



17th April 2026

Newsletter No 26

Message from Mr Bullivant

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and were able to enjoy some rest and family time. It has been a pleasure to see the children return to school so positively, ready for a busy and exciting summer term.

Our EYFS children have made a fantastic start to the term with their new English theme based on *Super Milly*. They have been thinking about what makes someone a superhero and have been creating and sharing their own “superpower” certificates with staff around the school. It is safe to say they brought many smiles to faces and certainly made lots of staff members’ days!

In Blossom Room, the children have had a very hands-on week in Science, exploring the strength of different materials. They put their investigations to the test by building houses

and attempting to blow them down using hairdryers—luckily, no big bad wolves were required! It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and curiosity in their learning.

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their well-earned reward for achieving the best attendance in the school before the Easter break. Their afternoon of board games was a great success and a lovely way to celebrate their commitment to being in school every day—well done, Year 4!

We would also like to extend a big thank you to our Year 6 parents who attended the recent assembly. The children did a fantastic job of sharing their experiences and photos from their residential trip to Lambourne End. They spoke with real confidence and pride about the challenges they took on, from adventurous outdoor activities to working together as a team and building independence away from home. It was clear how much they gained from the experience, not just in skills but in resilience, confidence and friendships. We hope you enjoyed hearing about their adventures as much as we did.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mr Bullivant

Attendance Matters

Good attendance is essential for children to make the most of their learning and to fully take part in all the experiences school has to offer. Every day in school really does count, and even small amounts of absence can quickly add up to lost learning time.

To help raise the profile of good attendance across the school, we have recently launched an exciting new initiative called **Attendopoly**. Each week, the three classes with the best attendance — particularly those achieving or exceeding our school target of **96%** — earn the opportunity to roll the dice during our **Celebration Assembly**.

Where they land on the board could lead to a range of exciting prizes for the class, making attendance something we can all celebrate together. - last week Year 4 enjoyed hot chocolate with Miss Symonds!

We look forward to seeing which classes make it onto the Attendopoly board next week. Thank you, as always, for your support in ensuring children arrive at school every day, on time, ready to learn.

Attendance results – week ending 17th April 2026

EYFS	99.00%
Year 1	96.96%
Year 2	97.50%
Year 3	97.41%
Year 4	99.13%
Year 5	87.83%
Year 6	98.52%
Whole School	93.71%
YTD (Spring & Autumn Term)	94.26%

Summer Term 2026 Dates

Coming soon

Achievements Outside of School

We are keen to celebrate the children's achievements outside of school and would love to hear from you if your child has taken part in something special they enjoy. Please send a brief description and a photo if you wish, of your child's achievement to be included in the newsletter.

Well done to Max who worked really hard to get his swimming certificate – great work!





Messages from the Office

After school clubs begin on Monday 20th April 2026 - you will be notified if your child has a place on the following clubs.

Monday – Sewing club all years

Monday KS2 Badminton club KS2

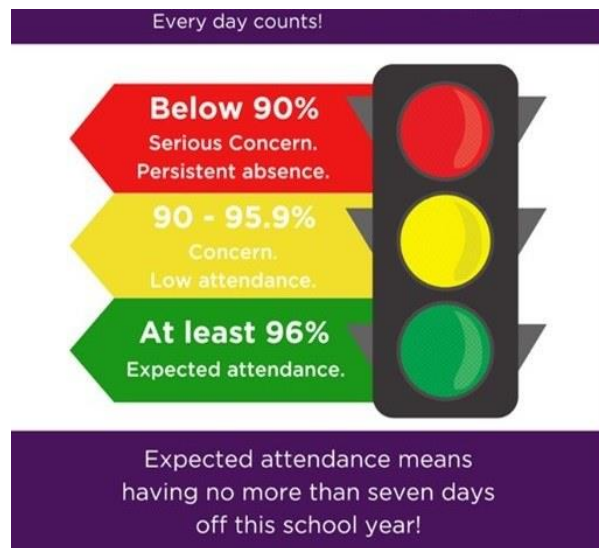
Tuesday Festival Club EYFS & KS1

Thursday KS1 Athletics EYFS & KS1

Thursday Science Club KS2

Thursday Gardening Club all years

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Special Award for Writing

Year	Awarded to
EYFS	Roman
Year 1	Fiona
Year 2	Effie
Year 3	Lewis
Year 4	Peyton
Year 5	Jessica
Year 6	Tari

Times Tables Rock Stars & Numbots Challenge



We are trying to increase engagement of the pupils with the excellent Numbots and TTRS programmes.

We will be handing out a certificate for the child, in each class, who has engaged the most with their class TTRS/Numbots on a weekly basis.

Please encourage your child to play at home.

Year group	Most points achieved this week
1	Cameron
2	Effie
3	Anifowose
4	Adelina
5	Daisy
6	Trei


Useful Info

Autism Anglia

We'd like to highlight Autism Anglia's Community Connect — a *free* support service specifically for children with neurodiverse needs and their families.

! No diagnosis needed **!** Support available even if your child is just *on a pathway* or you're exploring possible neurodiversity

They can help with: ✨ Autism-related questions or concerns ✨ Communication and social interaction ✨ Emotional regulation ✨ Sensory needs ✨ Anxiety or behaviour linked to neurodiversity

Find out more here:  <https://www.autism-anglia.org.uk/our-services/community-connect/>

If you're unsure if this service is for you and you'd like some advice, don't hesitate to ask.

Mrs Donnelly

Cherry Tree Foodbank

At Cherry Tree, we understand that life can sometimes bring unexpected challenges, and there may be times when a little extra support with food is needed. That's why we're launching the **Cherry Tree Foodbank** — a resource available to all our families whenever it's needed.

To help us keep the foodbank stocked, we welcome donations of **long-life food items**, including:

- Cereals
- Long life milk
- Tinned potatoes
- Pasta and rice
- Sauces
- Tinned vegetables
- Baked beans
- Tinned pies
- Tuna and other canned goods

Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference.

If you'd like support, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can call, email, or drop by to speak with me directly. I'll be happy to put together a food hamper for you, and I can also provide food bank vouchers if needed.

Together, we can support one another and make sure no family goes without.

Warm regards,

Miss Symonds

Communication with school.

When trying to communicate with members of staff at Cherry Tree, please bear in mind that they are working extremely hard with the children.

We aim to acknowledge all parent communication within 48 hours - this includes phone calls and emails.