CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 06 (09.10.26)

Happy Friday Cherry Tree community!

We were really lucky to have Steve Clifford visit us this week. The children had an interactive assembly and a workshop delivered by a real author, to inspire them to become young writers themselves!

Our computing suite is in full flow and children are getting used to using a desktop pc, developing their mouse control and logging in, (in the younger years)

Thank you to those of you who donated to the Harvest Festival, and to those who were able to watch the performance.

Attendance this week has dipped. A reminder that your children need to be in school to be accessing the education we are providing. Missing a day or two can make it difficult to catch up on the work and leave your child with gaps in their learning.



Attendance Week to Date



Attendance School Year to Date

It has been another exciting week in Year 2! We were delighted to welcome author **Steve Clifford**, who inspired our young writers through engaging workshops and stories. The children have also continued to make great progress in their phonics and reading groups, developing their skills and growing in confidence.

In our learning about keeping healthy, the children investigated the importance of brushing their teeth and discovered how good oral hygiene helps to keep our teeth strong and healthy.

Norway Class and Finland Class have been developing their coordination, balance and teamwork in PE. The children have been practising their physical skills and working together brilliantly. **Olympics, here we come!**

Year 3 have worked really hard this week during assessment week! You should all be extremely proud of yourself. Year 3 have been writing haiku's this week all about Autumn and the harvest season. The children loved writing their own haikus with a 5,7,5 syllable pattern. The children have been working really hard practicing their lines and songs for the harvest assembly and it really paid off today as I am sure you will all agree, it was fantastic! Well done to Emma B and Michela for being at the top of the BoomReader leaderboard for Year 3! Keep up the excellent reading!



In Nursery, we blasted off into our learning this week as we explored Space Week! The children have shown so much curiosity and engagement throughout our exciting activities. We enjoyed watching the moon landing, getting our bodies moving with a movement space story, and exploring our sensory rocket-themed space tuff trays. The children also worked together to create a large-scale galaxy scene through shared mark-making and designed rockets using 2D shapes.
We loved reading the story *Whatever Next!* and joining Baby Bear and Owl on their picnic adventure to the moon. What an amazing adventure we have had this week!

In Reception this week, we have been blasting off into an exciting **World Space Week** topic! In phonics, the children have been busy learning c-k, e, u, and r. In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers 1, 2, and 3. The children have impressed us by practising subitising, sorting cards, and representing values using different objects and actions like clapping. Across our continuous provision areas, the children loved creating junk-model rockets in the creative zone, building space stations with large blocks, and exploring the space sensory small-world tray. Well done, Reception for a fantastic week of learning!

In Sunshine Café Ava has done really well with her communication and has continued to express her wants and needs more clearly . Maisie has just joined us and is starting to relax in her new classroom, we are excited to see her journey progress.

This week in Year 6, we have been writing a diary entry from the perspective of a character in Zootopia. We have focused on combining clauses with coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to help us recount the events of her day. In Maths, we have been looking at negative numbers, counting through zero. At the end of the week, we worked on adding up to 7-digit numbers. In Geography, we have learnt why people might migrate and the impact this can have on the population of a country. In Science, we extended our work on classifying living things by learning about invertebrates. We learnt about the different types of invertebrates and how some of them have an exoskeleton which provides protection.

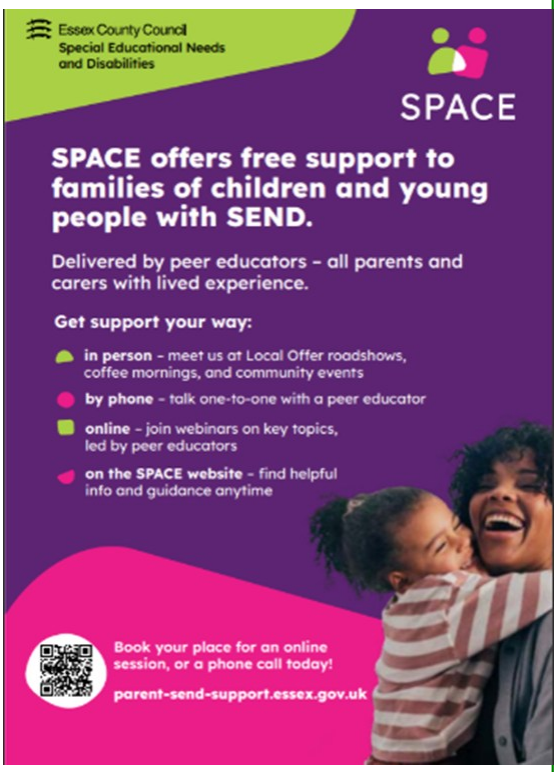
This week, year 1 has been extending their writing to write their own 3-part story. We also enjoyed working with an author to tell stories in a range of ways. In maths we have been learning to order numbers from smallest to greatest and finding missing numbers on a number line. In Geography, we used maps to explore the different parts of our school playground and used a key to identify different features while in science we observed how daylight, temperature and weather can change for the different seasons. In RE, we explored the Hindu creation story and in art we looked at how shapes can create a piece of artwork.

This week Year 4 enjoyed their author visit they got to write their very own adventure stories and the author even helped them to build exciting sentences and create character names. In music we used the glockenspiels to create some rainforest music and looked at what loops are too. Thank you for attending our Harvest assembly this morning we had a great time singing to you and sharing poems and thank you for the donations. We are still working hard on recalling our times tables and practicing for the Multiplication text. There is a weekly tournament on TTRS this week India won! Don't forget you need to login for 10 minutes a day.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Davie
Head of School









Value Awards





Reception Spain	Eleasar	Kindness—he is always respectful and helps others.
Reception France	Rosie	Kindness—Rosie is a helpful and kind member of the class. She is always on hand to support her friends if they are finding things a little tricky.
Year 1 Croatia	Lia J	Ambition—for trying hard to become more independent and working hard in maths.
Year 1 Estonia	Riley R	Ambtion—by trying really hard to complete maths tasks independently.
Year 2 Finland	Xenah	Ambition—for the ambitious games she created and shared with the class—we particularly enjoyed her riddles!
Year 2 Norway	Ayla	Honesty—Ayla has shown honesty in her learning by being open about what she finds tricky and asking for help when needed.
Year 3 Jordan	Emma B	Ambition—for showing a fantastic attitude towards improving her mindset, making positive choices and demonstrating a real commintment to doing her best.
Year 3 Cyprus	Hamza M	Ambition—for showing great ambition and perseverance during testing week and approaching every test with a positive attitude.
Year 4 India	Tobias S	Ambition—for always trying his best in every single lesson and litstening to feedback.
Year 4 Japan	Shafin	Ambition—Shafin has shown real dedication and effort towards improving his speed in retrieving his times tables and works very hard each week to earn as many points as he can for his class! Well done Shafin.
Year 5 Morocco	Phoebe	Kindness—for showing kindness at all times to her classmates and adults around the school.
Year 5 Egypt	Dasia	Ambition—Dasia is always ready to learn and has a positive attitude towards her learning.
Year 6 Brazil	Maisie	Kindness—Maisie has demonstrated kindness every day to both her peers and staff.
Year 6 Mexico	Poppy	Ambition—Poppy has shown an increasing desire to complete her work to the highest quality. She has taken great pride in her independent work during Maths and English lessons this week.

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.

Wraparound Club After School Update

What a busy and productive time we've had at Wraparound Club!

The children have been working incredibly hard on their homework set by their class teachers, showing great focus, determination and a positive attitude towards their learning.

We've also enjoyed some interactive English and Maths games, helping the children develop their skills in a fun and engaging way.

Alongside our learning, the children have been practising how to play games together, taking turns, following rules, showing good sportsmanship and supporting one another. We've even been mastering our UNO skills! There have been lots of smiles, laughter and some very competitive moments!

We're so proud of the effort the children have put into their learning, teamwork and friendships. Well done, everyone!







School Dinner Menu - Week Two

5th—9th October

Monday

Rustic Tomato Sauce with Pasta

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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 95.2% - let's try and get it back up before half term.

Reception France	90.7%
Reception Spain	90.7%
Year 1 Croatia	**99.5%**
Year 1 Estonia	95.6%
Year 2 Finland	92.9%
Year 2 Norway	93.1%
Year 3 Cyprus	89.5%
Year 3 Jordan	94.2%
Year 4 India	96.3%
Year 4 Japan	98.0%
Year 5 Egypt	**98.9%**
Year 5 Morocco	94.3%
Year 6 Brazil	98.5%
Year 6 Mexico	91.2%

Highest in Key Stage 1 was Year 1 Croatia

Highest in Key Stage 2 was Year 5 Egypt

Only 5 classes with over 96% this week!

Brazil were so close to winning key stage 2—just 0.4% in it!!

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DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 14 October
FAIRHOUSE – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 9 October
MERRYLANDS – FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER closing date 11 October
WILLOWS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 9 October
WILLOWS – CLEANER closing date 16 October

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

Dates for your Diary 2026

Wednesday 21st October

Year 3 trip to Hyde Hall

Thursday 22nd October

4-5pm Halloween Disco

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

Reception 2027 Open Evening

Monday 9th November

Reception 2027 applications open

Friday 13th November

EYFS dress up as a nursery rhyme character

Friday 18th December

Last Day of Term

Monday 4th January

Return to School for Spring Term



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There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in our fire safety room, partake in craft activities, sit on our fire
engines (and squirt water😊).

They can also take referrals for families who don't have working smoke alarms and arrange a free home visit.

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only……..as we are on the site of an operational fire station).
If families are interested, could they please make a booking via Eventbrite:

Sunday 25th October: Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Sunday 25 October • 10:30 AM - 4 PM | Eventbrite

Tuesday 27th October: Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Tuesday 27 October • 10:30 AM - 4 PM | Eventbrite

Suggested last admissions are 2.30pm. This is just so that people have enough time to experience everything on site.