

# NEWSLETTER



**CherryTree**  
ACADEMY

## MESSAGE FROM MISS NEWLEY

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure visiting classes this week and seeing the children really getting stuck into their new units of work. Year 5 have certainly impressed Mrs Donnelly and Mr Bullivant with their continued efforts to improve their handwriting and presentation. It was great to be able to award some pupils headteacher awards for their efforts! Keep it up!

Across the school the children have started their new phonics sessions and Acorn class (EYFS) were superstars remembering all of their new sounds! Mrs Green and Miss Probyn were very boastful about the children at our staff meeting this week!

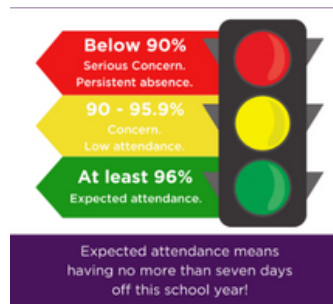
We will be running a Phonics workshop for parents on 2nd October so please do pop in for a coffee when you drop your child off and hear about our new Little Wandle scheme and how you can support the children in being fluent, confident readers.

We have lots of exciting events and themed days/weeks coming up which we can't wait to share with you. More information about individual events will follow on the newsletters or by parent mail, but please find the Autumn term dates attached.

We have all very much enjoyed the sunshine this week at school and we hope it lasts for the weekend too! Have a great one!

Miss Newley

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



- EYFS 95.0%
- YEAR 1 96.3%
- YEAR 2 98.9%
- YEAR 3 98.9%
- YEAR 4 87.8%
- YEAR 5 93.6%
- YEAR 6 94.3%

**TOTAL SCHOOL 94.97%**

# 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.

**THE AR SYSTEM IS BEING TESTED THIS WEEK AND SHOULD BE FULLY OPERATIONAL AGAIN NEXT WEEK. THE CHILDREN WILL BE DOING THEIR STAR READER TEST IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS TO FIND THEIR LEVEL AND BOOKS WILL BEGIN TO COME HOME. CERTIFICATES WILL COMMENCE NEXT WEEK.**

## Year 6 Parents

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Thursday, 12 September 2024, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2024.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.



# Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 26th September  
4:00pm - 7:30pm

Daily Open Week Tours are available with Mr Essex (Headteacher) and members of the Senior Leadership Team on Monday 23rd September until Thursday 26th September.

Please arrive to the Main Reception for 9:00am for a 9:15am start.

## RESULTS

The highest number of minutes played:

Fosterina Year 5

Tyler Year 4

Caden Year 4

The highest accuracy this week

Ira Year 4

Arielle Year 2

Noah Year 5

The most improved speed this week

Ezra Year 4

Charley Year 4

Alex Year 4



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

# Messages from the Office

- **An ADHD Parent Workshop at Kings Ford Academy (formally Icenii Academy) on 23rd October 2024 2-3pm. This will be run by Mutli Schools Council. Open to all.**

## Cherry Tree Academy / Asda / Parentkind

**Parentkind have teamed up with Asda, to help raise funds for schools and we need you to help! All you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose Cherry Tree Academy and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024**

**Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.**

**All money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things that we need the most.**

- **The Colchester Gazette will be publishing the New Starter Supplement on Tuesday 8th October 2024 - our EYFS class will be featured.**

## Diary Dates Autumn 2024

w/c 9th September – Swimming for Year 5 – 10 sessions (Wednesday afternoons)

19th September – National Parents invited Fitness Day – Children to wear PE kits or sportswear to school

2nd October - Phonics parent workshop/Coffee Morning from 8.30am

3rd October – National Poetry Day

4th -10th October – World Space Week.

w/c 14th October – One Planning Meetings

15th October – Year 2 Class Assembly. Parents/carers invited. 2.30pm

16th October - 23rd October Book Fair

17th October – Harry Potter Day!

21st October – Recycle week

22nd October – Year 5 Class Assembly. Parents/carers invited. 2.30pm

22nd and 23rd October – Parent Consultations – Afterschool appointments to be booked

HALF TERM – W/C 28th October.

INSET day Monday 4th November. Pupils return to school Tuesday 5th November

w/c 4th November – Maths Week

w/c 11th November – Anti-Bullying Week. Theme: Choose Respect

12th November – Odd Sock Day – celebrating differences to launch Anti-bullying week

12th November – Year 6 Class Assembly. Parents/carers invited. 2.30pm

15th November – Children in Need Day – Wear your PJs to school day - Classes to take on sponsored challenges.

19th November – Year 4 Class Assembly, Parents/carers invited. 2.30pm

26th November – Year 3 Class Assembly. Parents/carers invited 2.30pm

11th December - EYFS and Year 1 Nativity (Morning)

11th December – Year 2 and 3 Christmas Performance (Afternoon)

12th – Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance (Morning)

17th Christmas Jumper day

17th Christmas Lunch

18th December – Christmas Fayre

20th December – Class Christmas parties (afternoon)

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