



An INCLUSIVE | MULTI ACADEMY TRUST School

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE



"Learning together, learning for life"

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WELCOME

At Cherry Tree, ensuring a child's learning is fun, purposeful and engaging is essential. In our early years, there are plenty of opportunities for independent, group and whole class learning during the day which are based both in the classroom and outdoors.

Throughout the year we cover a range of exciting topics such as space, dinosaurs and mini beasts. Our curriculum ensures children become independent and inquisitive young learners and flourish as they take a journey through their education.

We treat every child as an individual and we look forward to welcoming you and your family to our school.

OUR EARLY YEARS TEACHERS

MISS BIRDSALL, EYFS PHASE LEADER/ RECEPTION TEACHER

I am extremely proud to be Early Years Leader of this school. I have been teaching since 2006 and started at Cherry Tree in 2012. I believe we are the starting point for your child's learning. I work with my outstanding team to engage your child through memorable and exciting experiences here at school. Working closely with parents ensures we all work together to make a difference in the life of your child.



MISS MOSS, RECEPTION TEACHER



I have been a teacher at Cherry Tree since 2019. After completing work experience in college, I discovered that I loved everything about Early Years. Over the years I have gained many different experiences and completed qualifications particularly focusing on development in Early Years. I can honestly say this is my favourite age group to work with. I enjoy observing, supporting and developing the children as they enter the Early Years environments through to developing a range of both educational and personal skills.

MISS COCKS, NURSERY TEACHER

I began my life-long love of learning here at Cherry Tree Nursery when I was four years old. After leaving college, I became a civil servant and travelled the world, gained qualified teaching status and taught in Spain for 10 years, where I completed my Masters Degree in Education and Linguistics. Communication and language are vital for building relationships and learning so my 22 years accrued teaching knowledge is put to good practical use in our multicultural and vibrant school.



MRS MURESAN, NURSERY TEACHER



I am one of the nursery teachers here at Cherry Tree. I have been teaching for over 10 years, abroad (in my country of origin, Romania) and here in the UK since 2016. I have gained different experiences and qualifications working in early years over the years and I am passionate about teaching. This breadth of experience has led me to strongly believe that children learn best when they are having fun and are engaged in practical, real life activities. I started working at Cherry Tree school in 2018 and I am proud to be part of an outstanding team.

WHAT OUR DAY LOOKS LIKE

BUSY FINGERS

The children start the day with busy fingers, a fine motor skills intervention. This helps the muscles to develop in our fingers.



SNACK TIME

Each day the children have the opportunity to sit at the snack table and enjoy fruit, vegetables, milk and water.



CHILD INITIATED LEARNING

Child initiated learning is an important role in children's learning and development. Our children explore and learn from their own thoughts and ideas through the freedom and creativity that child-initiated learning and play enables.



OUTDOOR PLAY

Children will have time to go outside, use the play equipment and explore our lovely and vast outside playground and garden.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How big are the class sizes?

At full capacity we have 30 children in each reception class and 32 children at each session in our nursery.

How do I find out about my child's learning?

We send a weekly newsletter home and we also use a programme called Tapestry. This is where we create a learning journal for all children within early years and as parent, you can follow your child's learning at home via an app. This builds a fantastic home-school relationship.

What phonics programme so you use to teach the children to read?

At Cherry Tree we use letters and sounds with Jolly Phonics actions.

Do you provide a snack?

We provide every child in Early years with a healthy morning snack. You also have the choice to pay for your child to have a carton of milk each day.

Can my child have a school dinner?

Yes, all children in Reception and key stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal. Alternatively you do have the choice of a packed lunch from home.

Do you offer breakfast and after school club?

Yes, we offer both a breakfast and after school, this service is run by an external provider and further information can be obtained from the school office.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions for Reception class will be processed through the [Herts Admissions Team](#).

Nursery Admissions are managed by Cherry Tree Primary School.

If you would like apply for a Nursery place, please contact the school office or visit our [admissions pages on our website](#) for further information.

OUR SCHOOL VIDEO



READY FOR SCHOOL

