CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 07 (16.10.26)

Happy Friday parents!

Next week you will receive the knowledge organisers for the topics next half term. Please read through these with your children to give them a head start with the vocabulary around the next topic they will be studying. It helps them to feel more confident for the lessons ahead.

Please do not send your children in with hoodies, especially for PE. This is a hazard in the PE lesson. They need to wear their Cherry Tree navy jumper, or plain navy jumper.



Next week the building works will begin in our Sunshine Cafe outdoor space. This should be finished during half-term, ready to start using when we return!

Our attendance has unfortunately taken a small dip. I know it is cold and wet and sometimes miserable weather. Please make every effort to get your children into school. Only in extreme circumstances should they be kept off school: it should not become normal for them to be absent.



Attendance Week to Date



Attendance School Year to Date

Next week we have our year 3 trip to Hyde Hall on Wednesday and the Halloween disco on Thursday. We will not release children to adults that are not on the collection list, unless you have told us in advance. We will not let home walkers walk home either, unless you have given us express permission.

Year 2 have had another exciting week of learning! In Music, we enjoyed using instruments during our call-and-response unit to create sounds that represent different animals. In Art, we brought in our teddies from home and used them to practise our new drawing skills, carefully thinking about shape, tone and texture to add detail to our pictures. Norway Class also visited the Computing Suite, where we practised logging on to a computer and developing our computing skills. In Science, we explored food chains and learned how different animals and plants depend on one another for food.

This week Year 4 wrote their own poem about the rainforest, they included similes and personification. In maths we have been using the column method to add and subtract 4 digit numbers. In art we created a collage using different textures ready to draw! In Science we learnt about the impact humans can have on our environment we studied plastic pollution, coral bleaching and deforestation and learnt what we can do about this. We are still participating on weekly TTRS tournaments make sure you are logging in for 10 minutes a day ready for the MTC. This week INDIA won the tournament!

This week, year 1 has been creating their own three-part stories in our writing sessions. In maths, we have been using part whole models to find parts of a number and the whole number when two parts are added together. In Science, we identified how seasons change over time and what the weather is like, along with different activities we might do. In Geography, we drew our own maps of the playground while in RE we have been thinking about what a creator is like. Finally in art, we have used a range of shapes to create our very own portraits based on the style of Paul Klee.

This week in nursery, we enjoyed sharing the story 'Peace at Last', using our careful listening skills to identify the different sounds that kept Mr Bear awake.
We continued exploring Autumn and its wonderful colours, getting creative with natural materials, colour mixing, finger painting and hand printing.
During continuous provision, the children enjoyed our prickly hedgehog maths activity, developing their early maths and fine motor skills by recognising numerals and pegging on the correct number of pegs to match.
We also enjoyed our daily rhyme time during phonics, having lots of fun listening to, recognising and exploring new rhyming words. 🎶







This week in Sunshine Cafe, we have been exploring the story *The Gruffalo*! The children have been working hard to settle into their new daily routine and have enjoyed taking part in our literacy and maths groups, developing their skills and supporting one another along the way. A big well done to **Bailey S** for his fantastic engagement during number-matching activities, and to **Sonny A** for his brilliant use of verbal sentence structure when working with an adult.

Year 5 have had a busy and exciting week! In English, the children have been writing poetry inspired by their school. In Maths, they have been developing their understanding of rounding, while in Geography, they have been exploring our local area. Both classes have also been learning about significant figures from Black history as part of Black History Month. They are busy preparing to share their learning with Year 2 next week, and we look forward to seeing them showcase their knowledge and understanding!

This week our learning has centered around the classic tale *The Three Little Pigs* and the nursery rhyme, *Five Little Speckled Frogs*. In phonics, children excitedly explored the new sounds, h, b, f, and l. Maths was full of hands-on discovery as we mastered numbers 1, 2, and 3 using Numicon, card resources and five-frames. Our continuous provision was a hive of activity: children tested straw, sticks, and Jenga bricks to see which materials made the strongest pig houses, practiced mark-making and 2D shapes with felt tips, and even took a virtual journey using Google Maps to compare homes in our local area!

Year 3 have had another fantastic week of learning! We are so proud of all their hard work and enthusiasm. In writing, the children have completed their Indonesian jungle descriptions, using some wonderful vocabulary to create vivid and exciting settings. In maths, they have been developing their confidence when adding and subtracting three-digit numbers, exploring a range of different strategies to solve problems. In science, the children learned about the different food groups and enjoyed investigating food packaging to identify nutritional information and understand the importance of making healthy choices.
A big well done to all the children who continue to read regularly at home and practise their times tables on TT Rock Stars. Your support makes a huge difference and helps the children make excellent progress. Keep up the fantastic effort, Year 3!

This week in Year 6, we have been planning to write a newspaper report on the mysterious missing mammals case in Zootopia. We have focused on writing in the passive voice, and using both subordinating and relative clauses. In Maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction of four-digit numbers. In Geography, we went into the computing suite and used Google Earth to compare a sparsely populated place to Basildon. In Science, we extended our learning on classifying living things by learning about the different types of plants. Whilst in PE, we continued our learning around Tag Rugby - understanding how to beat an opponent and score a try.

Have a lovely weekend
Mr Davie
Head of School





Value Awards





Reception Spain	Olivia B	Respect—for being a respectful learner. Olivia has been trying hard to focus during carpet sessions by sitting calmly, listening carefully and joining in when asked.
Reception France	Roys K	Ambition—Roys has worked very hard in phonics and now blends confidently with known sounds. He has now begun to use these sounds to segment and write CVC words.
Year 1 Croatia	Jacob B	Ambition—for trying hard to improve the presentation of his learning and being more independent.
Year 1 Estonia	Harper-Denise L	Respect—for showing excellent eye contact and listening carefully to instructions.
Year 2 Finland	Bentley C	Ambition—for the sheer ambition he has shown in completing his work and proving what a brilliant learner he is.
Year 2 Norway	Valeria	Respect—Valeria is a very helpful and respectful member of our class who consistently follows the school rules and sets a positive example for others. She tries hard with her learning and is becoming increasingly confident in receiving feedback and using it to improve her work.
Year 3 Jordan	Archie W	Ambition—for working hard on developing his attitude to learning and having a positive mindset. Well done Archie!
Year 3 Cyprus	Denisa R	Ambition—Denisa has show wonderful ambition this term. She is always eager to ask and answer questions, showing a real enthusiasm for learning. Denisa is also keen to improve her work, taking on feedback positively and working hard to make her learning even better.
Year 4 India	Darius R	Kindness—for supporting a friend on the playground when they were in need.
Year 4 Japan	Melissa	Honesty—Melissa is growing in confidence and is starting to be able to approach adults and children if anything is on her mind to be able to resolve any issues. We are very proud of the progress Melissa has made and look forward to watching her confidence continue to grow!
Year 5 Morocco	Esme	Ambition— showing ambition to succeed in her learning and persevering even when she has found rounding tricky this week. Well done!
Year 5 Egypt	Nyla J	Kindness—Nyla is always polite and is willing to help her peers.
Year 6 Brazil	Olly B	Kindness—for showing kindness and understanding to the children on the Key Stage One playground.
Year 6 Mexico	Conner	Ambition—Conner has shown a dedication to his learning this week. Putting his all into every piece of work, particularly in writing, where he has produced fantastic examples of relative clauses.

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. This can be booked ad hoc and last minute if needed.

The club runs from 3.15pm till 5.30pm daily.

FROM 3RD NOVEMBER WE WILL BE RUNNING SLIGHTLY DIFFERENTLY:

3.15 - 4.15 - includes a snack (£4.50)

3.15 - 5.15 - includes snack and dinner (£9.00)

3.15 - 6.00 - includes snack, dinner and dessert (£12.50)

We have responded to your feedback and hope this will prove more beneficial to more of you.







Wraparound Club After-School Update

Our Wraparound Care sessions continue to be filled with fun, learning and exciting activities!

The children have been enjoying a fantastic variety of experiences, including yoga to help them relax and develop mindfulness, and LEGO to encourage creativity, teamwork and problem-solving.

We have also been developing coordination, concentration and sportsmanship through exciting games of table tennis!

Our younger children have been exploring repeating patterns, providing opportunities to develop their mathematical thinking and recognise patterns in a fun and engaging way.

Alongside these activities, the children have been making time to complete homework set by their class teachers, helping them consolidate their learning and feel prepared for the school day ahead.

Of course, no session would be complete without our delicious meals! The children have been thoroughly enjoying their food, and mealtimes provide a wonderful opportunity to chat with friends, share experiences and unwind after a busy day at school.

It is lovely to see the children developing new skills, growing in confidence, building friendships and enjoying their time together in such a happy and welcoming environment.

We look forward to many more fun-filled sessions, exciting activities and memorable moments at Wraparound Club!




School Dinner Menu - Week Two

19th—23rd 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 94.9% - it has dropped for the last couple of weeks—let's get it back up above 96% next week!

Reception France	83.9%
Reception Spain	94.0%
Year 1 Croatia	92.6%
Year 1 Estonia	95.0%
Year 2 Finland	**98.6%**
Year 2 Norway	97.6%
Year 3 Cyprus	94.8%
Year 3 Jordan	93.7%
Year 4 India	95.8%
Year 4 Japan	94.6%
Year 5 Egypt	**98.5%**
Year 5 Morocco	94.3%
Year 6 Brazil	91.9%
Year 6 Mexico	94.2%

Highest in Key Stage 1 was Year 2 Finland

Highest in Key Stage 2 was Year 5 Egypt

Year 5 Egypt 2 weeks running—an anyone beat them??



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

Thursday 12th November

3.30pm PTA AGM—all welcome Main School Hall

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

Pocket money stall and Halloween Lucky Dip

All items 50p - £1

Snacks Available to Buy..

Pizza

Sausage Roll

Chocolate Brownie

Crisps

Drinks

Pic'n'Mix sweet bags

All items 50p

Cherry Tree Primary School Halloween Disco

Thursday 22nd October

4 – 5pm

£3 (includes a drink and bag of animal crisps)

To be booked on School Money by Monday 19th October

The children can bring cash on the night for snacks and pocket money items



Games to Play and dancing to some spooky Halloween tunes

Clothing

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



We believe school uniform should be responsibly sourced, affordable and easy to buy.
That means partnering with ethical suppliers, offering great value for families and making the whole process as straightforward as possible, so getting the uniform they need is one less thing to worry about.