



NEWSLETTER

7TH MARCH 2025

WELCOME

What a beautiful, sunny week we've had! It truly feels as though Spring has sprung, and we've loved getting the children outside to further their learning. We've especially enjoyed the return of Gardening Club and Year 3's weekly visits to the allotment with Captain Mark Scoulding.

OPAL - Playground Project

Thank you so much for all donations to the OPAL project. We are really looking forward to launching in the Summer term. If you have any items from our list sent by Mrs Hibberd, please bring them to school or place them in the red wheelie bins near the Hub.

School Uniform

Please see the email sent regarding school uniform. We appreciate your support in upholding our high uniform standards and expect children to come to school dressed in the appropriate clothing. If you need any support, please let us know. We have plenty of affordable and sometimes free options available.

Term Time Holidays

A reminder that term-time holidays are not permitted. In line with government regulations, if holidays are taken, we will be left with no choice but to issue a fine.

World Book Day 2025

We had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day this week! Our children and staff came dressed in many of their favourite book characters. We had an exciting author visit (see our reading corner below) and enjoyed The Masked Reader together in assembly! We love reading at Cherry Tree and it was a delight to see so many of our children engaged in the festivities!



Cheska Tyler
Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 12/03/25 - Acorns North Watford Library Visit
- 14/03/25 - Year 3 – Year 6 Holi Festival Celebration
- 18/03/25 - Year 5 Leavesden Park Trip
- 20/03/25 - Year 2 Waddesdon Manor Trip
- 23/03/25 - Year 4 & 5 Choir to the Royal Albert Hall
- 27/03/25 - Year 6 Lincolnsfield Centre Trip
- 28/03/25 - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 Easter Bonnet Parade
- 03/04/25 - Parent Open Classroom (3 - 3.30pm)
- 04/04/25 - Last Day of Term (School finishes at 1.30pm)

SIGNS OF SPRING

This week, Early Years experienced a thrilling surprise with a delivery of mysterious eggs that hatched into ducklings! The children were excited to see the ducklings take their first steps and have since been learning how to care for them.



This special event has been memorable, and everyone looks forward to watching the ducklings grow and explore their new environment.

Many thanks to our Friends for funding this special activity.

GET READY FOR CHERRY FEST - SATURDAY 14TH JUNE

Mark your calendars for Saturday, 14th June, from 1 - 3pm, as Cherry Fest is coming to town! This is no ordinary festival - it's an afternoon packed with musical performances, performance workshops, local businesses, arts and crafts, games, ice cream and so much more!

If you, or someone you know, would like to get involved, whether by performing or running a performance/music workshop, please come and have a chat with Miss McCafferty (Year 5 Pine) or send an email to the admin team at admin@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk!

Don't miss your chance to be part of our very first Cherry Fest – let's make it one to remember! 🎵🌟

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

READERS ARE LEADERS!

We have enjoyed celebrating World Book Day with a book-filled week of exciting activities!

A highlight of the week was a visit from the inspirational author, F1 driver and commentator Karun Chandhok, who shared his amazing book 'Drive to Victory' with KS2 pupils.



Thursday was a day of imagination as children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters. The morning began with The Masked Reader, and we enjoyed Book Buddy sessions to encourage shared reading. After school, families had the chance pick up a new story at our Book Give Away outside the Mulberry Building.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate one of our Year 1 superstars who has earned a Blue Peter badge by writing about her favourite book! The Blue Peter Book Badge is awarded to children who share their love of reading. Simply write a short letter about a book you love and send it to Blue Peter.



☀️ Why apply?

- Receive a real Blue Peter badge
- Enjoy free entry to 200+ attractions

You can find out more and apply by [clicking this link](#).

World Book Week has been a fantastic opportunity to spark a love of reading - thank you to everyone who joined in.

CONGRATULATIONS MS PARLES


We would like to celebrate Ms. Parles for completing the Youth Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Two-Day Course, becoming a certified Youth Mental Health First Aider.



This training equips her to support young people facing mental health challenges, reduce stigma, and foster open conversations. Ms. Parles can now recognise early signs of mental health issues and guide our children to professional help, demonstrating her commitment to a mentally healthy school environment.


Join us in congratulating her on this achievement! ☀️

DSPL9 MEETINGS




DSPL9

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PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNING


For all parents/carers of children with SEND



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TUESDAY 25TH MARCH 11.15AM-12.45PM

ASDA WATFORD COMMUNITY ROOM
ST ALBANS RD, WATFORD WD24 7RT



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Please join the DSPL9 Triage team to find out about the support available locally and to meet other parents and carers of children with SEND.

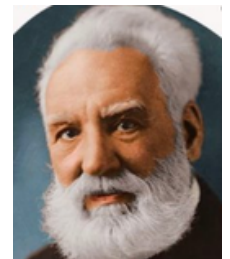
If you would like to attend or to find out more please email us at:
enquiries@dspl9.org.uk

NURSERY ADMISSIONS 2025-26

Nursery offers will be sent out on Monday, 10th March. If you haven't applied yet, it's not too late! Places are still available, so be sure to submit your application as soon as possible. For more information about Nursery Admissions [please click this link](#).

STEM HERO OF THE MONTH - ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

Have you ever wondered if you could survive without a telephone?



We owe a lot to one particularly curious child who was born in Edinburgh in 1847—Alexander Graham Bell. When Alexander's mother became deaf, he developed a keen interest in acoustics—the science of sound—at just 12 years old.

As an adult, Alexander continued working with the deaf and hard of hearing, especially as his wife was also deaf. By 1875, he had created a simple receiver that could turn electricity into sound. Although other inventors were working on similar ideas, Alexander was the first to patent the telephone. Just a few days later, in March 1876, he made the world's first telephone call!

What we are learning.....

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

Year 1

Writing - our own version of the 'Enormous Turnip'.

Phonics - /or/ in water, /o/ in want, /air/ in bear there, /ur/ learn, /r/ wrist, /s/ whistle science, /er/ actor.

Maths - find the missing part in addition and subtraction stories.

Science - looking closely at seeds and finding out what happens when we plant them.

Wider Curriculum – finding out about William Morris the printmaker and how he was inspired by nature.

Year 2

Writing- using 'Goldilocks and Just the One Bear' story to write our own narratives.

Maths - subtracting two-digit numbers and finding the missing part in subtraction problems.

Science – find out what bulbs need to grow into healthy plants and how and why plants disperse their seeds.

Wider Curriculum – looking at fairy tale maps and visiting Waddesdon manor.

Guided Reading - 'The No. 1 Car Spotter' by Atinuke.

Year 3

Writing – writing a recount in the perspective of Wesley from the book "Weslandia".

Maths - finding fractions of amounts and ordering fractions.

Science - researching what can be recycled and planning how we can share this information.

Wider Curriculum - exploring the significance of the pyramids in Ancient Egypt and finding out about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun.

Guided Reading - 'You're a Bad Man Mr Gum' by Andy Stanton.

Year 4

Writing - character descriptions before moving on to look at our new text 'The man who walked between the wires' and writing a newspaper report based around this text.

Maths - formal written multiplication before moving onto division.

Science - focusing on what humans can do to reduce climate change.

Wider Curriculum - looking at Niagara Falls and the Taj Mahal as part of our landmarks topic.

Guided Reading – 'The Borrowers' by Mary Norton.

Year 5

Writing – writing spooky narratives based upon 'Room 13'.

Maths - calculating percentages of amounts and problem solving.

Science - we will look at separating materials and reversible and irreversible changes.

Wider Curriculum - identifying and describing sculptures and exploring how Leavesden has been used as inspiration for artists at Leavesden Country Park.

Guided Reading - 'The Lion above the Door' by Onjali Rauf.

Year 6

Writing - exploring and writing our own free verse poems.

Maths - solving scaling problems and calculating and comparing volume.

Science - looking at early ideas about classification and investigating the behaviour of microorganisms.

Wider Curriculum -investigating examples of WWII propaganda and its meanings.

Guided Reading - tackling reading comprehension problems.

Reminders

On Friday 14th March children in Year 3 to Year 6 will participate in various activities to learn about the cultural significance of Holi, followed by the highlight of the celebration – throwing coloured powder paint! For this special event, children in Year 3 to Year 6 should come to school in their uniform as usual. However, we kindly ask that you also send them in with the following clothing, as they will be taking part in activities involving paint:

- Plain white t-shirt (please note we cannot guarantee the paint will wash out completely)
- Old pair of trousers/shorts/leggings/joggers
- Old shoes/trainers.



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	Archie	For showing such enthusiasm and commitment to our craft activities.
Fireflies	Jeshaan	For showing more confidence whilst exploring forest school activities.
Cherry Blossoms	Suki	For settling into Cherry Blossoms perfectly! Well done!!!
Berries	Alex	For developing his communication skills.
Acorns	Lithika	For always trying your best.
Conkers	Eesa	For working hard on your writing and learning your Tricky Words!
Maple	Yohanan	For fabulous writing independently.
Birch	Maya	For aiming high in every area of the curriculum. Well done for being such a positive member of the class.
Cedar	Lily	For helping new members of our class feel so welcome!
Willow	Muhaddisah	For always aiming high and being cheerful in class.
Sycamore	Roman	For beginning to reflect on his work and structuring his sentences correctly.
Hazel	Noah	For believing in himself and completing an excellent piece of writing.
Ash	Kyri	For always having such a positive attitude towards his learning.
Yew	Edmitchel	For always making fantastic contributions during class discussions.
Pine	Crystal	For the fantastic progress you have made at Cherry Tree. Keep displaying our Cherry Tree Values at your new school!
Fir	Kai	For consistently aiming high in all his work, being brave, and handling tricky situations with maturity.
Oak	Faizan	For always rushing to open and hold doors for me. Such a kind soul! #WeAimHigh
Elm	Zain	Keep up the great work! Becoming more self-aware and recognising your amazing abilities is a powerful journey - keep striving to be your best!

Well done, Cherries!



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