

NEWSLETTER



CherryTree
ACADEMY

MESSAGE FROM MISS NEWLEY

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another school year, it's wonderful to look back and celebrate all that has made this term – and this year – so memorable.

The summer term has been bursting with fun, energy and talent. We've enjoyed incredible music concerts, brilliant performances and very entertaining productions. From the creativity on stage to the teamwork and enthusiasm in every event, our pupils have amazed us with their confidence, kindness and joy.

This year has also brought moments of sadness as we lost a much-loved member of our school family. Paige's bright, joyful spirit touched so many lives, and she will always hold a special place in our hearts. In her memory, we came together for a Pink Picnic for Paige afternoon, filling the field with the things she loved most – games, puzzles, singing and dancing with friends! It was a beautiful celebration of her life and a reminder of the strength and care in our school community.

As we look forward to a new school year, we take with us these memories of joy, learning and togetherness and we look forward to tackling new challenges! Thank you to all our staff, pupils and families for making Cherry Tree such a special place to be!

We wish you a restful and enjoyable summer holiday!

Miss Newley

Staffing Update

We welcome Mr Bear and Mr Young to our teaching team for September.

We also welcome Mrs Davies to the team, an LSA moving from Kingsford Academy,

We say farewell to Ms Shute, one of our Catering Assistants, who will be taking up a larger role in another primary school for September. Thank you for all you have done!

The children said goodbye to Miss Boorman yesterday, our student teacher. She has passed her teacher training and will be taking her first teaching post at Mildene Primary School in September. We wish her all the best and know she will be amazing!

Congratulations to Mr Bullivant who will be stepping up as Head of School in September and working alongside Miss Newley who will be Executive Headteacher. Both have exciting plans for the next academic year for all the children and staff at Cherry Tree.

Dear Year 6,

As you get ready to take your next big step into secondary school, we want to wish you the very best of luck. You have been such an important part of our school, and we are so proud of everything you have achieved during your time here.

The last few weeks have been especially memorable – from your fantastic leavers' assembly and sharing your baby photos in "then and now", to making brilliant music videos, dancing at the discos and, of course, ending it all with an epic water fight and water balloons on the last day! You've made us laugh, smile and (sometimes) cry happy tears as we've celebrated your journey. We will miss you all but know you are ready for this exciting new chapter. Remember to be brave, kind and keep believing in yourselves. You'll do amazing things!

With love and best wishes,
Everyone at Cherry Tree x

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

1ST SEPTEMBER 2025 INSET DAY - ONLY TEACHNG STAFF IN SCHOOL
2ND SEPTEMBER 2025 - CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Dinner Money

As we come towards the end of the year, please ensure that all dinner money arrears are cleared.

We have noticed an increase in outstanding dinner money.

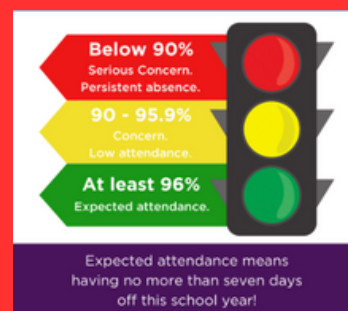
School meals must be purchased in advance and payment can be made via online transaction on the Parentmail app.

Please can you clear any outstanding balances as soon as possible.

Parents/guardians may contact the office where a pupil continues to require meals and no payment has been made to discuss the individual circumstances of the pupil and their parents. **Can we please remind you we are a NUT FREE school.**

ATTENDANCE MATTTTERS

This Week
EYFS 100%
YEAR 1 97.8%
YEAR 2 98.3%
YEAR 3 99.2%
YEAR 4 94.8%
YEAR 5 94.5%
YEAR 6 98.3%
TOTAL SCHOOL
97.56%



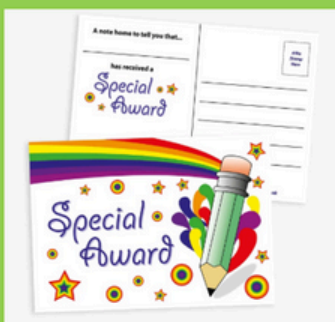
READING AND WRITING AT CHERRY TREE



AT CHERRY TREE ACADEMY WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT ENSURING THAT EVERY CHILD IS A READER. ONE OF THE WAYS WE DO THIS IS TO USE A COMPUTER PROGRAM CALLED ACCELERATED READER (AR). AR HELPS TEACHERS MANAGE AND MONITOR CHILDREN'S INDEPENDENT READING PRACTISE. YOUR CHILD PICKS A BOOK AT HIS/HER OWN LEVEL AND READS IT AT HIS/HER OWN PACE. WHEN FINISHED, YOUR CHILD TAKES A SHORT QUIZ ON THE COMPUTER - PASSING THE QUIZ IS AN INDICATION THAT YOUR CHILD HAS UNDERSTOOD WHAT HAS BEEN READ.

Weekly word count ...

WB 17.07.25		
Year	Most words read - individual	Total words read – whole class
Year 1	Ella and Tofunmi	
Year 2	Anifowose – 29,272	37,000
Year 3	Nathaniel – 37,851	105,188
Year 4	Harrison – 102,188	231,700
Year 5	Ayomipo – 94,506	131,193
Year 6		0



Year	Awarded to
EYFS	Mayzie
Year 1	Theo
Year 2	Mahfouz
Year 3	Archer
Year 4	Delilah
Year 5	Rubin
Year 6	

EYFS

As we come to the end of a very busy and exciting half term, the EYFS team would like to take a moment to celebrate all the amazing progress the children have made.

Acorn class have worked very hard this half term, showing curiosity, determination and a real love for learning each and every day. The children have really impressed us with their growing independence and the effort they've put into their handwriting in preparation for year 1.

One of our highlights for the term was definitely our trip to the zoo. The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting all the different animals and had lots of thoughtful questions to ask. It was lovely to see them apply their maths skills during our planned activities, where they had to count animals' teeth, compare sizes and explore patterns in different animals' fur or skin.

Acorn class have been an absolute pleasure to teach and we cannot wait to see them thrive and succeed in year 1!



Year 1

Year 1 has had a fantastic summer term, full of outdoor learning and special guests.

We particularly loved meeting Pig the Pug and the police!

Our trip to the zoo was full of wonder and joy, and supported our learning across science, maths, geography and PSHE.

We got to grips with fractions which of course had to involve cookies and jam sandwiches and we loved putting our hard hats on to become architects, which had a huge impact on our literacy learning.

The children have enjoyed reminiscing and sharing their memories of this past term.

I loved being a weather forecaster, I felt like a TV presenter.

The best bit was working as a team for party tokens. It felt great when we earned our party.

The Great Fire of London day was very cool - especially making the bread.

The African drumming was really fun, I loved it

Our spa wellbeing afternoon was very relaxing.

I remember when the police came in and dressed half of Mrs Griggs up in the uniform.



Year 2

What a wonderful year it has been in Year 2! We are so proud of everything the children have achieved, they've shown such resilience, creativity, and curiosity in all areas of their learning. It has been our pleasure to see them bloom into such well-rounded, mature and reflective individuals! We will miss each and every one of them!

One of our most exciting moments this term was our trip to the beach. The children had a brilliant time discovering real beach huts and learning about their purpose and design. Back at school, they showed fantastic teamwork and perseverance as they created their own beach huts, applying their knowledge in such imaginative ways. It was truly a joy to see their ideas come to life!

In English, the children have immersed themselves in a wide range of rich and engaging texts. Many of these stories have linked beautifully with our science learning, focusing on caring for the environment and exploring different animal habitats. These cross-curricular connections have sparked meaningful conversations and thoughtful reflections about the world around us.

In maths, we've been so impressed by how confidently the children have tackled arithmetic. Their number sense and problem-solving skills have grown enormously, and their willingness to challenge themselves has been inspiring. From times tables to reasoning and written methods, they've worked incredibly hard and it shows.

Across the curriculum, whether in history, geography, art, or PE, the children have approached each subject with enthusiasm and resilience. Their curiosity, kindness, and growing independence have made them a delight to teach. It has been such a privilege to watch each child bloom into a confident, mature young person, ready for the next stage in their journey.

A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year, your encouragement at home, involvement in school life, and partnership with us has made such a difference.

We wish all of our Year 2 families a happy, restful, and sunny summer break. Have a wonderful holiday, and best of luck to our amazing children as they move into Key Stage 2, we know they'll continue to shine!

Miss Bassnett

Year 3 Willow class.

What an incredible term it has been! We've welcomed new faces into our class and worked hard together every step of the way.

From the excitement of Sports Day and a fantastic music performance, to creating a greenhouse in DT and beautiful mosaics in Art - the creativity and teamwork have been inspiring. In Science, we explored shadows through hands-on experiments, and in Maths, we deepened our understanding of time. I am incredibly proud of every single pupil for their enthusiasm, resilience, and achievements this term. I will miss them dearly. Well done, everyone - have the most wonderful summer holiday!



Year 4

As we come to the end of an exciting and eventful school year, it's time to reflect on everything our amazing Year 4 class has achieved!

One of our favourite adventures this year was our school trip into Colchester Town to investigate the River Colne. We observed the sluice gate, studied the animal habitats around the river, and learned how natural and man-made features interact. It was a fantastic day of geography and science in action!

Year 4 travelled through time this year as we explored the ancient worlds of Sumer and Egypt. The children became budding historians, asking thoughtful questions and drawing their own conclusions. We were especially impressed with their independent investigations into the Indus Valley civilisation. The class produced some brilliant fact files, packed with information and creativity—well done, Year 4!

As part of our RE learning, we visited St Margaret's Church, where we explored how different denominations of Christianity practice their faith. The children showed great curiosity and respect, asking insightful questions and making thoughtful observations.

This year's guided reading sessions have been a joy! The children particularly loved our class books:

- The Wild Robot – an emotional and exciting journey of survival and friendship
- Two Weeks with The Queen – funny, moving, and thought-provoking
- Zombirella – a gothic fairy tale with a twist!

It's been wonderful to see so many children grow in confidence and develop a real love for reading.

I am so proud of each and every one of you. You've worked incredibly hard, shown resilience, kindness, and curiosity, and made so much progress across the year. It's been an absolute pleasure to be part of your learning journey.

Thank you to all our families for your support throughout the year. I hope you all have a fun, relaxing and safe summer holiday. Rest well and come back refreshed—you've earned it!

Miss Jackson
Miss Garside
Mr Cantwell

Beech Class Newsletter – Summer Term Update

What an incredibly busy and rewarding term it has been in Oak Class! As Year 5, we have continued to grow in independence and responsibility, ready to take on the challenges of Year 6. The children have shown such enthusiasm and curiosity across all areas of the curriculum, and we are so proud of their hard work and positive attitudes.

In Maths, we have been learning about shape and statistics, including identifying and measuring angles, exploring properties of 2D and 3D shapes, and interpreting and presenting data using line graphs and tables. The children particularly enjoyed practical activities using protractors and creating their own surveys to collect and represent data.

In English, the children loved learning about Anne Frank, producing incredibly thoughtful and emotional diary entries that demonstrated empathy and understanding of her experiences. Prior to this, we thoroughly enjoyed reading 'Beowulf', which inspired the children to write engaging narratives filled with vivid description and action.

In Science, we have explored life cycles describing the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird, and describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

This term has also been filled with fantastic enrichment opportunities. Our trip to Shimpling Park Farm was a highlight, where the children learned about farm-to-fork concepts and sustainability in food production. We also worked with Essex Police on a Speed Watch to help keep our roads safe, and the children demonstrated excellent community spirit during this project.

We loved having Essex Music Service in for 10 weeks, where the children learned how to play toots and developed their musical skills while having lots of fun. We have also been busy in the community, entering the Colchester Schools Gardening Competition in Culver Square. The children worked hard designing and planting our garden entry, showcasing their creativity and teamwork. If you're visiting town over the summer, please look out for our display and don't forget to vote for us!

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers for your support this year. We are so proud of everything Oak Class has achieved and how they have grown as learners and individuals. We wish all the children the best of luck for Year 6 – we know you will continue to shine as role models for the school! Have a wonderful, restful summer.

The Oak Class Team



Final newsletter Year 6- 2024-25

As we reach the end of our time together, I find myself reflecting on how proud I am of each and every one of my year 6 class. This term has been eventful- from mini golf adventures, where their behaviour and enthusiasm impressed everyone we met- to Crucial Crew, where they were officially the standout school of the day. People have consistently commented on their kindness, manners, and maturity. They've truly represented our school in the best possible way.

Their SATs results were truly brilliant – a testament to their resilience, determination and hard work. I beamed with pride when I saw each of their scores, but more than that, I was proud of the way they approached them.

Although I've missed being with them, for the past few weeks, seeing their performance in the school play brought me so much joy. Their talent, teamwork and sparkle absolutely blew me away.

I cannot believe how quickly this year has flown by. It seems like only yesterday we were setting up our classroom together and now... they're ready to take the next big step into secondary school. While I know they're more than ready – and the teachers who get to teach you next are incredibly lucky – I can't help but wish I had just one more year with them all.

We've shared so many memories: from singing (making them squirm with the rhymes and actions – you're welcome!) to our amazing residential, where every single one of them beat me at rock climbing! Their courage, support for each other, and the way they threw themselves into every activity made it such a joy. I'll never forget those strange campfire stories – especially the one I hadn't pre-read, where someone died and the Miss Newley was in the audience!

Please remember everything we've shared: the lessons, the laughs, and yes – even the songs! I hope you carry the confidence, curiosity and cheeky sparkle you've shown, into the next chapter. You must pop in to see me – I'll be expecting invitations to your future restaurants, salons and executive boardroom dinners, when you're all world-famous!

Finally, thank you – to all the parents – for your unwavering support, enthusiasm and care this year. You've made it a rewarding experience. Good luck in the next chapter ahead!

Mrs Helsden and Mrs Hannaway

