



12th June 2026

Newsletter No 33

Message from Mr Bullivant

It has been another busy and exciting week at Cherry Tree, with children across the school taking part in a range of memorable experiences and celebrating some fantastic achievements.

Year 6 have had an especially busy week. On Tuesday, they attended the Crucial Crew event, an important personal safety programme designed to support pupils as they prepare for the transition to secondary school. We were incredibly proud to hear that Cherry Tree was described by event staff as *the best-behaved school they had hosted*. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the maturity, respect and excellent attitudes our Year 6 pupils demonstrate every day. Well done, Year 6 – you were amazing representatives of our school.

Year 6 also attended the TLA Celebration of Performing Arts Evening this week. The event was a wonderful opportunity to showcase talent and creativity, featuring performances from current students at TLA. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their bravery and confidence in performing in front of an audience of more than 350 people. What an incredible achievement and a memory that I am sure will stay with them for years to come.

A huge well done must also go to Year 1, who completed their Phonics Screening Check this week. The children coped brilliantly throughout the assessment and approached it with enthusiasm and determination. We are incredibly proud of the effort they have shown and the progress they have made this year. Their success is a testament to the hard work, practice and commitment they have demonstrated throughout the year. Well done, Year 1 – you should all be very proud of yourselves!

Year 1 also enjoyed a very special visitor this week. Miss Probyn visited the class and introduced them to her baby, Coby, as part of their learning in RSE about how babies grow and thrive. The children loved meeting him and learning more about the needs of young babies.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their understanding regarding the rearrangement of Sports Day. Unfortunately, the weather left us with little choice but to postpone the event. We apologise once again for any inconvenience this may have caused. Sports Day will now take place on **Friday 19th June**, and we are keeping everything crossed for better weather so that we can enjoy a fantastic day together.

We look forward to another exciting week ahead and to celebrating Sports Day with our school community.

Warm regards,

Mr Bullivant

SPORTS DAY UPDATE

Friday 19th June 2026

EYFS, Year 1 & 2 will be held between 9am-10.45am

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be held between 1.15pm -3pm

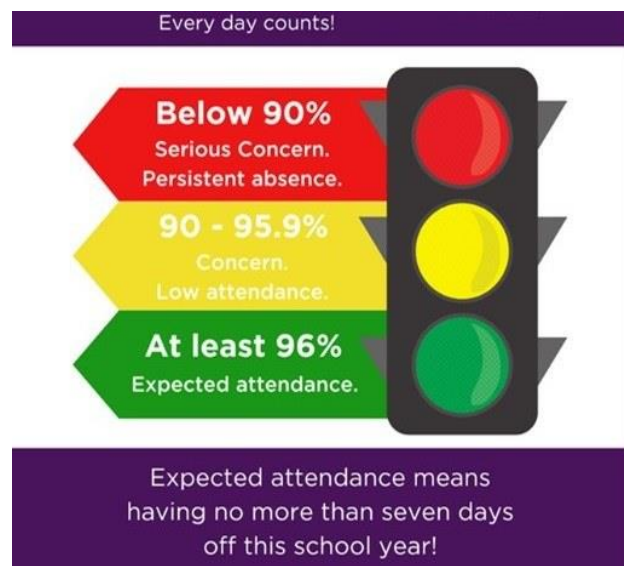
Attendance Matters

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 12TH June 2026

EYFS	95.71 %
Year 1	99.57 %
Year 2	98.57 %
Year 3	92.69 %
Year 4	98.26 %
Year 5	90.50 %
Year 6	98.00 %
Whole School	96.23 %
YTD (from 01.09.2025)	94.96 %

Summer Term 2026 Dates

Dates for the Summer Term

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

Friday 19th June - Sports Day

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 3rd 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 followed by Cherry Tree Summer Concert and Picnic

Thursday 9th July 2026 - School Disco EYFS & KS1 4-5pm KS2 5.15-6.45pm

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

Friday 17th July 2026 - Last day of term.

Monday 20th July 2026 - Inset day

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.

Beat The Streets



Archer was invited by Beat the Street to collect an award for collecting all 140 boxes on the Beat the Street app. He was very happy with his medal and certificate. Well done Archer!

Harrys Football achievement on Sunday 7th June 2026



Harry in year 3 and his football team, Rowhedge Juniors U8s had the exciting opportunity to play in a tournament at Ipswich Stadium, where they finished as proud runners-up. It was an amazing experience for Harry, his teammates and all the parents involved.

Harry also had the incredible chance to see the Ipswich changing rooms and walk out through the tunnel onto the pitch for his first match, with professional photos capturing the moment. We are extremely proud of Harry and all he has achieved.

Special Award for Writing



Year	Awarded to
EYFS	Penelope
Year 1	Bobby
Year 2	Rayven
Year 3	Sophie
Year 4	Amber-Lee
Year 5	Lily
Year 6	Tre[

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
EYFS	Archer-Beau
1	Cameron
2	Lucas
3	<u>Tymofi</u>
4	Arons
5	Ezra
6	Qaimah

Useful Info



Are you worried about your child travelling to secondary school on their own in September?

Is your child anxious about travelling to school by bus for the first time on their own?

Being able to travel independently is a key life skill.

Travel Training gives people with SEN or additional needs the confidence and skills to travel on buses and trains independently. We can also help with walking routes.

Anyone can refer using our online referral form, we aim to be in touch within 10 days

www.travel-training.co.uk

Travel.training@essex.gov.uk

03330322872

Please take a look at our travel training video by clicking here: [Travel Training, The journey to independence - Essex County Council](#)



Are you a parent of a Year 5 child who has Special Educational Needs?

Worried about transition to secondary school?

Ask questions? SEN support or EHCP

What might provision look like for your child in Year 7?

Come and meet with Jane Hearn, Nicola Chisnall and Emily Henty from SEND services.

9th June 9.30am to 11am
Old Heath Primary School
Old Heath Road, Colchester CO2 8DD

16th June 1.00pm to 2.30pm
St Michael's Primary School
Camulodunum Way, Colchester CO2 9RA

24th June 1.30pm to 3.00pm
Monkwick Junior School
School Road, Colchester CO2 8NN

All dates are open to parents of pupils in Year 5 on the SEN register at any school listed


Fingringhoe Primary school
Mersea Primary School
Langenhoe Primary School
Cherry Tree Academy
Old Heath Primary School
Monkwick Junior school

St Lawrence Primary School
Montgomery Primary School
St Michael's Primary School
Gosbecks Primary School
Kings Ford Academy

Please only attend ONE session.


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**Moving Up from
Infants to Juniors**
17th June 10 am and 7 pm

**Moving Up from
Primary to Secondary**
24th June 10 am and 7 pm



Striving to provide the best care by the best people



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.