

NEWSLETTER



CherryTree
ACADEMY

MESSAGE FROM MISS NEWLEY

Dear All,

The £10 maths challenge has come to an end! Thank you to everyone who supported or took part.

The money from each class will be totalled up and the winning class announced on Monday.

The festive film nights from Year 6 were a big success this week, but have they done enough to beat Year 2's bingo night and Year 5's friendship bracelet business?! The stocking fillers from EYFS were beautiful too and a bargain!

Every class will spend their own profit on maths resources of their choice and there have been some good ideas from the children about what they would like to help them with their maths including some great number games! Watch this space!

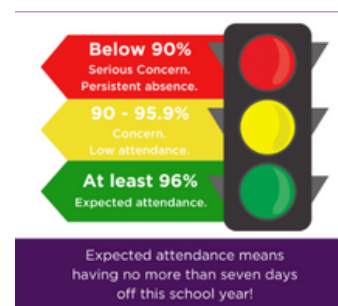
Year 5 and 6 had a visit from the Police this week when PC Dex Adams and his colleague came in to speak with the children about a range of topics including vaping, hate crime and anti-social behaviour. The children were really engaged with the session and had lot of good questions to ask, learning about the possible impact of such actions. We really value people from our community visiting school and running workshops like this. The children take so much from their assemblies and sessions and always ask questions that they may not feel confident or comfortable asking their parents/carers and teachers. We look forward to welcoming more visitors and specialists in the new year 😊

We would also like to welcome Miss Symonds to Cherry Tree Academy. She is joining us as Designated Safeguarding Lead and Family Liaison Officer - look out for her on the gate in the mornings.

Next week, the children look forward to sharing their Christmas performances. We hope you can make it!

Enjoy the weekend everybody.
Miss Newley

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



EYFS	90.4%
YEAR 1	97.3%
YEAR 2	96.7%
YEAR 3	95.8%
YEAR 4	89.1%
YEAR 5	89.6%
YEAR 6	93.1%
TOTAL SCHOOL	93.14%

READING 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 05.12.24		
Year	Most words read - individual	Total words read – whole class
Year 1	Iolanthe and Ella	
Year 2	Anifowose – 11,672 Charlie, Rileigh, Charlotte, Anifowose, Demi.	21,272
Year 3	Hope – 3,312	20,763
Year 4	Nicholas -9,112	55,790
Year 5	Ayomipo – 41,675	5,600
Year 6	William – 192,700	474,629



RESULTS

The highest number of minutes played:

Fosterina Year 5
Daisy Year 4
Apple Year 4

The highest accuracy this week

Stanley Year 6
Oliver Year 1
Ruby-Sue Year 5

The most improved speed this week

Apple Year 4
Maddy Year 4
Jessica Year 4



LEARNING YOUR TIMES TABLES IS SO IMPORTANT AND WE LIKE TO MAKE IT FUN FOR THE CHILDREN. WE USE TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS WHICH AN AWARD-WINNING MATHS PLATFORM WHERE CHILDREN CAN PRACTISE THEIR TIMES TABLES LIKE A ROCK STAR!

KS1 NUMBOTS CHALLENGE



AWARDED TO THE CHILDREN THAT PLAY FOR THE MOST TIME.

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Thank you to everyone that has donated items to the Colchester Food Bank.

We will continue to collect donations for the next few weeks as demand for their help increases at this time of year.

If you are able to donate anything they would be very grateful - they are particularly in need of the items below.
Please bring any donations to the school office
Thank you in advance for your support.



Current Needs

Rice	Tinned fish	Shampoo
Pasta	Cereal	Soap
Tinned Meats	Squash	Shower gel
Tinned Fruits	Juice	Razors
Soup	Tinned Puddings	Nappies
Tea bags	Snacks	Baby Wipes
Sugar	Jam	Washing up liquid
Peanut Butter	Chocolate Spread	Tooth brushes
Sauces	Coffee	Tooth paste
Tinned fish	Long life milk	Sanitary products
Tinned tomatoes		Toilet Rolls
Tinned vegetables		Deodorant

Registered Charity 1204958



Christmas FAYRE

Wednesday 18th December at 2pm
Come and join us for an afternoon of
fun (with a special guest!)

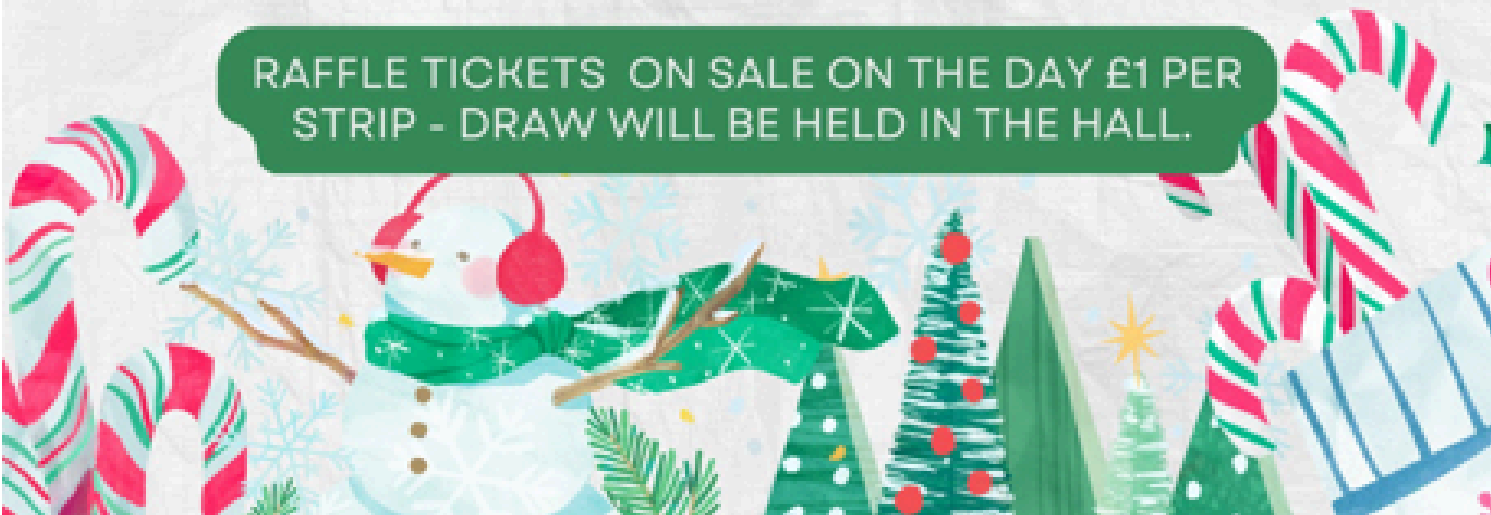
Free Entry

LOTS OF STALLS INCLUDING:

- PING PONG IN A JAR
- TOMBOLA
- RAFFLE
- SECOND HAND BOOKS, TOYS AND UNIFORM
- DECORATE A BISCUIT
- PENALTY SHOOT OUT
- REINDEER RING TOSS

CAFE
TEA COFFEE AND CAKES
HOT CHOCOLATE BAR

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE ON THE DAY £1 PER
STRIP - DRAW WILL BE HELD IN THE HALL.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR KIND DONATIONS - YOU HAVE BEEN VERY GENEROUS.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR RAFFLE AND TOMBOLA PRIZES IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE SUITABLE. PLEASE BRING TO THE OFFICE



EYFS 2025

If you, or anyone you know, has a child that is due to start school next September 2025 please read the below.

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you can now apply for primary (reception) school places. The application window is open between 4 November 2024 and 15 January 2025.

Those received after the 15 January deadline will be considered once all on time applications are determined. This means applying late could reduce the chance of getting a place at your preferred school.

Equipment

There has been an increase in pupils without their PE kits and water bottles. Children need to have them in school every day please.

All of these items must be named

Diary Dates -December 2024

11th December - EYFS and Year 1 Nativity 9.30am

11th December - Year 2 and 3 Christmas Performance 2.30pm

12th December - Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance 9.30am

17th December - Christmas Jumper day

17th December - Christmas Lunch

18th December - Christmas Fayre 2pm

20th December - Class Christmas parties (afternoon) - Break up!

HALF TERM - 23rd December - 3rd January 2023

6th January - INSET DAY/Non pupil day

7th January - Pupils back to school. First day of Spring Term