in the next phase of their education
 - We have introduced celebration assemblies, attendance rewards, prefects and a range of other in-school opportunities
 - Our school building has benefitted from the new library, improved learning environments and improved playground equipment
 - We have forged a strong partnership with the PTA who have supported in getting a computing suite built over the summer
 - Teaching standards have improved across the school and continue to strengthen day by day
- We also ran a new style of sports day. The results are listed below

1st	Kindness = 296
2nd	Respect = 285
3rd	Ambition = 277
4th	Honesty = 237

This has been a very successful year. But next year, we aim higher. We will not rest on our laurels and we will continue to strive for improvement, in order to make this the best school it can be.

This week in Year 5, we have been busy completing and evaluating our stuffed toys in DT. We have also had lots of fun rehearsing and performing our musical theatre piece to Michael Jackson's *Thriller* as part of our Music unit. The children have also really enjoyed experimenting with TinkerCAD and creating their own exciting 3D designs. In English, they have been finalising their myths, inspired by *Midas and the Golden Touch*. In Maths, the children have been learning how to divide decimals by 10, 100 and 1,000. Year 5, you have had an excellent year, and we are incredibly proud of all your hard work, progress and achievements. Keep up the fantastic effort as you move into Year 6, and continue to challenge yourselves and be ambitious!

This week, Year 3 having been thinking about the exciting future ahead by looking at careers in PSHE. We looked at how stereotypes about age or gender should not stop us doing whatever it is we aspire to do. We took the message 'you can be what you want to be, that is your choice'. Year 3 has spent some of this week looking back at the wonderful year we have had and all the fabulous learning we have completed from making pasta from scratch to our trip to Colchester castle. We are all very proud of the progress they have made and the wonderful year we have had and we hope you have a wonderful summer.

This week Year 4 finished their Mayan God story where their God had to help solve a modern day disaster! We had some fantastic adjectives! We also learnt to describe our friends in French, plot coordinates in maths, finished creating and evaluating our moving pictures in Design and Technology and we learnt about being safe online. What an incredible year we have had in Year 4! Thank you for all the hard work!

We have had a great last week in reception. The children have written all about their year in reception, thinking carefully about everything that they have learnt. In maths, we discussed 3D shapes and their properties. On Thursday we dressed as pirates and used a map to help us find the treasure. Thank you all for your kind messages, cards and gifts. We wish you a fun and safe summer.

This week, year 1 has written letters to reception to tell them all about year 1. They then visited reception to read their letters to them! In Maths, we have learnt all about capacity and investigated how many cups of water it takes to fill lots of different sized containers. We have also enjoyed an art week where we practised using wool in different ways such as wrapping and weaving.

Year 2 have had a wonderful final week of the school year! In Maths, we have been learning about position and direction and enjoyed working together this morning to complete an orienteering activity using our new skills. In Art, we created relief maps of our school, carefully adding different features and textures. In English, we wrote letters to the Year 1 children, telling them about all the exciting things they have to look forward to in Year 2. We hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday, and we wish everyone the very best as they move on to their next adventure!

We would like to say a huge thank to everyone who was able to attend our Nursery Stay and Play this week. We would also like to say a massive thank you for your support, kind words, cards and generous gifts. It has been our absolute pleasure teaching the children this year. Each and every child has made so much progress. We have seen the children's confidence blossom and watched friendships grow. We wish all the children going into Reception the best of luck. We are so very excited for their new chapter. For those coming back to us in to nursery, we return on Monday the 7th of September. Wishing you all a happy, safe and hopefully sunny summer. Mrs Dean, Miss Best and Miss Young!



This week in Sunshine Cafe, we have been exploring the story ZOG! The children have enjoyed taking part in a range of sensory and hands-on activities inspired by the story. We explored different textures and natural materials to create dragon-themed artwork, developing fine motor skills and creativity. The children also enjoyed a sensory tray filled with coloured rice, leaves, and small dragon figures, encouraging exploration and discovery through touch. To finish the week, we practised our mark-making and early writing skills by decorating large dragon letters and making colourful fire-themed paintings using sponges and paint, celebrating all the exciting adventures from ZOG. We wish all our families a lovely Summer and look forward to seeing you all in the Autumn term!

Have a lovely summer and we will see you on September 3rd!

Warmest regards
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



Beat the Street

We have made a reasonable start to the competition—we are still in 12th place .

Let's really give it a push now that school is out and show everyone what a fantastic team spirit there is at Cherry Tree when we work together and climb back up that leader board!

If you haven't already, please sign up.

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

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

From September 2026, we will be offering FREE breakfast club to everyone in Reception to Year 6 from 8.10am till 8.340am.

THIS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED to allow us to provide the correct amount of food.

Details of how to book on for September will be sent out over the holidays on Studybugs.

If you have any questions please email:

admissions@cherrytree-pri.essex.sch.uk

** this email address will be manned over the 6 weeks but not daily**

Wraparound Care

Paid Breakfast Club

There will be a paid element of Breakfast Club available from 7.40am. The cost of this will be £2 and once you have booked and paid for this you are automatically included on the free section from 8.10am

After School Wraparound Care

We will be running an afterschool provision between 3.15pm and 6pm every day. This must be pre-booked and paid for in advance.

The cost for the session is £12 and includes snacks, drinks and a light tea.

If you are interested, or want any more information, on either of these, please email

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School Dinner Menu - Week One

3rd & 4th September

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Peri-Peri Chicken

Peri-Peri Tofu

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Chocolate Brownie

Friday

BBQ Chicken Pizza

Cheese Pizza

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna

Cheese or Ham Wrap

Cookie



Cherry Tree Weekly Attendance Table

Butterflies	92.6%
Ladybirds	83.9%
Hedgehogs	96.4%
Rabbits	86.4%
Owls	88.1%
Squirrels	80.5%
Year 3 Blue	89.0%
Year 3 Green	96.8%
Year 4 Blue	97.5%
Year 4 Green	86.9%
Year 5 Blue	81.6%
Year 5 Green	89.3%
Year 6 Blue	85.2%
Year 6 Green	97.2%

SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS

FULL DAY : 9AM TO 3PM
HALF DAY : 9AM TO 12PM
28th, 29th & 30th July!

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- ✓ PROFESSIONAL COACHING
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Basildon Essex

School Uniform



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For more information and to apply for any of these exciting opportunities, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies - Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)

Attendance

Wow what an improvement has been made on our overall attendance this year—well done!

The following children had 100% attendance for this academic year:

Donzel M	Ladybirds
Alfie H	Rabbits
Chimaobim O	Rabbits
Anthony T	Hedgehogs
Makayllah M	Squirrels
Talia C	3 Green
Deogratias M	3 Green
Dasia M	4 Green
Harry B	4 Blue
Bella B	6 Green
Teddy H	6 Green
Mackenzie M	6 Green
Temioluwa S	6 Green
Aria D	6 Blue
Jayna J-A	6 Blue



There were an additional 140 pupils who attained 96% or more too.

Well done everybody, let's see if we can beat this number next year!

This year's attendance:

1st	Year 4 Blue	97.5%
2nd	Year 6 Green	97.2%
3rd	Year 3 Green	96.8%
4th	Hedgehogs	96.4%
5th	Butterflies	92.6%
6th	Year 5 Green	89.3%
7th	Year 3 Blue	89.0%
8th	Owls	88.1%
9th	Year 4 Green	86.9%
10th	Rabbits	86.4%
11th	Year 6 Blue	85.2%
12th	Ladybirds	83.9%
13th	Year 5 Blue	81.6%
14th	Squirrels	80.5%



Value Awards



Butterflies	Reggie T	Kindness—Reggie always shows interest in his friends and invites others into his play.
Ladybirds	Kaash C	Ambition—This year he has read regularly at home and worked really hard in school to improve his writing.
Hedgehogs	Fabris G	For showing kindness by helping others with their art.
Rabbits	Martyna S	For always being respectful to adults and trying her best whatever task she is set.
Owls	Hamza M	Respect—for always following the school values and class rules consistently as well as being polite in how he acts and speaks to others.
Squirrels	Archi T	Consistently shows respect by always following the school rules and setting a positive example for others. He is a real asset to the class, and his kind, sensible attitude has made him a pleasure to teach.
Year 3 Blue	Lily C	It has been lovely to see that Lily has started to be more respectful to herself, finding more confidence when working independently and being able to praise herself when she has done something well.
Year 3 Green	Umar K	For always showing kindness and respect to all his peers and adults. He will be missed by the class.
Year 4 Blue	Victoria E	For continuously showing respect to everybody around her throughout the whole year. Victoria is a brilliant role model to other students demonstrating all of our core values beautifully, well done Victoria!
Year 4 Green	Ruby M	For showing our value of kindness, Ruby helped a friend when they asked for help, she was patient, polite and caring when giving instructions which she consistently shows.
Year 5 Blue	Brooke E	For showing ambition in all areas of her learning.
Year 5 Green	Harvey S	For showing incredible resilience in Maths and for pushing himself beyond his usual comfort zone. He has worked incredibly hard and has shown great ambition and determination to succeed across the board. Well done Harvey—you should be incredibly proud of yourself.
Year 6 Blue		GOOD LUCK TO ALL YEAR 6S FOR THE FUTURE
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Dates for your Diary 2026

Thursday 3rd September

Start of new academic year

Monday 7th September

First day of Nursery—staggered start all week

Friday 11th September

Roald Dahl Day

Wednesday 4th November

Happy Days Individual Photos



National Read Aloud Challenge

We're still holding on to **3rd place** in the National Read Aloud Challenge, but the gap to **2nd place** is **getting smaller**—let's see if we can climb even higher!

School

1 st	Hampden Gurney School
2 nd	Penygawsi Primary School
3 rd	Cherry Tree Primary School and Nursery
4 th	Abbots Hall Primary Academy
5 th	Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School

If your child hasn't logged in for a few days, or hasn't started yet, please encourage them to spend **10–15 minutes reading aloud each day** on Fonetti. The app gives children access to **thousands of free books** and its clever read-aloud technology listens as they read, helping them with tricky words and building confidence. Research shows that **children who read for just 20 minutes a day are exposed to around 1.8 million words each year**, compared with only around **8,000 words** for children who read for just one minute a day. That difference has a huge impact on vocabulary, fluency and confidence.

Every page your child reads helps them return to school ready to learn—and helps our school move one step closer to the top of the national leaderboard.

Thank you for your continued support!



National Read-Aloud Challenge 2026
Powered by Fonetti

LET'S KEEP READING TOGETHER!

Small steps at home. Big impact for our children.

SET A WEEKLY READING GOAL

Choose a reading goal that works for your family – every book or every minute counts!

CELEBRATE MILESTONES

We love celebrating our readers! Look out for shout-outs and rewards as children reach their milestones.

READ ANYWHERE, ANYTIME, TO ANYONE!

Read aloud in any form – to a sibling, a grandparent, or even a pet! Every story shared makes a difference.

Every page you read helps our school climb the leaderboard!

LOG IN. READ ALOUD. MAKE AN IMPACT.
Let's see how far we can go together!

Cherry Tree Primary School

COMPETITION TIME!

DESIGN A POSTER

TO HELP STOP LITTERING IN SCHOOL!

YOUR ART CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

We need your creativity to help spread the message and keep our school clean, green and beautiful! Let's work together for a better tomorrow!

DON'T DROP IT, BIN IT!

OUR SCHOOL, OUR PLANET, OUR FUTURE!

THE COMPETITION

- Design a poster that encourages everyone to stop littering in school.
- Be creative! Use bright colours, bold words and your best ideas.
- Your poster should inspire others to keep our school clean and tidy.

KEY DETAILS

Open to: EYFS – Year 5

Deadline: Friday 11th September

All entries must be given to Miss Priest.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Three children's posters will be chosen and displayed around our school for everyone to see!

MAKE YOUR MESSAGE HEARD!

Be bold, Be bright, Be the change!

TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP CHERRY TREE CLEAN, GREEN AND LITTER FREE!

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- Improve their confidence
- Learn how to competently defend themselves
- Improve their health and fitness levels
- Gain a new positive, dynamic peer group
- Be inspired by motivational teachers
- Learn how efficiently end bullying once and for all