

Happy Friday.

The computing suite was opened successfully this week. We look forward to our ICT education!

Pupil leadership groups have received their badges. Please ask your children if they are involved in a group and what it entails.

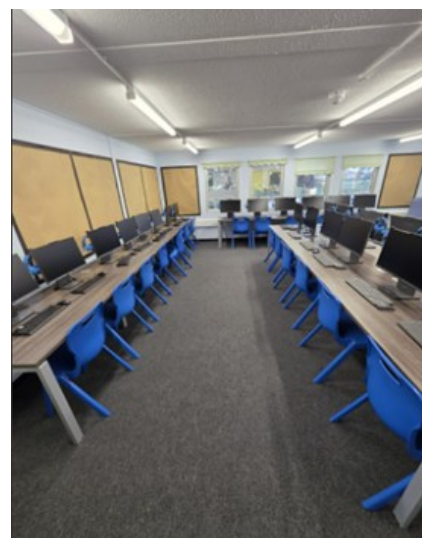
Please check out the new homework which is also on the website.

Cherry Tree Primary School Homework Expectations
Small steps each day make a big difference!

Shield 1: Honesty	Shield 2: Ambition	Shield 3: Respect	Shield 4: Kindness			
EFYS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Daily: • Numbots for 10 minutes • Reading for 10 minutes (logged on Boom Reader)	Daily: • Numbots for 10 minutes • Reading for 10 minutes (logged on Boom Reader)	Daily: • Numbots or TTRS for 10 minutes • Reading for 15 minutes (logged on Boom Reader)	Daily: • TTRS for 10 minutes • Reading for 15 minutes (logged on Boom Reader)	Daily: • TTRS for 10 minutes • Reading for 15 minutes (logged on Boom Reader)	Daily: • TTRS for 10 minutes • Reading for 15 minutes (logged on Boom Reader)	Daily: • TTRS for 10 minutes • Reading for 15 minutes (logged on Boom Reader)
Weekly: • 1 assignment (3 games) on Spelling Shed	Weekly: • 1 assignment (3 games) on Spelling Shed	Weekly: • 1 assignment on Spelling Shed	Weekly: • 1 assignment on Spelling Shed	Weekly: • 1 assignment on Spelling Shed	Weekly: • 1 assignment on Spelling Shed	Weekly: • 1 assignment on Spelling Shed

★ Daily reading helps your child make accelerated progress!
Please encourage your child to read for 10-15 minutes every day and complete their online homework. Thank you for your support!

Learn Grow Achieve



When you hear your children read, you will need to log it on Boom Reader. Information will follow with the exact details. Your child should be heard to read 5x per week. Please make sure they are reading out loud, and not in their heads.

Our playtime provision continues to improve: this week we introduced a creative zone to take part in art, drama and music activities.

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TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS Scan the QR code to log in to Times Table Rockstars.	NUMBOTS Scan the QR code to log in to Numbots.	Spelling Shed Scan the QR code to log in to Spelling Shed.	CENTURY Scan the QR code to log in to Century.	boom reader Scan the QR code to log in to Boom Reader.
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Be kind • Be respectful • Be your best

In Year 6 this week, we had our first round of testing, during which the children showed incredible ambition and resilience in each test. In Geography, we looked at the reasons why a country's population might change, whilst in PSHE we looked at how nutrition can impact our short and long-term health. In Science, we extended our work on classifying living things by looking specifically at cold-blooded vertebrates.

This week in Reception we have started our phonics learning. We have learnt s, a, t and p and practised writing them. In maths we have been busy sorting and matching objects. We have been thinking about our families and discussing how we all have similarities and differences. Look out for our reading books coming home tonight!

Year 3 have had an amazing week! The children were very excited to receive their TT Rock Stars logins and have been working hard on their 2 times tables. In Geography, the children have been learning about how the 15 tectonic plates that make up the Earth's outer layer create mountains, volcanoes, and earthquakes. They also used atlases to locate mountains from around the world. In Science, the children loved putting together skeleton models to help them remember the names of different bones and joints. They showed great enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the activity.

In Nursery the children have loved exploring *We're Going on a Bear Hunt!* Through exciting sensory play, they discovered a variety of textures and sounds as they journeyed through the dark forest, swirling snow-storm, thick oozy mud and cold river. Along the way, they practised following directional instructions, moving over, under and through obstacles while developing their coordination, listening skills and confidence. What a fantastic bear hunt adventure!



Year 2 have had another fun and busy week of learning! In Maths, we have enjoyed playing different games to develop our understanding of place value. We also visited the new computing suite and are looking forward to using it in our next Computing lesson. In English, we created our own imaginary animals by combining the head of one animal with the body of another, and it was great fun seeing what our friends had created! In PE, we enjoyed learning gymnastics and practised new poses and positions to help develop our strength and control.

This week Year 4 have learnt about different ways to shade and different drawing techniques in Art, we have learnt how to describe someone's eye and hair colour in French, we have started our rainforest animal rescue story in our writing lessons and we have learnt how to include fronted adverbials and conjunctions. We are still working very hard on recalling our times tables so make sure you log in to TTRS. At least 10 minutes a day please. We have weekly tournaments and this week - Japan class won! They won by only 9 points!

This week, year 1 has continued to enjoy writing their own sentences based on pictures. In Maths, we have been finding one more and one less using resources like counters and number lines. In science, we have been identifying clothing we wear and activities we do during the different seasons and in geography we have been looking at maps of the local area and identifying different features. Finally, in RE, we have been exploring the meaning of creation and thought about things that we have created.

Have a lovely weekend
Mr Davie



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Value Awards



Reception Spain	Amine	Ambition—she has shown enthusiasm in phonics and her smiley positive attitude to learning has shone through.
Reception France	Zoe	Ambition—she has listened and joined in with her phonics learning this week. Zoe has also tried very hard with her handwriting.
Year 1 Croatia	Arish A	Ambition—for always trying his best and being very ambitious with his writing!
Year 1 Estonia	Daniel S	Ambition—by always challenging himself and completing tasks independently.
Year 2 Finland	Dylan	Ambition—showing readiness to learn, being focused and participating during input and completing tasks to a high standard.
Year 2 Norway	Anthony	Respect—Anthony is a great role model for his peers, always being ready to learn and consistently following our school rules. He is respectful towards both adults and his classmates and always listens carefully to others. He has excellent listening skills and takes on feedback positively to help improve his work.
Year 3 Jordan	Skyla	Respect—for always showing respect by being ready to learn and following instructions. Thank you and well done Skyla!
Year 3 Cyprus	Alexander C	Respect & kindness—for showing excellent manners, is respectful to everyone and consistently display kindness to his peers.
Year 4 India	Andy C	Ambition—Andy has been reading at home, practicing his times tables and working hard in order to reach the challenges in his learning.
Year 4 Japan	Rahaan	Ambition—Rahaan always tries his best in all lessons even pushing himself to try new challenges and extend his learning.
Year 5 Morocco	Fatimah	Respect—for showing respect to adults and peers at all times and being a good role model to others.
Year 5 Egypt	Aishat B	Ambition—this week in writing to persuade, Aishat has worked hard to make sure she has included all the features and has had some lovely original ideas.
Year 6 Brazil	Ella-Mai	Ambition—for showing full dedication and commitment to her learning in and out of school.
Year 6 Mexico	Ansharah	Kindness—for showing kindness to her peers and making it her responsibility to ensure that any new children at Cherry Tree feel safe and welcome!

Free Breakfast Club

From 8.10am till 8.40am every morning Breakfast Club is FREE to all children in Reception to Year 6. This is a government incentive to give children a softer start to the school day. In order that we can ensure we have enough food to feed everyone and enough staff to keep everyone safe, all we ask is that you register in advance.

This will be on School Money (just to book there is no charge) but at the moment there is a technical hitch with it so can you please message on Studybugs or call the School Office.

If you need your child to come into school earlier, this will fall into our Wraparound Care package.

Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club

A paid element of Breakfast Club runs from 7.40am till 8.10am. This is a paid element as it is for childcare purposes. The charge is £2 per session and you need to complete a registration form for this. This will then be payable and bookable on School Money—at the moment please advise us via Studybugs or calling the School Office.

After School Club

We are very proud to be able to offer our own in-house After School Club.

This is being run by two members of our school staff, Mrs Gwanzura and Miss Kotze.

The club runs from 3.15pm till 5.30pm daily (we are reviewing this to potentially be 6pm depending on demand for the later time).

The children receive a snack once they finish school. They are then able to play games, do activities, read their school books and do any homework they may have. During the session they will also receive a hot meal.

The fee is £12.50 per session including the snacks and hot meal. If we extend to 6pm, this will increase the session fee to £15.

All children have brought home a leaflet today about this club and the reverse of it has the application form on it.

To sign your child up you need to complete the registration form. This will also be bookable via School Money but at the moment is being booked by Studybugs or with the School Office.

If you need any further information, please message in or pop into the School Office.

The children made pizza this week that they then had for tea!



School Dinner Menu - Week Two

7th-11th September

Monday

Rustic Tomato Sauce with Pasta

Rustic Tomato Sauce with Pasta

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wrap

Jelly and Cream

Tuesday

Beef Burritos

Roasted Vegetable and Paneer Burrito

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Ham Sandwich

Lemon Drizzle Cake

Wednesday

Roast Chicken

Quorn Roast

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Egg Mayo Wrap

Fresh Fruit Salad

Thursday

Baked Lemon Chicken

Falafel

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Choc Chip Banana Mini Muffin

Friday

Chicken Nuggets

Beyond Chicken Nuggets

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Ham Wrap

Choc Ice



Cherry Tree Weekly Attendance Table

The whole school total for this week was 95.7% - very well done—just 0.3% away from the target—well done!

Reception France	95.9%
Reception Spain	91.0%
Year 1 Croatia	90.5%
Year 1 Estonia	91.1%
Year 2 Finland	97.9%
Year 2 Norway	99.2%
Year 3 Cyprus	97.1%
Year 3 Jordan	97.1%
Year 4 India	98.3%
Year 4 Japan	96.7%
Year 5 Egypt	98.1%
Year 5 Morocco	93.5%
Year 6 Brazil	96.3%
Year 6 Mexico	93.7%

Highest in Key Stage 1 was Year 2 Norway

Highest in Key Stage 2 was Year 4 India

Norway were so close to the 100%

Can anyone get perfect attendance next week?



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>

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<https://myclothing.referralcandy.com/join/default>

Dates for your Diary 2026

Monday 21st September

Reception -Year 6 Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 22nd September

3.30 Year 6 Welcome Meeting in the School Hall

Thursday 24th September

Masking Awareness free online talk 7-8pm

Friday 23rd October

Last day of half term

Monday 26th—Friday 30th October

HALF TERM

Saturday 31st October

YEAR 7 APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Monday 2nd November

INSET DAY—NON PUPIL DAY

Tuesday 3rd November

Return to School

Wednesday 4th November

Happy Days Individual Photos

Friday 18th December

Last Day of Term



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DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 24 September
MERRYLANDS – FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER closing date 27 September
WHITMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 28 September
WHITMORE – PART TIME CLASS TEACHER closing date 5 October

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SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

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