



NEWSLETTER

17TH JANUARY 2025

WELCOME

Happy New Year, everyone!

Firstly, thank you so much for your participation during our two parents' evenings this week. It was a real pleasure to see so many of you engaged, and I hope you found this event valuable. A special thank you to those who took the time to complete our Parent Survey - your feedback is truly invaluable and helps us to make meaningful improvements for our children and wider community.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Amina Waheed, who is currently working in our Nursery team. Amina will be greatly missed and we wish her well in her new role!

On a positive note, we welcome Caitlin Welch to our Early Years team. We are also thrilled to welcome back Stascia Meldau, who will be supporting us on Wednesdays and Thursdays across Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4. It's wonderful to have them both as part of Cherry Tree!

As we step into a new year, I would like to remind parents about our school uniform expectations. You can find the details [HERE on our website](#). We've noticed some children not wearing the correct uniform, so we kindly ask for your support in ensuring these expectations are met. Thank you for your cooperation.

Next week, we're excited to celebrate our annual Cherry Week, which focuses on wellbeing and positivity for both pupils and staff. There will be plenty of activities to promote these themes, so learning may look a little different during this time.

Finally, please take a moment to look at the flyer next to this article about Cllr Sham Begum's Drop-in Surgery, happening at Cherry Tree on Wednesday, 22nd January. A variety of local services will be available to provide information and support, and the event is open to the wider community - so feel free to bring along a friend!

Cheska Tyler
Headteacher



We are kind, we aim high, we are brave!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 20/01/25 - Cherry Week - A Week of Wellbeing
- 20/01/25 - PINS Parent Carer Meeting (1:40pm - 3:15pm)
- 21/01/25 - Year 5 Wonderdome Visit (on site)
- 22/01/25 - Drop-in Community Surgery (see flyer below)
- 24/01/25 - Computing Ambassadors to the BETT Show
- Wk Comm 27/01/25 - Year 5 Bikeability
- 28/01/25 - School Individual Photographs
- 28/01/25 - Lunar Fun Lunch
- 29/01/25 - Year 4 Yew Start Swimming Lessons
- 06/02/25 - EYFS Maths Parent Workshop, 9am, Staffroom
- 07/02/25 - NSPCC Number Day
- 14/02/25 - Last Day of Term (School finishes at 3:15pm)
- 24/02/25 - First day of Spring 2 Term
- 04/03/25 - Year 6 Secondary Transition Meeting with Lisa Sillitoe from DSPL9 (1:15pm - 3:15pm)

COMMUNITY MATTERS

**Resident Drop-in Surgery
with Cllr Sham Begum
and Mayor of Watford**

22 JANUARY 2025, 15:00 – 16:30
CHERRY TREE SCHOOL, BERRY AVENUE, WD24 6ST

Meet with local services to discuss concerns and learn about available support

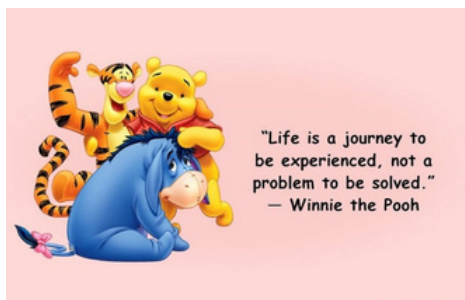
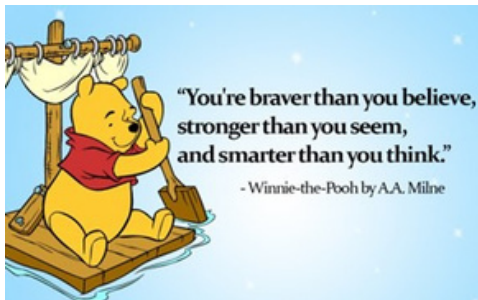
Drop by anytime **no appointment needed!**

Representatives from Watford Community Housing, Hertfordshire Police, and Citizens Advice Bureau Watford will be present

Councillor Sham Begum
sham.begum@watford.gov.uk

BOOK CORNER

Did you know that on the 18th January it is Winnie the Pooh Day?! Why not celebrate by re-reading some of the amazing adventures of this favourite bear, making your own honey treats, writing your own stories or finding your favourite quotes. Here are some of mine:



Happy Reading
Emma Hill
Class Teacher/ English Lead

YEAR 6 NEED YOUR OLD CDs/DVDs



Do you have any old or unwanted CDs and DVDs gathering dust at home? Year 6 would love to take them off your hands!

We're collecting these items for a science project and would greatly appreciate any donations. Please drop them off in the Year 6 classroom at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your support!

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Please be aware of our designated safeguarding team here at Cherry Tree. If you ever have a concern about a child, family or staff member in our school, please contact one of these members of staff: Emma Hibberd (Assistant Headteacher), Katy Wolstencroft (Deputy Safeguarding Lead) Cheska Tyler (Headteacher), Vicky Carrack (Inclusion Leader & SENDCo), Emma Birdsall (EYFS & KS1 Lead), Emma Penfold (KS2 Lead), Jo Crocket (Pastoral Leader) or Sarah Wickham (Wrap Around Leader).



PLEASE STOP



SPEAK OUT



DON'T TOUCH

INCLUSION UPDATE

Herts Parent Carer Involvement
www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk

PARENT CARER MEETING

Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity In schools (PINS) project

You are invited to a parent carer meeting where you will hear an update about the PINS project and parents and schools working together and Vicky Carrack (Inclusion Leader and SENDCo) will share details of the schools PINS action plan. There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions and for you to share your views and ideas.

Location: Cherry Tree Primary School
Date: Monday 20th January 2025
Time: 1.40-3.15

Sign up using the QR code or link below

You may also drop in on the day but this helps with our planning for teas, coffees and biscuits

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PINSSignUp2Up2>

contact@hertsparentcarers.org.uk
Website: www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk

STEM HERO OF THE MONTH - THE AMAZING STORY OF LEGO

Did you know that Lego started as a small wooden toy company? As a child, the founder Ole Kirk Christiansen, loved working with wood and created his own wooden toys. He called his toy company Lego from the Danish words 'Leg Godt', meaning 'play well'.

However, Ole faced some tough times. His workshop burned down not once, but three times! Despite these setbacks, he kept going and eventually started making plastic toys. In 1949 Lego made their first plastic toy brick! Over the next 10 years, the design was improved and patented,

Sadly, Ole never got to enjoy his own success as he died two months later. But his legacy lives on, with over 400 billion Lego bricks in existence today!



What we are learning.....

For EYFS, please see updates on your weekly letters and Tapestry.

Year 1

Writing - our own animal stories based on the 'Three Little Pigs'.

Maths - exploring the '5 and a bit' structure of numbers to 10 and using this to compare numbers.

Science - labelling and sorting animals by their type (mammals) or body parts (beak, legs, etc).

Wider curriculum - learning about the jobs on a farm and putting a farmer's day into time order.

Phonics - /l/ in apple, metal, /s/ in ice, /v/ in love, /u/ in some, mother, young, /z/ in cheese, /s/ in mouse, fence, /ee/ in donkey.

Year 2

Writing - reading 'Amara and the Bats' by Emma Reynolds and learning how to write instructions with some help from Bonnie!

Maths – division structures and how to share amounts.

Science – learning how animals adapt to their different habitats around the world and what they need to survive.

Wider Curriculum - developing map reading and drawing skills through finding habitats around the world.

Reading – 'Esio Trot' by Roald Dahl.

Year 3

Writing - writing stories based on a pirate adventure and practicing using speech punctuation.

Maths – exploring angles and parallel and perpendicular lines. Then we move on to exploring 2D shapes.

Science – learning about forces before we look at friction and magnets.

Wider Curriculum - researching explorers such as Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong.

Reading - 'Bill's New Frock' by Anne Fine.

Year 4

Writing- using 'The Monster Slayer' to focus on character immersion and a narrative based on the text.

Maths – decimal numbers. Looking at how they can be ordered, rounded before moving into dividing and multiplying.

Science - focusing on the properties of gases and what happens to liquids when they are frozen.

Wider curriculum - looking at mountains around the world and the importance of water.

Reading - 'James and the Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl.

Year 5

Writing - researching and planning our non-chronological report about NASA.

Maths - exploring adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions.

Science- We will be visited by the Planetarium and investigate the movement of the Planets.

Wider Curriculum - learning about the moon landings and explore satellite images on Google Earth.

Guided Reading - 'The White Giraffe' by Lauren St James.

Year 6

Writing – writing character descriptions from the perspective of a child evacuee during WWII.

Maths – exploring the relationship between perimeter and area and identifying missing angles

Science – understanding how light reflection keeps us safe and investigating whether light is white.

Wider Curriculum – understanding what we can learn from the sun and how it maintains and improves our health

Guided Reading – 'Cloudbusting' by Malorie Blackman.

Reminders

- Please complete our Parent Survey to help give us valuable feedback. The survey will close on Friday 31st January. Thank you to the 100 of you who have already completed it!
- Thank you to those that have signed up to SwiftKitchen. Please remember that lunch orders must be placed or cancelled by 9:00am on the day. You can order lunches daily, weekly, monthly or termly. Please note that you must check out to ensure that the meal order is sent to the kitchen.



TOP CHERRIES



Our Top Cherry Award is an award to celebrate exceptional behaviour, learning or manners. These children really are going above and beyond!

Class	Child's Name	Reason
Sunrise/Sunset	Holly (Cedar)	For being brave and joining us for breakfast at Sunrise Club. Well done.
Fireflies	Chloe (Willow)	For being brave and joining in with forest school activities. Well done Chloe.
Cherry Blossoms	Reuben	For always aiming high and setting a good example. Well done!
Berries	Nadeeshan	For always being kind and helpful.
Acorns	Isabelle	For aiming high in all areas of your learning and being kind by helping others.
Conkers	Enzo	For being brave by coming into school with a big smile on his face!
Maple	Kayon	For a super story map!
Birch	Mishka	For building a positive approach to learning in class. 😊
Cedar	Christopher	For a great attitude to learning.
Willow	Khushi	For being so kind, hard-working and helpful.
Sycamore	Alex L	For settling well into Sycamore class – well done! 😊
Hazel	Leo	For fantastic effort in handwriting .
Ash	Viktoriya	For adding lots of fantastic detail into her writing this week.
Yew	Ethan	For his enthusiasm towards learning and always giving 100%.
Pine	Eva	For always displaying our Cherry Tree values of aiming high and being kind- you are a wonderful role model in school. 😊
Fir	Leone	For always displaying the school values, being respectful and putting effort into work.
Oak	Naomi	For being an all-round superstar, aiming high, being kind and being brave every day!
Elm	Kayla	For always going above and beyond to help others and pushing yourself daily!

Well done, Cherries!



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