CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 09 (06.11.26)

Happy Friday Cherry Tree families!

It has been a lovely new start to the term here.

We are very lucky to have been able to launch our new outdoor space in the Sunshine Cafe. Works finished on Wednesday morning and the children were straight outside! This space can be used all-year round, and even has a canopy to make it usable in the rain! We are very grateful to everyone involved in making this happen and hope many of our children can benefit from this.

We have had the Lego workshop in all week, and the children have learnt about axels and motors, whilst building vehicles! Hopefully this has inspired them in the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

A reminder that it is parents' evening on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November so look out for the information around this.



In Nursery, we have had a lovely week celebrating **Diwali, the Festival of Lights**. The children enjoyed learning about this special celebration through the stories *My First Diwali* and *Five Little Rockets*, as well as a range of creative and sensory activities.
They explored vibrant powder paints to create patterns and develop their mark-making skills and created colourful Rangoli patterns using printing techniques while learning about colours and shapes. The children also enjoyed creating **large-scale patterns with loose parts**, further developing their understanding of shape, colour, and design.



The children made and decorated their own clay **diya lamps**, which they were very proud to bring home and share with their families.
They also explored loud and quiet sounds through the story *Crash Bang Wallop*, alongside a variety of songs and musical activities.
To finish our celebrations, the children made delicious edible sparklers using melted chocolate and colourful sprinkles.
It has been a colourful week full of learning, creativity, and fun!

Year 5 have had a busy and exciting time in the classroom! We enjoyed getting creative during our LEGO workshop, putting our building skills and imaginations to the test and then programming our models. We have also started our new topic, Victorious Vikings! We have been exploring what life was like during the Viking period, learning about how people lived and the challenges they faced. We are using our historical knowledge and ideas to help us plan our own exciting revenge stories in English. In Maths, we have been working hard to develop our addition and subtraction skills, tackling a range of calculations and challenging ourselves with multi-step word problems. We are becoming more confident in choosing the right methods and explaining our thinking.

This week, year 1 has continued to write their own stories in English while in maths we have explored finding number bonds systematically. In Science, we have also started learning about different materials and identifying what different objects are made from, In RE we have discussed what we believe god could look like using symbols and pictures. This week, we have also taken part in a lego workshop, where we were able to build and programme a piece of lego to move!

We have had a great first week back in Reception, the children have been ready and eager to learn. In phonics we learnt the digraphs ss, ll and ff. We wrote our first short sentence and talked about finger spaces and full stops. During our maths lessons we explored circles and triangles and went on a shape walk. We very much enjoyed leaning about the Hindu festival of Diwali, dancing, reading stories and making our very own Diva pots.

Year 2 have had a busy and exciting first week back! We have been working hard completing our Maths and Reading assessments, showing lots of effort and determination. We also enjoyed taking part in a fun Lego workshop, where we built our own cars and explored how to use algorithms to make them move. To finish the week, we took part in an online lesson where we met a real farmer who told us all about his job. We learned about the different types of seeds farmers use and had the opportunity to look closely at some wheat that they grow.





Year 3 have had a great first week back! This week, the children enjoyed a fantastic Stone Age Day, where they made their own paint using a variety of spices mixed with water. They then used their drawing skills to create impressive prehistoric cave paintings featuring Stone Age animals. In Maths, the children have been learning how to add and subtract across 100, developing their understanding of place value and calculation strategies. In Writing, they are busy writing exciting newspaper reports about mysterious footprints that were discovered on the school playing field. The children have enjoyed using journalistic language and presenting information in a clear and engaging way.

In Science, the children have begun learning about magnets and forces, exploring how magnets work and investigating different types of forces through practical activities. We are very proud of how well the children have settled back into their learning and look forward to another exciting week ahead.

This week Sunshine Cafe have been looking at number work ,we have also been enjoying our new garden where we have had music and PE lessons. We are all incredibly proud of Ava for doing some absolutely amazing work in English recently! Not only have you been a superstar with your writing and reading, but your listening and communication skills have been fantastic too. Keep up the brilliant effort, Ava—you are shining so bright!

This week in Year 6, we have settled back into the new half term brilliantly. In English, we have been starting our next piece of writing based around a setting description, taking inspiration from our topic overview of 'Spotlight on the Circus'. We have been using figurative language to describe being at the circus before, during and after the performance. In Maths, we have been working on long multiplication, multiplying 3-digit and 4-digit numbers by a 2-digit number. In Computing this week, we learnt about how computer systems have developed over time, from the Enigma machine to AI today. Inspired by the Enigma machine and Alan Turing's Bombe, we created our own coded messages for our partners to solve. In History, we learnt about the census and partook in a classroom census, collecting information about our peers.

This week Year 4 took part in the Lego workshop! We learnt all about engineering as a career and got to make out own moving helicopters. It also linked to our new topic for this term of Electricity. We had our topic day this week too. We had a challenge to try and get the lightbulb in a circuit to light up, we learnt about switches and made our own using different material. We noticed that metal make good conductors. We also learnt about being safe around electricity and even got to design our own electrical gadget. TTRS is still a big focus in Year 4 so make sure you are playing for 10 minutes a day. We are still doing weekly tournaments this week India class won!

Have a lovely weekend,

Thank you for your continued support in making this the fantastic school that it is!

Mr Davie
Head of School





Value Awards





Reception Spain	David	Kindness– always including his peers, using good manners and helping others.
Reception France	Kaio	Ambition– ambition and his amazing explanation of why Diwali is celebrated.
Year 1 Croatia	Anastasia H	Ambition—for trying really hard and working independently in maths and English.
Year 1 Estonia	Jianna J	Ambition—by writing at greater length and responding well to feed back.
Year 2 Finland	Alexzander P	Ambition—by trying his best in his Maths and Reading assessments. Even when he found some questions tricky, he showed determination and did not give up.
Year 2 Norway	Dayani	Ambition—Dayani for meeting all of our values every day and never boasting about how amazing she is—so we will boast for her! Well done Dayani for being such a brilliant student and role model. In addition, we have been particularly impressed with your maths this week!
Year 3 Jordan	Louis	Ambtiion—for working hard to improve his presentation and handwriting in his books. Fantastic work Louis!
Year 3 Cyprus	Jaleesa A-J	Ambition—she has shown great ambition in her writing this week by using a wide range of impressive vocabulary to make her newspaper report engaging and informative.
Year 4 India	Jayden C	Ambition—this week Jayden has been trying his very best in all lessons, he has been using the resources given to help him and has completed some tasks independently.
Year 4 Japan	Ivy W	Ambition—Ivy has worked very hard in class to improve on her learning. She has been very focused in class which has shown great progress in her work and her independence, especially in English.
Year 5 Morocco	Lewis	Ambition—for showing ambition and determination to succeed especially when writing his character description and solving multi-step word problems.
Year 5 Egypt	Albie E	Ambition—Albie puts effort into every single lesson and takes on feedback well to further improve his work.
Year 6 Brazil	Daisy	Ambition—for working hard in her Maths so she can now add numbers using column addition.
Year 6 Mexico	Mason	Ambition—Mason has been extremely ambitious with his learning this week, particularly in his history work in which he used extended vocabulary to show his understanding of the history of censuses. He has also shown incredible ambition in his gymnastics over recent weeks, showing a tireless dedication to performing complex movements.

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.

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.

Reading at Home – Every Day Counts!

Reading is one of the most important things your child can do to support their learning and future opportunities. Just 10–15 minutes of reading each day can make a huge difference to vocabulary, comprehension and confidence across the curriculum.

This September, we moved to **Boom Reader** to make recording home reading easier for families. Parents can access it through the Boom Reader app or at boomreader.co.uk/parents.

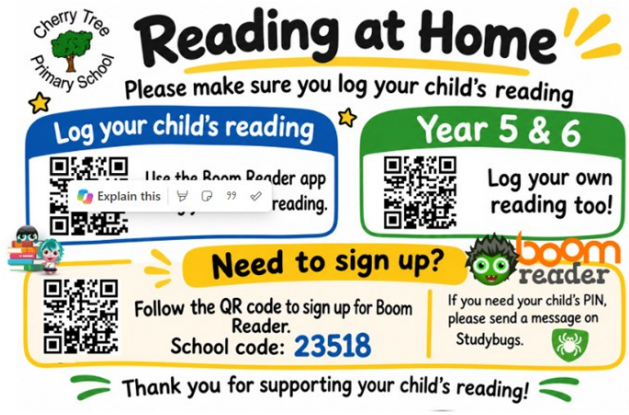
We are now placing an even greater focus on daily reading across the school. From Monday, our admin team will be following up with families where reading has not been logged, helping everyone get involved and ensuring children receive the support they need.

A little weekly reward!

Children who have at least five reading logs recorded each week will receive a **Read All Week sticker** every Friday. Children in Years 5 and 6 can also log their own reading.

We appreciate that family life can be busy, but reading doesn't need to be complicated. Share a story, listen to your child read, take turns reading pages or explore a book together. What matters is making reading a regular part of your daily routine.

Thank you for helping us develop confident, enthusiastic readers at Cherry Tree!



School Dinner Menu - Week Two

9th—13th November

Monday

Rustic Tomato Sauce and Pasta

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Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wrap

Ice Cream Pot

Tuesday

All Day Breakfast—Pork Sausage

All Day Breakfast—Veggie Sausage

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Ham Sandwich

Carrot Cake

Wednesday

Roast Chicken

Quorn Roast

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna

Cheese or Egg Mayo Wrap

Fresh Fruit Salad

Thursday

Macaroni Cheese with Ham

Macaroni Cheese

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Chocolate Cake and Chocolate Custard

Friday

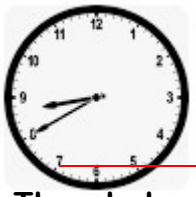
Chicken Nuggets

Beyond Chicken Nuggets

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Ham Wrap

Biscuit



Cherry Tree Weekly Attendance Table

The whole school total for this week was 95.7%- well done! That has gone up from before half term!!

Reception France	92.9%
Reception Spain	86.4%
Year 1 Croatia	89.5%
Year 1 Estonia	96.5%
Year 2 Finland	96.1%
Year 2 Norway	**98.7%**
Year 3 Cyprus	96.4%
Year 3 Jordan	96.1%
Year 4 India	96.9%
Year 4 Japan	98.0%
Year 5 Egypt	99.0%
Year 5 Morocco	93.2%
Year 6 Brazil	**100.0%**
Year 6 Mexico	96.9%

Highest in Key Stage 1 was Year 2 Norway for the second week running.

Highest in Key Stage 2 was Brazil with 100% - very well done!

There were only 4 classes this week with their attendance below 96% !

1st Year 6 Brazil 100%

2nd Year 5 Egypt—99% (so close)

3rd Year 2 Norway 98.7%

4th Year 4 Japan 98%

With Year 1 Estonia, Year 2 Finland, Year 3 Cyprus, Year 3 Jordan, Year 4 India and Year 6 Mexico all achieving over 96%

Let's see if all classes can do it next week.

Dates for your Diary 2026

Monday 9th November

Reception 2027 applications open

Monday 9th—Friday 13th November

EYFS (reception and nursery) World Nursery Rhyme Week

Thursday 12th November

EYFS dress up for World Nursery Rhyme Week

3.30pm PTA AGM—all welcome Main School Hall

Friday 4th December

Christmas Market

Friday 13th November

EYFS dress up as a nursery rhyme character

Tuesday 17th November

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 18th November

Parents Evening

Friday 20th November

9-10 am SEND Parents Coffee Morning KS1 Hall

Thursday 10th December

9.30am St Chad's Church

Flu Vaccination (2nd session)

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 17th December

9.30am Rocksteady concert (for parents of children that are in Rocksteady)

Friday 18th December

Last Day of Term

Monday 4th January

Return to School for Spring Term

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE CONSULTAION PERIOD FOR OUR ADMISSION POLICY 2028-2029 BETWEEN 26.10.2026 AND 07.12.2026 THERE ARE NO CHANGES—IF YOU WISH TO SEE THE PROPOSED POLICY PLEASE SPEAK TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Cherry Tree SEND Parents Coffee Morning



Come along to help shape the plans for SEND with Miss Littlewood

Friday 20th November
9:00-10:00

Cherry Tree Primary School

AGM INVITATION

DATE: 12TH NOVEMBER 2026 TIME: 3:30PM
VENUE: CHERRY TREE ENTRANCE HALL





DO YOU WANT THE PTA TO CONTINUE?

PLEASE JOIN US FOR APPROX 30 MINS TO SECURE THE FUTURE OF THE PTA



AT THE AGM WE ALL HAVE TO STAND DOWN FROM OUR ROLES. FOR THE PTA TO CONTINUE, THE NEW COMMITTEE NEEDS TO BE CHOSEN BY YOU!

NO CHILDCARE- NO PROBLEM. COLOURING STATIONS WILL BE OUT FOR THE KIDS!

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CHERRY TREE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 15 December
CHERRY TREE – NURSERY MANAGER closing date 10 November
FAIRHOUSE – FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER closing date 8 January
MERRYLANDS – FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER closing date 27 November
ST NICHOLAS – CLEANER closing date 16 November
WILLOWS – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 27 November

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

Lego Workshop Pictures











