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Message from Mr Bullivant

It has been another busy week filled with creativity, music, delicious food and plenty of opportunities for our children to showcase their talents.

Across the school, classes have been putting the finishing touches to their Design and Technology projects, with many pupils enjoying the opportunity to develop their cooking skills. Year 4 had a fantastic time planning and preparing their own healthy wraps using a wide range of fresh ingredients. They certainly looked delicious, and I think the hardest part of the lesson was resisting the temptation to sample everyone else's lunch before they had finished making it!

Our Year 6 pupils also demonstrated some impressive culinary skills as they baked a selection of muffins. Miss Reynolds, Mrs Price and I were kindly invited to carry out the all-important taste test, and I am delighted to report that every single muffin was absolutely delicious. We may well have some future chefs in the making at Cherry Tree!

On Thursday evening, our school disco was another fantastic success. It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying themselves, getting involved with the games and showing off their best dance moves. I won't reveal who had the most enthusiastic moves on the dance floor, but let's just say there were a few shapes being thrown that probably shouldn't make a comeback!

We were also treated to another incredible iRock concert on Thursday. Miss Newley and I thoroughly enjoyed watching our talented young musicians perform with such confidence and enthusiasm. The standard of performance was outstanding, with children showcasing their skills on a variety of instruments. Their performances were a real reflection of the dedication, perseverance and hard work they have shown throughout the year. I also hope you enjoyed watching your child's class musical performance, which teachers have shared via ClassDojo. These performances are a wonderful celebration of everything the children have achieved during their music lessons this year, and it has been lovely to see their confidence and enjoyment shine through.

Finally, a reminder that next Monday we will be holding our Open Classrooms event. This is a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to meet with your child's current teacher, celebrate the progress they have made this year, look through their books and discuss their learning. You will also have the chance to visit your child's new classroom and meet their teacher for September, helping to ensure a smooth and positive transition into the new academic year. We look forward to welcoming as many families as possible.

Warm regards,

Mr Bullivant

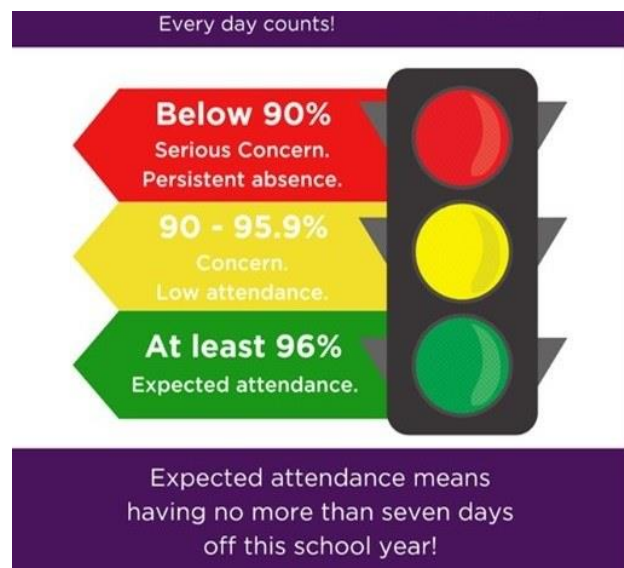
Attendance Matters

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 10th July 2026

EYFS	92.00 %
Year 1	96.52 %
Year 2	96.50 %
Year 3	91.67 %
Year 4	96.09 %
Year 5	93.64 %
Year 6	96.67 %
Whole School	94.78 %
YTD (from 01.09.2025)	94.71 %

Summer Term 2026 Dates

Dates for the Summer Term

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	Billy
Year 1	Yaqub
Year 2	Rayven
Year 3	Tymofii
Year 4	Sophie
Year 5	Delilah
Year 6	Jesse

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	Cameron
2	Danny
3	Lenny
4	Peter
5	Antonio
6	Sumai

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](#)



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.