



26th June 2026

Newsletter No 35

Message from Mr Bullivant

It is safe to say that it has been an incredibly hot week at Cherry Tree! The heatwave has certainly made for some challenging conditions, but I have been so impressed with how well the children have coped. Despite the high temperatures, they have continued to work hard and maintain their positive attitudes to learning throughout the week. We are incredibly proud of them.

As a school, we have worked hard to put measures in place to keep everyone as comfortable as possible during the hot weather. Thank you to all for ensuring children arrived with water bottles, hats and sun cream each day. I would also like to thank families for their flexibility and

understanding regarding the changing collection times this week. We greatly appreciate your cooperation as we prioritised the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff.

To help everyone cool down, Year 3 and Year 6 enjoyed a well-deserved water fight during the week. There were plenty of smiles, lots of laughter and, unsurprisingly, a few very soggy children and staff members by the end!

Despite the heat, it has been another busy and exciting week across the school. Our Year 6 pupils attended their secondary school transition days and returned full of enthusiasm about the next stage of their education. We hope they enjoyed the experience and are feeling excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

Thursday was also our annual Moving Up Day. Children across the school spent time with their new teachers, getting a taste of what next year will bring. It was wonderful to see their excitement and enthusiasm as they explored their new classrooms and began building relationships with their new teachers.

We were also delighted to welcome our new EYFS children for their Stay and Play session. It was lovely to see them exploring their new environment, meeting staff and beginning their journey as part of the Cherry Tree family. We look forward to welcoming them properly in September.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to what promises to be another exciting week at Cherry Tree.

Warm regards,

Mr Bullivant

After School Clubs

All after school clubs and all tuition will end on Thursday 2nd July 2026

Please arrange to collect your child / children at 3.10pm for the final two weeks - thanks.

Medical Appointments

In line with our attendance procedure if your child / children has a medical appointment (dentist, optician etc) we would expect them to attend school before and after the appointment minimising time lost in the classroom. Thanks for your support with this.

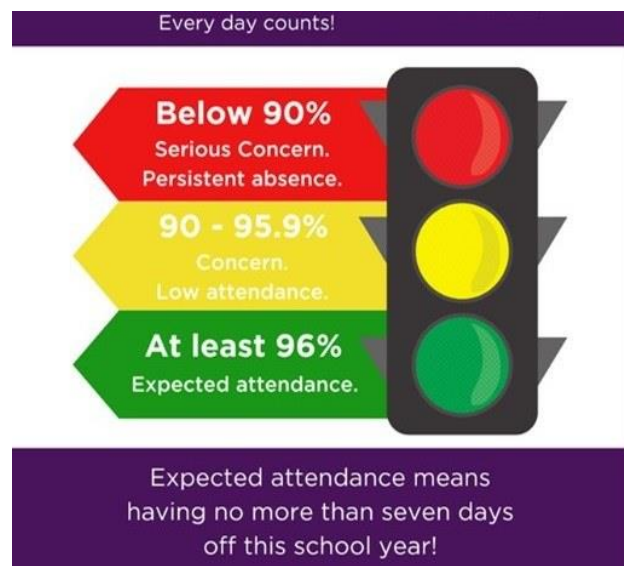
Attendance Matters

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 26th June 2026

EYFS	88.10 %
Year 1	84.78 %
Year 2	96.19 %
Year 3	88.08 %
Year 4	93.91 %
Year 5	84.09 %
Year 6	91.48 %
Whole School	89.51 %
YTD (from 01.09.2025)	94.94 %

Summer Term 2026 Dates

Dates for the Summer Term

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 9.30am & 1.30pm

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 9.30am

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.

Special Award for Writing



Year	Awarded to
EYFS	Archer-Beau
Year 1	Harper
Year 2	Lucas
Year 3	Alexandra
Year 4	Layla
Year 5	Charley
Year 6	Lilly-Rae

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 engagement this week
EYFS	William
1	Bobby
2	Danny
3	Mahfouz
4	Emma
5	Ayan
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?

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

Ask questions? SEN support or EHCP

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
Kingsford Academy

Please only attend ONE session.

FREE MOVING UP WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS of primary aged children

Provided by your Mental Health Support Team
@EssexMHST_and_SETcamhs

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

bit.ly/3MaR1wJ

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.