CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 10 (13.11.26)

Happy Friday everyone!

It is getting colder! Please make sure you send your children in with appropriate clothing for the weather.

ATTENDANCE figures are below. We are doing well but need to keep pushing to improve this.



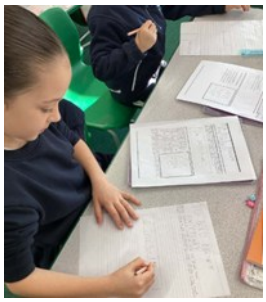


We have sent a number of reminders to parents and carers to encourage your support with reading and completing homework. We have also worked really hard to set up before and after school childcare, and now a new homework club. We are doing all of this to help give your children the best chances in life. It is a shame that sometimes this is not always supported. Our homework expectations are relatively small compared to other schools.
The Cherry Tree community is a fantastic one. I would remind you that if there is ever an issue with communications or school systems, please arrange a meeting to discuss this. We are always happy to explore any issues and improve our systems wherever we can.

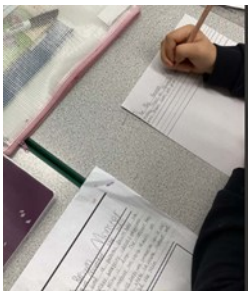
Next week is parents' evening so please make sure you are signed up. This is a chance to learn about how your child has started the year, their learning so far and you can raise any issues you have.

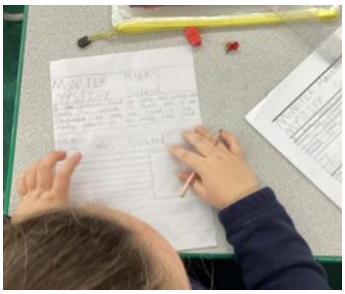
This week, Year 3 have taken on the role of journalists, writing their very own newspaper articles to inform the school about the mysterious monster footprint discovered on the school field! The children then had the exciting opportunity to publish their work on real newsprint paper, bringing their newspaper articles to life. In Maths, we have been developing our addition and subtraction skills, focusing on calculations exchange when using column method. In History, we have continued to explore our Stone Age topic, learning about the three key periods: the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic eras. We have investigated the animals that lived during each period, where Stone Age people lived and the key characteristics that made each era unique. We have had another fantastic week filled with lots of exciting learning!

A huge well done to Emma and Michela, who have secured the top spots on our Year 3 BoomReader leaderboard this week! Keep up the fantastic reading at home, everyone!









This week Year 1 has begun writing their own 4 part stories in our literacy lessons. We have also been finding number bonds within and to 10 using counters and have been exploring adding on. In our science lessons, we have been identifying the different materials we could see on our school playground and thought about why they have been used. In computing, we have begun to look at algorithms and how we can successfully write commands to follow. In RE, we have been exploring how Muslims use art work to express their ideas and in PSHE, we explored all the ways we are special. Finally, we had a great time today with our Children in Need Dance-a-thon and dressing up in our Pudsey outfits!

This week in Reception we have been celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week. We have developed our fine motor skills moving 'Incy Wincy Spiders' using tweezers. In maths, we have explored shapes in the environment discussing sides and corners. We have explored the outside provision singing and acting out nursery rhymes. The children enjoyed dressing up on both Thursday and Friday. Thank you to all the parents for their support with this.

In Year 6 we have had our second round of testing. All children have worked extremely hard, showing ambition throughout the assessments. In computing, we learnt about how a file is transferred from one device to another, through a router. In science, we started our learning on light and reflection and explored whether light bends or not.

This week in year 4, we learnt the hand jive in music as we are learning about rock and roll. We have started our DT learning so we can make torches and we have continued to learn about electricity in science, we discovered how we get power in our homes. This week India won the TTRS battle.

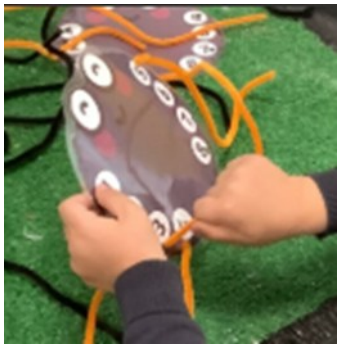
Year 5 this week, in English we have been planning and writing a revenge story linked to our history topic of the Vikings. The year 5 children have enjoyed acting out parts of their stories. In Maths we have moved onto multiplication looking at common multiples and factors. The children have been able to use their times tables knowledge to answer questions. In history, we have looked at various artefacts to tell us how the Vikings lived and if they really live up to their reputation of being vicious raiders.

For year 2 this week has ended very brightly with our celebration of Children in Need. We were a sea of yellow and spots. Thank you for your donations! In English, we consolidated features of instructions whilst in Maths we became addition and subtraction experts. To end our week, we worked scientifically by exploring microhabitats and what mini-beasts do for our world.

This week in Nursery, we had a wonderful time celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week, sharing *Each Peach Pear Plum* and *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*. The children thoroughly enjoyed a range of rhyme-themed activities, including building walls for Humpty Dumpty, threading Incy Wincy Spider's legs, collecting mini beasts from the spider's web and creating their own sparkling star wands. Through singing, rhyming and repetition, the children were having so much fun they didn't even realise how much they were learning, developing their language, listening, memory and early phonics skills along the way. In phonics, we introduced the sound of the week, a, and the children loved finding objects that begin with this sound. We also marked Remembrance Day, talking about bravery, courage and respect while creating our own beautiful poppies. A special highlight was our Nursery Rhyme Dress-Up Day. The children looked fantastic, and we would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support and effort with costumes.



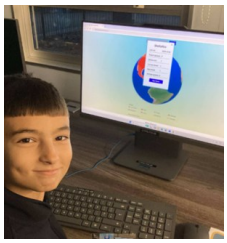




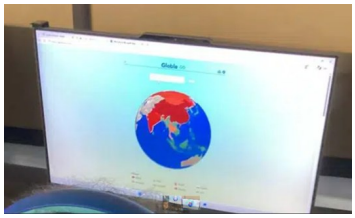
Have a lovely weekend

Mr Davie
Head of School

Geography Club



This week, the Geographical Explorers Club used their map reading skills to look at a world map and problem solve to find a mystery country. The children's country would become a deeper shade of red the closer their guesses get. Some of the children's mystery countries were: Llanos, Albania, Indonesia, Zimbabwe and Yemen. Well done, you all worked really hard to find your mystery countries and even went on the find more than 1 in the session!









Value Awards





Reception Spain	Denzel O	Respect—For always using his manners.
Reception France	Harper B	Ambition—for putting great effort into her writing.
Year 1 Croatia	Kaash C	Ambition—for working really hard in our writing sessions and becoming more independent!
Year 1 Estonia	Ziggy S	Ambition—by writing stories of greater length and with more detailed descriptions.
Year 2 Finland	Bonnie-Lee S	Ambiion—for learning addition and subtraction strategies AND teaching another student too!
Year 2 Norway	Mohsina D	Ambition—Mohsina has been more engaged with her learning and working more independently, especially in Maths.
Year 3 Jordan	Delia	Kindness—for showing a new pupil kindness and helping her to settle into Year 3 life at Cherry Tree.
Year 3 Cyprus	Dottie	Respect—for showing respect to others, thinking about her responses and communicating these in a positive way.
Year 4 India	Taliah J	Honesty– asking for help with her learning and using resources to work independently.
Year 4 Japan	John	Respect—for making a great start in joining our class! John always shows respect, making sure to always use his manners.
Year 5 Morocco	Jordana	Ambition—for showing ambition and creativity in her Viking Revenge story. Making a real effort to include all the key features of the genre. Well done Jordana!
Year 5 Egypt	Eva K	Respect—Eva always shows respect, especially when listening to peers responses.
Year 6 Brazil	Oliver B	Respect—improved listening during all learning sessions leading to higher attainment.
Year 6 Mexico	Joe D	Kindness—Joe is always showing kindness to his peers. He is forever offering to help others whenever he can.

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.

OUR WRAPAROUND TIMES AND PRICES:



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.

Fun at Wraparound this Week















Cherry Tree Primary School

TAG RUGBY CHAMPIONS!

Written by Alex Bulat, Year 6 Mexico

Ealier this week, a friendly Tag Rugby tournament took place at Fairhouse. There were 4 teams in the competition with 2 from each school and 7 players on each team. For Cherry Tree, the top try scorers are Gabriel, Joseph W, Aronas, Teo and George all scoring 3 tries a - piece with Cherry Tree having scored 22 tries altogether. Cherry Tree Red won the whole tournament with Fairhouse Two coming second, Cherry Tree Blue came third and Fairhouse One came fourth. Overall, the most entertaining match was Cherry Tree Red versus Cherry Tree Blue with the main highlight being multiple siblings facing each other. All of the 14 selected pupils (among other students) participated in a trial for the team. The teachers responsible for the event agreed how much the players had improved in the space of a week! Altogether this tournament was a wonderful way of showing how we can all work together and improve ourselves in a short amount of time. This will be the first of many more competitions for Cherry Tree children! Watch this space!

"We were trying very hard during lunchtimes, giving up our lunches to get better as a team. There was a lot of communication and good teamwork!"
Aronas M - Year 6 Brazil



Results:

Fairhouse One (2) - (3) Cherry Tree Red
Fairhouse Two (5) - (3) Cherry Tree Blue
Cherry Tree Red (3) - (3) Fairhouse Two
Cherry Tree Blue (4) - (2) Fairhouse One
Cherry Tree Red (4) - (3) Cherry Tree Blue
Fairhouse One (3) - (3) Fairhouse Two

School Dinner Menu - Week One

16th—20th November

Monday

Rustic Tomato Sauce and Pasta

Rustic Tomato Sauce and Pasta

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Wrap

Mini Muffin

Tuesday

Hunters Chicken

Vegetarian Hunters 'Chicken'

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Ham Sandwich

Berry Tiramisu (no coffee)

Wednesday

Roast Gammon

Quorn Roast

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Egg Mayo Wrap

Fresh Fruit Salad

Thursday

Spaghetti Bolognaise (beef)

Lentil/Veggie Mince Bolognaise

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Brownie

Friday

Fish Fingers

Vegetable Goujons

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Cheese or Ham Wrap

BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST

BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

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



Cherry Tree Weekly Attendance Table

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

Reception France	87.4%
Reception Spain	93.6%
Year 1 Croatia	86.8%
Year 1 Estonia	94.4%
Year 2 Finland	93.4%
Year 2 Norway	**97.9%**
Year 3 Cyprus	97.1%
Year 3 Jordan	**97.9%**
Year 4 India	**97.9%**
Year 4 Japan	96.2%
Year 5 Egypt	97.3%
Year 5 Morocco	90.7%
Year 6 Brazil	82.7%
Year 6 Mexico	84.2%

We had 3 top classes all on 97.9% - very well done to Norway, Jordan and India.

Dates for your Diary 2026

Monday 9th November

Reception 2027 applications open

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.



