

Happy Friday everyone!

On Friday, we celebrate the 10th year anniversary of the Berlesduna Trust. We are inviting you in to celebrate with us on Friday on the field, where we will hold a small picnic. This will be limited to one adult per child. Cake and refreshments will be provided.

I would like to remind you not to allow your children to ride scooters or bikes on the school premises, as we do not want any collisions or accidents. I also remind you not to park on the yellow lines outside the school.

Please remember to sign up to our new after school childcare club if you need it. We are still exploring this provision and are happy to have a conversation about how it can meet your needs. We also have our breakfast club available in the mornings so please sign up if you want your child to attend that.

We are pleased to have Ms Cutri back with us in year 2.

This week in Nursery, we enjoyed sharing the story *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. The children enthusiastically re-enacted the story within play, creating fabulous tea parties. They enjoyed making and sending invitations, taking on different roles, and sharing ideas cooperatively, developing their communication and social skills while building friendships.

The children were supported to explore mathematical concepts by comparing and sorting amounts, identifying what was more and less during their creative play. They also practised following picture instructions to make their own jam sandwiches, developing their fine motor skills as they carefully spread the filling. Everyone agreed that the sandwiches were delicious, and there was none left for the greedy tiger!



In Year 3 this week, we have been developing our descriptive writing skills by creating vivid descriptions of a jungle setting. The children have impressed us with their fantastic vocabulary and imaginative expanded noun phrases, including *"the salty, wet and hot air..."* and *"the mysterious, magical jungle..."*. In Maths, we have been completing our Place Value unit by comparing, ordering and sorting numbers up to 1,000. We have also enjoyed playing a range of exciting addition and subtraction dice games, which the children would love to share and play with you at home. We have also been exploring different types of volcanoes, comparing tall, steep volcanoes with low, wide volcanoes and learning about how they erupt. The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the topic. Well done, Year 3, for another fantastic week of learning! Please continue to log your reading on BoomReader and use EdShed and Times Table Rock Stars at home. If you experience any issues accessing any of these platforms, please speak to Mrs Ward or Miss Wright.

It has been another busy and productive week in Year 5! In Maths, we have been working hard to identify numbers that are greater than and less than given numbers, developing our understanding and confidence with place value. In English, we have begun writing our exciting escape stories, using our imagination to create suspense and engaging plots. In Science, we conducted filtering experiments and explored how different materials can be separated. The children have worked hard across all areas and have shown great enthusiasm for their learning!

This week, year 1 has continued to write their own sentences in our English sessions while in maths, we have been counting forwards and backwards to 10. We have used counters and numbers to help us. In Science, we explored how trees change through the seasons and used paint to show this. In Art, we explored line making and used different lines and chalk pastels to create a picture of water and in computing we are beginning to learn how to log onto a computer and use a mouse. We also had a visit from Essex Fire and Rescue this week who taught us all about how we can stay safe in water.

This week in Reception we have read the story *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. We learnt the sounds i, n, m and d. We have practiced our handwriting and continued to develop our pencil grips. In maths we have compared more and fewer and discussed how much something holds. We found out that Daddy Bear's bowl holds more than Baby Bears.

This week Year 4 have used techniques they have learnt in art to draw a 3D piece of fruit from the rainforest! We also explored indigenous peoples that live in the Amazon and what they use the rainforest for. We were amazed at the many different types of houses found there too! We have also been able to classify different plants into flower and non-flower. We are still practicing our times tables and remember each week we have a Year 4 TTRS competition! This week Japan class won again! Who will win next week?

In Year 6 this week, we have been completing our setting description of Zootopia in English. In Maths, we have been comparing and ordering numbers to 10,000,000, using our knowledge of place value. In Computing this week, we tested our brand-new drones, learning how to take off, direct them, and land them on a target. Whilst in Science, we extended our work on classifying living things by looking specifically at cold-blooded and warm-blooded vertebrates.



Year 2 have had another exciting week of learning! In English, we have enjoyed bringing the story of *Where the Wild Things Are* to life through drama, helping us to retell the story and develop our understanding of the characters. We are now getting ready to begin our new English topic, where we will be exploring how to write our own exciting 'voyage and return' stories. In Science, we explored different habitats, thinking carefully about what each habitat is like and the animals that are suited to living there. In PSHE, we discussed why sleep is so important for our bodies and minds before creating colourful posters to share what we had learned.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Davie
Head of School



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Value Awards



Reception Spain	Karly	Ambition—she is always focused on the carpet, joining in with stories and tidying up when asked.
Reception France	Lily	Ambition—she is always focused during carpet sessions in school. She has read at home every night and completed all the home learning.
Year 1 Croatia	George H	Honesty—for showing honesty to grown-ups and making better choices.
Year 1 Estonia	Castiel T	Respect—for a magnificent first week and showing respect by always listening to and following instructions.
Year 2 Finland	Tayla-Brooke H	Ambition—This award recognises someone who consistently demonstrates ambition and a positive attitude to learning. Arriving earlier, prepared and ready to learn, showing enthusiasm and determination in every lesson. They are willing to challenge themselves by answering difficult questions and tackling challenging tasks.
Year 2 Norway	Jenson	Kindness—Jenson has shown wonderful kindness this week by always being helpful to others and around the classroom. He is thoughtful and takes pride in helping to keep our classroom organised, including making sure his tablet is tidy and ready to use. At the end of the day, Jenson is always happy to help hand things out and make sure everyone is ready to go home. He is a kind and caring member of our class.
Year 3 Jordan	Emily	Respect—for consistently showing respect to both adults and peers, always using kind words and excellent manners as well as demonstrating respect in every aspect of school life by listening carefully, valuing others' ideas and setting a wonderful example to the class. Well done Emily!
Year 3 Cyprus	Michela O	Ambition—she has show great ambition this week in writing by striving to improve her work and embracing new challenges with confidence.
Year 4 India	Teddy R	Ambition—for showing great ambition by working hard on his learning independently and even helping his peers, it is wonderful to see him so keen on completing his learning.
Year 4 Japan	Amelia	Kindness—Amelia is a very caring ad kind individual who always offers to help those around her.
Year 5 Morocco	Skyler	Ambition—Skyler has shown wonderful ambition in all areas of her learning this week. She has approached each activity with a positive attitude, always striving to do her best and should be proud of her achievements.
Year 5 Egypt	Bella D	Kindness—Bella has shown her kindness this week by offering help to her peers. This was shown especially in our English lesson as Bella showed her support to a peer who needed help reading and generating ideas.
Year 6 Brazil	Selena	Respect—for settling in well into Cherry Tree and for showing respect at all times to both staff and her peers.
Year 6 Mexico	George	Ambition—George is always showing Ambition in every subject, striving to complete any learning to the best of his ability.

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.

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School Dinner Menu - Week Two

28th September—2nd October

Monday

Rustic Tomato Sauce and Pasta

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Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wrap

Mini Muffin

Tuesday

Chicken Curry

Sweet Potato Curry

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Ham Sandwich

Cherry Flapjack

Wednesday

Roast Pork

Quorn Roast

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna

Cheese or Egg Mayo Wrap

Fresh Fruit Salad

Thursday

Chicken Nuggets

Beyond Chicken Nuggets

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Brownie

Friday

BBQ Chicken Pizza

Cheese Pizza

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Ham Wrap

Cookie



Cherry Tree Weekly Attendance Table

The whole school total for this week was 95.2% - well done—just a tiny bit lower than last week.

Reception France	94.1%
Reception Spain	89.7%
Year 1 Croatia	98.4%
Year 1 Estonia	96.7%
Year 2 Finland	97.9%
Year 2 Norway	96.5%
Year 3 Cyprus	92.4%
Year 3 Jordan	95.5%
Year 4 India	93.8%
Year 4 Japan	98.4%
Year 5 Egypt	97.0%
Year 5 Morocco	93.2%
Year 6 Brazil	97.0%
Year 6 Mexico	91.6%

Highest in Key Stage 1 was Year 1 Croatia

Highest in Key Stage 2 was Year 4 Japan

Both with 98.4% - well done

Can anyone get perfect attendance next week?



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Dates for your Diary 2026

Tuesday 29th September

3.15–4 pm Scholastic Travelling Book Fair—library hall

Wednesday 30th September

3.15–4 pm Scholastic Travelling Book Fair—library hall

Thursday 1st October

3.15–4 pm Scholastic Travelling Book Fair—library hall

Friday 2nd October

2.40pm 10th Anniversary celebrations on the field

3.15–4 pm Scholastic Travelling Book Fair—library hall

Wednesday 21st October

Year 3 trip to Hyde Hall

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

Census Day!

Friday 1st October

Menu



Chicken Nuggets
Vegetable Goujons
Chips
Brownie



Sandwich
Cheese or Tuna



Jacket Potato
Beans/Cheese/Tuna Mayo

Every child who orders a school meal will receive a surprise gift!



Berlesduna Trust is 10

To celebrate we are having a Tea Party at Cherry Tree Primary School on Friday 2nd October at 2.30pm



You are invited to join your child at 2.40pm for some outdoor learning whilst enjoying cakes and refreshments to celebrate this milestone. Entry is through the Key Stage 2 gate.



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