



NEWSLETTER

29TH NOVEMBER 2024

WELCOME

There is so much to celebrate this week; so please do read our newsletter to learn about all the individual achievements.

One particular highlight I'd like to share is news from Watford Mayor, Peter Taylor, that we have been successful in securing a Neighbourhood Grant of £15,995! This funding will have a significant impact on our children's play areas, and we can't wait to share our plans with you. On behalf of the whole Cherry Tree community, I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to parent, Kelly Rogers, who wrote the bid for Cherry Tree. Without her dedication, this would not have been possible. Thank you, Kelly!

This ties in nicely with our launch of OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) next year. OPAL is an approach to play which will transform our lunchtime provision. We are looking for a parent representative to work with our play team to help develop this initiative. I will share more details soon, but please do consider if you might be interested in getting involved.

Cheska Tyler
Headteacher

COMMUNICATION AWARD

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news! Cherry Tree Primary School has been awarded the Hertfordshire Shining Communication Award. This celebrates our dedication to supporting children with speech, language and communication needs.



A special thank you goes to Sarah Wickham, whose incredible efforts, including whole-school visuals and targeted language groups, were key to this achievement. We also thank Laura Robson, our speech and language therapist, for her valuable insights, and to our amazing class teachers for embedding effective communication practices throughout the school. If you would like to learn more about speech, language and communication needs in Hertfordshire [please click this link](#).

We were proud to serve as a pilot school for our area, and we look forward to receiving our certificate in December. Congratulations to everyone involved! 🎉

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 09/12/24 - EYFS Panto - Beauty & The Beast
- 10/12/24 - Year 4 to Watford Palace Theatre - Panto
- 10/12/24 - 2pm Friends Annual General Meeting
- 11/12/24 - Friends Winter Discos (3:15pm - 4:30pm Yr 1, 2 & 3 and 4:45pm - 6:00pm Yr 4, 5 & 6, EYFS in the day)
- 12/12/24 - Christmas Jumper Day
- 12/12/24 - Year 1 Windsor Castle
- 12/12/24 - Year 2 London Monument & Tower Bridge
- 17/12/24 - 9:30am & 2:00pm EYFS Performances
- 18/12/24 - Year 2 - 6 Christchurch Service, parents welcome to join (WD24 5BD)
- 18/12/24 - Year 6 to London to see The Nutcracker Ballet
- 19/12/24 - Festive Performances (Year 1, 2 and 3 at 9.15am and Year 4, 5 and 6 at 10.30am)
- 19/12/24 - Festive Lunch
- 20/12/24 - Last Day of Term (School closes at 1.30pm)
- 06/01/25 - INSET DAY (School Closed for Children)
- 07/01/25 - First Day of Spring 1 Term

CHERRY TREE SCHOOL LEADERS

We are celebrating the results of this year's school leader elections. Each candidate delivered inspiring speeches to Mrs. Hibberd and Miss Tyler, which were shared with the whole school to guide the voting process.


Our newly elected leaders and vice-leaders will work closely with the Children's Parliament to amplify student voices, support fundraising and plan exciting school events. They'll also play a vital role in ensuring Cherry Tree remains a place where everyone feels valued and supported.





Congratulations to the new leaders! We can't wait to see all the amazing things you will accomplish this year!

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

The Friends have an exciting line-up of festive activities to bring our school community together this December - don't miss out!

 Winter Disco - Get ready to dance the night away! Tickets are now on sale for the Friends Winter Disco, taking place on Wednesday, 11th December. Don't delay - tickets must be purchased [via the Friends portal](#) by Monday, 9th December. Volunteers are needed too, so please sign up when you check out if you can lend a hand!

 AGM - The Friends Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 10th December at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend - we'd love your input.

 Festive Treats - To end the term on a sweet note, join The Friends in the hall after school on Friday, 20th December for hot chocolate, mince pies, doughnuts, and other festive treats.

Stay tuned for more details!

LET'S PARK RESPONSIBLY

We are receiving an increasing number of complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking during school drop-off and pick-up times. These concerns include blocked driveways, double parking and even reports of abusive arguments among parents.

At Cherry Tree we value respect and kindness. Unfortunately, these parking issues are causing unnecessary stress for our neighbours and setting a poor example for our children. We urge everyone to park thoughtfully to maintain positive relationships with our community and ensure a safer environment for all. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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) or Emma Penfold (KS2 Lead).



PLEASE STOP



SPEAK OUT



DON'T TOUCH

INCLUSION UPDATE

Want to know more about the SEND processes at our school? You can take a look at our SEND information report [by clicking this link](#). It is published on our website and updated every year. It outlines the identification process and includes flowcharts that explain the process of support for a variety of needs.



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You can also stay informed, connected, and supported with DSPL9's SEND Newsletter [available here](#). It is an informative resource for local families with support and networking opportunities. It can include:

- Comprehensive local support network details
- Practical advice for navigating SEND services
- The latest training and workshop opportunities
- Community resources and support group information
- Information tailored specifically to our local area's SEND community
- The newsletter comes out fortnightly in term time.

YOUNG AUTHORS

We congratulate all our Writers of the Month listed below - we have been blown away by their creativity!

Berries	Kylan & Elena	Hazel	Jhanvi
Acorns	Kian	Ash	Lilli-Mai
Conkers	Amelia	Yew	Riaan
Maple	Dinal	Pine	Ollie
Birch	Maya	Fir	Kai
Cedar	Danny	Oak	Faizan
Willow	Rakshitha	Elm	Hayan
Sycamore	Leo E		

Please ask your child's teacher if you'd like to come and see the display!

What we are learning.....

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

Year 1

Writing - writing facts about Castles, who live there and their jobs.

Phonics – Growing the phonics code: Phase 5 /igh/ tie child, time, /ai/ play, acorn snake, /oa/ stone, /ee/ he field, even, beach /oo/ blew, rule, glue, /yoo/ new, use, unicorn.

Maths - finding missing parts on a Cherry model.

Science – which materials float and sink.

Wider Curriculum – building castles in design & technology and learning Christmas themed songs in music.

Year 2

Writing - reading 'A Walk in London' by Salvatore Rubbino and writing information leaflets about London.

Maths - looking at the 2 and 10 times tables and using this knowledge to solve problems.

Science - investigating the suitability of materials, focusing on testing how waterproof some materials are.

Wider Curriculum – learning how London has changed over time.

Guided Reading – 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake.

Year 3

Writing - writing instructions using imperative verbs (e.g grab) and adverbs (e.g carefully).

Maths - solving word problems using adding and subtracting.

Science - researching Mary Anning's discovery and finding out about fossils.

Wider Curriculum - finding out about Stonehenge, cave paintings and the invention of the wheel.

Guided Reading – 'Journey to Jo'burg' by Beverley Naidoo.

Year 4

Writing - Poetry based around the Romans.

Maths - Units of measure and how we can use this knowledge to solve worded problems.

Science - focusing on the functions of teeth.

Wider Curriculum - looking at what the Romans brought to Britain and what elements of Roman life still exist today.

Guided Reading – 'The Firework Makers Daughter' by Philip Pullman.

Year 5

Writing - writing narratives inspired by 'Odd and the Frost Giants' and then exploring features of instructions.

Maths - exploring division and practicing long and short division methods.

Science - investigating forces including water resistance, levers, pulleys and gears.

Wider Curriculum - exploring how the Viking era came to an end and the impact they had on Britain.

Guided Reading – 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo.

Year 6

Writing – writing narratives inspired by the story of Jim in 'Street Child' and biographies about the life of Queen Victoria.

Maths - the areas of parallelograms and triangles and using the formal method of division.

Science - designing and creating toys and games that use electrical circuits.

Wider Curriculum -exploring and evaluating how Britain changed under the rule of Queen Victoria.

Guided Reading – 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo.

Reminders

Wednesday, 11th December is the Friends Winter Discos.

- Year 1, 2 and 3 will go straight to the disco after class from 3:15pm - 4:30pm.
- Year 4, 5 & 6 will be able to come back to school for their celebration from 4:45pm - 6:00pm.

This is a cashless event so please purchase tickets for £5 [through the Friends portal here](#).

Wednesday 18th December, Year 2 - Year 6 will be walking to Christchurch to attend a special Christmas service. Family members can walk with us, or meet at Christchurch (WD24 5BD) at 10:30am.

On Thursday 19th December, we will be having our school Christmas performance to parents. Year 1, 2 and 3 will begin at 9.15am and Year 4, 5 and 6 will begin at 10.30am.



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
Lunchtime	Evan	For making the right choices and role modelling the correct lunchtime behaviours.
Sunrise/Sunset	Lily	For always helping to tidy up and aiming high!
Fireflies	Leo R (Sycamore)	For being kind whilst making bird feeders at forest school.
Cherry Blossoms	Ali	For aiming high with his letter writing and phonics! Well done!
Berries	Teekay	For always aiming high, being brave and being kind.
Acorns	Niyam	For aiming high in everything you do!
Conkers	Jalal	For being kind by always holding the door when we go into the dinner hall for lunch.
Maple	Juliana	For developing a love of writing.
Birch	Ahmad	For aiming high in maths lessons making cherry models.
Cedar	Ziki	For making sure that everyone has a friend to play with at break and lunch time.
Willow	Aidan	For having such a positive attitude to learning.
Sycamore	Amayah-Renae	For aiming high and for being brave by always trying her best.
Hazel	Frankie	For always listening well and trying her absolute hardest.
Ash	Viktoriya	For excellent contributions to all lessons this week.
Yew	Yusuf	For having a great attitude to learning and always trying his best.
Pine	Abena	For being a supportive friend and helping her peers when they need help.
Fir	Olivia	For persevering through assessments and always being kind and helpful!
Oak	Minuka	For showing dedication and commitment and always aiming high in his work in addition to being a fantastic role model for his peers.
Elm	Emmanuel	For persevering through when tasks are difficult and trying hard to show the behaviours expected of him.

Well done, Cherries!



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