



24th April 2026

Newsletter No 27

Message from Mr Bullivant

It has been another fantastic week in school, with some brilliant learning taking place across all year groups.

Our Year 3 children had a wonderful time on their local Geography walk on Tuesday, putting their fieldwork skills into action within our local area. They demonstrated great observation skills, identifying key features of the environment and thinking carefully about how our community is organised. They represented the school brilliantly and showed real maturity throughout the visit.

Meanwhile, in Science, there has been plenty of excitement across the school. Year 2 have been investigating static electricity using balloons, leading to a few “hair-raising” moments—quite literally—as they explored how objects can attract and repel. It’s safe to say there may still be a few balloons mysteriously clinging to ceilings around school!

Year 1 have also been busy exploring their Science learning, focusing on the seasons. They brought their learning to life by dressing up and acting out the different times of year, showing fantastic imagination and a strong understanding of how seasons change.

In addition, some of our Year 5 children have been working hard to complete their Bikeability qualification. This valuable programme helps children develop the skills and confidence needed to ride safely on the road. They have been learning about road positioning, signalling and how to navigate traffic safely—an important life skill that promotes both independence and awareness.

Finally, I would like to extend a thank you to those Year 6 parents who attended the recent TLA SEND parent workshop. We hope you found the session informative and that it provided valuable guidance to support your child’s transition to secondary school.

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.

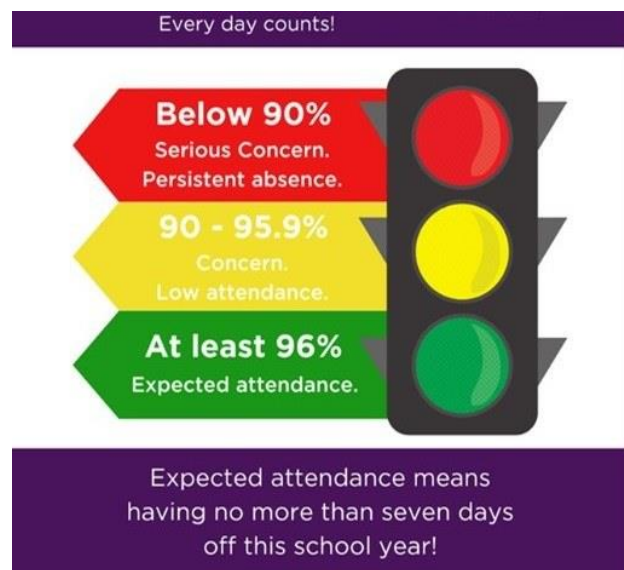
To help raise the profile of good attendance across the school, we have recently launched an exciting new initiative called **Attendopoly**. Each week, the three classes with the best attendance — particularly those achieving or exceeding our school target of **96%** — earn the opportunity to roll the 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 24th April 2026

EYFS	92.38%
Year 1	96.52%
Year 2	96.67%
Year 3	94.07%
Year 4	95.22%
Year 5	92.73%
Year 6	95.19%
Whole School	94.70%
YTD (Spring & Autumn Term)	94.70%



Summer Term 2026 Dates

Dates for the Summer Term

Monday 11th – 15th May 2026 - SATs week

Friday 16th May 2026 - Year 6 non uniform day

Monday 1st June 2026 - Inset day

Monday 1st June -12th June - Year 4 Multiplication checks

Monday 8th June 2026 - Sports Day

Tuesday 9th June 2026 - Year 6 Crucial Crew

Thursday 11th June 2026 - Sports day reserve

Friday 12th June 2026 - Group Photos

Monday 15th June 2026 - SEND coffee morning Yr5/6 transition

w/c Monday 8th June 2026 - Phonics Screening check for Year 1 (and some YR2 pupils)

Thursday 18th June 2026 - Year 6 1st transition day at Thurstable

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th June - Year 6 Transition days at TLA

Thursday 25th June 2026 - Year 6 transition day at St Helena School

Thursday 25th June 2026 - Year 6 2nd transition day at Thurstable

Thursday 25th June 2026 - Year 6 transitions day at Paxman Academy

Thursday 25th June 2026 - EYFS Meet the Teacher 9.30-11.30am – transition / move up day

Monday 29th June – Friday 6th July 2026 - One Plan Meetings

Tuesday 30th June 2026 - EYFS Stay & Play 4-5pm

w/c Monday July 6th 2026 - Reports out during this week

Tuesday 7th July 2026 - SATs results released. These will be checked and shared with pupils and parents/carers as soon as possible.

Tuesday 7th July 2026 - Year 6 performance to parents

Wednesday 8th July 2026 - EYFS Stay & Play 2-3pm

Thursday 9th July 2026 - iROCK concert invitation only

Thursday 9th July 2026 - School Disco

Friday 3rd July 2026 - After School Clubs finish

Monday 13th July 2026 - Open Classrooms – parents invited

Tuesday 14th July 2026 - Gardening Competition

Thursday 16th July 2026 - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Reading Records

Back by popular demand, reading records are returning to our school following a decision by the School Council. Children will be receiving their new reading records shortly, once they have been distributed by our school councillors.

To further promote reading at home, the School Council have also introduced some new incentives. Children who read at home four times a week will receive 5 Dojo points. In addition, children who read at least four times a week will be entered into a weekly school draw, with the chance to win a prize.

The purpose of the reading record is to help children keep track of how often they are reading at home and to encourage regular reading habits.

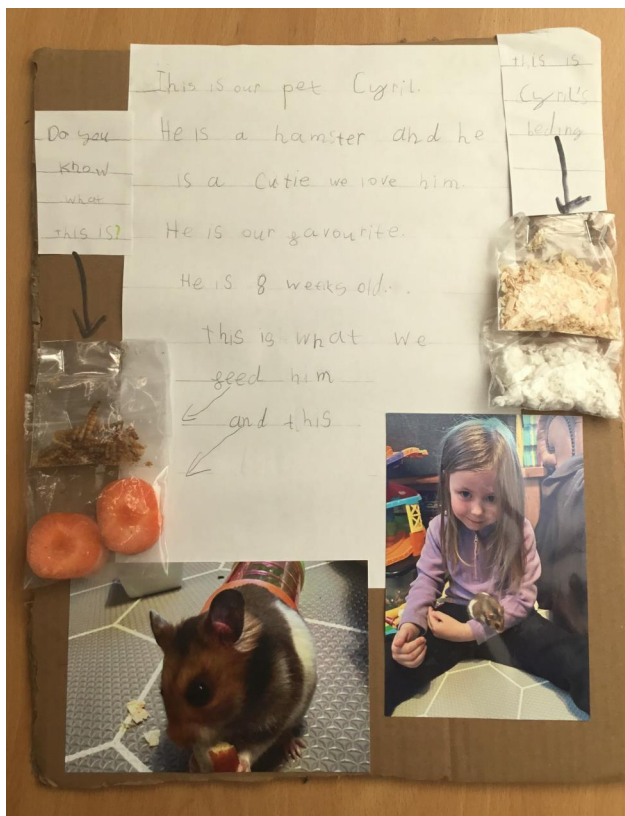
In school, children continue to read every day through a range of activities, including phonics lessons, guided reading and 1:1 reading session. These are carefully monitored and tracked by staff using our school systems and may not always be recorded in their reading records.

Thank you, as always, for your support in encouraging reading at home—it really does make a difference.

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.

Lovely science home work from Ivy – some interesting facts about her very cute hamster Cyril.



Pirates!

Max has been working really hard on his pirate creating Pirate Island. This was part of his pirate learning in English.



Bikeability

Well done to all the children that took part in Bikeability this week.

The children have developed the skills and confidence needed to ride safely on the road achieving certificates in a mix of Level 1 & 2.



Special Award for Writing



Year	Awarded to
EYFS	Willow
Year 1	Harper
Year 2	Oliver
Year 3	Sophie
Year 4	Layla
Year 5	Perry
Year 6	Rubin

Gone Green!

Well done to all the children that managed to Go Green on TTRS. These badges and certificates are awarded to the children that are fluent in their times tables



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	Jacob
4	Arons
5	Daisy
6	Sumai

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.