



NEWSLETTER

4TH APRIL 2025

WELCOME

We would like to welcome Hannah Kamara and Leanne Dodsworth who will both be joining the Cherry Tree team straight after Easter. We look forward to introducing them once we are back after the holidays but sadly, we must say goodbye to Angela Lench, our wonderful Administrator. Mrs Lench has left us for an exciting new job opportunity and we wish her lots of luck but will miss her very much!

As we look ahead to the Summer Term, we would like to remind you of our school uniform expectations. Mrs Brown, our Uniform Champion, will be supporting families with this. Full details of our school uniform can be found on [our website here](#). During the warmer months, children are encouraged to wear our white logo polo shirt with grey trousers, shorts, or a skirt. Alternatively, a red summer dress may be preferred. School shoes must still be worn - sandals or open-toed shoes are not permitted. Thank you for helping us ensure that all children come to school dressed appropriately and ready for learning.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful members of our community who generously volunteer their time to provide enriching experiences for our children. We have had fantastic green fingered support, and Watford Schools Trust has been visiting to share their knowledge of Easter traditions. Additionally, one of our parents spent a day in school sharing her professional expertise in healthy eating.



It has been a joy to end the term on a high with two wonderful celebrations. Our EYFS and KS1 pupils delighted us with a fantastic Easter Bonnet Parade and Singing Assembly, showcasing beautifully decorated hats and performing with confidence and enthusiasm. We also celebrated Eid, with children exploring its traditions, sharing experiences, and wearing traditional clothing.



And with that, we wish you a lovely Easter holiday - enjoy a rest, family time, and hopefully some fair weather! We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the Summer Term on Wednesday, 23rd April, at the usual start time of 08:45.

Cheska Tyler
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 22/04/25 - INSET Day - School Closed for Children
- 23/04/25 - First day of Summer Term
- 24/04/25 - Year 3 Bhaktivedanta Manor trip
- 25/04/25 - Year 4 London Landmarks Trip
- 05/05/25 - Bank Holiday School Closed
- 07/05/25 - Year 3 Inclusive MAT PE Tournament
- 08/05/25 - EYFS Parents Workshop
- Week Beginning 12/5/25 - Year 6 SATs
- 15/05/25 - Fun Lunch
- 16/05/25 - International Picnic (PM)
- 20/05/25 - Nursery Post Box Trip
- 22/05/25 - Open Classroom Event
- 23/05/25 - Bonnie's Birthday Fun Lunch
- 23/05/25 - Last Day of Term (School finishes at 3.15pm)
- 14/06/25 - Cherry Fest! 12 - 3pm
- 18/06/25 - Year 5 Sleepover
- 04/07/25 - Cherry Tree turns 50!

🎵 CHERRY TREE CHOIR SHINES AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL 🎵

The Cherry Tree KS2 Choir had an unforgettable experience performing at the Royal Albert Hall as part of the Hertfordshire Schools' Gala 2025. This special event, celebrating its 30th anniversary, brought together young musicians from across the county for a night of inspiring performances.



The choir spent the day rehearsing before taking to the stage, where they showcased their hard work. During dinner, they had the chance to listen to older students perform, which added to the excitement of the evening.

A huge thank you to Miss McCafferty for organising this wonderful opportunity and to Miss Wolstencroft, who generously gave up her Sunday to support the choir. Their performance was a fantastic achievement, and we couldn't be prouder of them for representing Cherry Tree at such a prestigious venue. Well done to all involved! The choir is open to Years 4 to 6, if your child would like to get involved bookings are now open on Arbor.

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

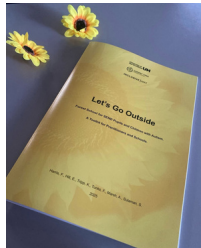
FABULOUS FOREST SCHOOL

It was a privilege for Cherry Tree School to host the launch and celebrate the publication of a research project we have been working on in collaboration with the University of Hertfordshire over the past year.



Entitled 'Let's Go Outside', the project includes a research review, a newly designed progress tracker, and a toolkit for supporting pupils with special educational needs during forest school sessions. [Find out more here.](#)

Emma Hill and Susanne Sulaman have led forest school sessions at Cherry Tree School for several years. This project has given them the opportunity to draw on the expertise of Dr Frances Harris and Kathleen Tripp, reflect on their practice and continue to improve provision - ensuring that forest school sessions remain inclusive and meet the needs of all pupils.



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all staff for their support with this project, particularly those who contributed their time to the research and provided honest feedback. Your insights help us continually enhance the support we offer our pupils.

Emma Hill
Class Teacher/English Leader

GREEN FINGERED FUN AT CHERRY TREE



Cherry Tree's Gardening Club and Green Cherries Eco Club have been busy planting tomato and beetroot seeds while caring for their garden. Excitingly, they've also discovered over 100 frogs in the school pond!



The children are thrilled to be back at the allotments every Tuesday, learning about nature and sustainability.

A huge thank you to Jane Sibbit and Mark Scoulding for generously volunteering their time to support our young gardeners, and to all the teachers who use our wonderful school grounds to extend children's learning and deepen their connection with nature!



SEND RESOURCES

The Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer helps parents and young people know what special educational needs and disabilities services are available in Hertfordshire, and who can access them.



Add-Vance have created free webinars for parents and carers on topics such as 'Managing Transitions', 'Support for Male Carers', 'Understanding ADHD' and many other topics. [Click the link here to find out more.](#)

Mrs Carrack
SENCo

EASTER CAMP

If you have not organised childcare for Easter please see the leaflet below or [click this link](#) for more details.

A colorful leaflet for LPS Coaching Easter Camp. The leaflet features a large group photo of children and staff at the top. Below the photo, there are several circular callouts and text boxes. The main text reads 'LPS COACHING', '7TH-11TH APRIL' and '14TH-17TH APRIL'. A large red circle says 'BOOK ANY 4 DAYS & GET THE 5TH FREE!'. The main title is 'LPS EASTER CAMP' in large red letters, followed by '4-12 YEARS OLD', '9AM-4PM', and 'EXTENDED HOURS AVAILABLE AT AN EXTRA COST 8:30-5'. A red circle says '£25 A DAY OR £45 A DAY FOR 2 SIBLINGS'. A green box lists 'ACTIVITIES: Football, Gymnastics, Dodgeball, Basketball, Hockey, Arts & crafts, and much more...'. At the bottom, it says 'Led by PE teachers & sports coaches with over 20 years experience', 'Extended hours offered at an additional cost', 'Sibling discount available', and 'Prizes and medals everyday'. The leaflet also includes the location 'Cherry Tree Primary School, WD24 6ST' and a phone number '07857840894'.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

The Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) has been set up so that all agencies and organisations who work with children and young people work together to keep children safe.

Call 0300 123 4043 at anytime if you are a child or young person being abused or mistreated; or if you are an adult worried about a young person. Call 999 if you're in immediate danger or a crime is being committed.

What we are learning.....

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

Year 1

Writing - writing sentences about the character 'Anna Hibiscus'.

Phonics - /ai/ in play, shake, /ee/ in each, he, /igh/ in pie, time, /oa/ in go, home, /oo/ in blue, rescue, chew, new, cute, /or/ in claw.

Maths - using knowledge of doubles to find half or finding near doubles.

Science - identifying weather types and matching them to map symbols.

Wider Curriculum – discovering the many countries in Africa and exploring maps for mountains, deserts, and rivers.

Year 2

Writing - to plan and write a story celebrating difference based on the book 'The Proudest Blue'.

Maths - learning to tell the time and read both analogue and digital clocks.

Science - learning about the specific habitats of animals that live in Pakistan and their adaptations to the environment.

Wider Curriculum – learning about life in Pakistan and comparing it to what we know about Watford.

Year 3

Writing – looking at the features of a letter.

Maths – consolidating our understanding of fractions and rehearsing our multiples of 10.

Science - comparing the differences between light and dark as well as day and night.

Wider Curriculum - beginning our Mountains topic, exploring ranges and their features.

Guided Reading – 'A Bear Called Paddington' by Michael Bond.

Year 4

Writing – looking at our new text 'Snow White in New York'. Exploring the characters and plot before we write our narratives.

Maths - looking at negative numbers before moving onto data.

Science - Our new topic is 'electricity'. We will identify what we already know and identify what we need to build a successful circuit.

Wider Curriculum - New York and how it has changed over time.

Guided Reading – 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell.

Year 5

Writing – exploring our new text 'Journey to the River Sea' and writing a diary in role.

Maths - Investigating drawing and measuring angles.

Science - Introduction to our Science topic 'Life Cycles of Plants' and identifying the parts of a plant and their function.

Wider Curriculum -Locating South America, Brazil and Manaus on a map and exploring the Amazon River.

Guided Reading – 'Beetle Boy' by M G Leonard.

Year 6

Writing - exploring the features of newspapers and writing an article.

Maths – analysing statistics and interpreting graphical representations.

Science - 'Evolution and Inheritance' recognising that offspring inherit characteristics from their parents and that living things evolve to survive.

Wider Curriculum – exploring the history of the British seaside.

Guided Reading – identifying techniques to answer reading comprehension questions.

Reminders

We're excited to launch OPAL in the summer term. Please keep donating items from Mrs. Hibberd's list - drop them at school or in the red wheelie bins near the Hub.

We still urgently need a large shed for storage before we can launch. A huge thank you to those who have already volunteered - we really appreciate your support! However, we still need more hands on deck to help source materials and build it. If you can help, please get in touch! We hope to start on Thursday 17th & Friday 18th April, but can be flexible. The more, the merrier - let's make this happen together for our children!



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	Dominic	For showing great independence at lunchtimes, well done Dom!
Sunrise/Sunset	Bethany	For your kindness in taking it upon yourself to clear and tidy up after others at Sunrise Club.
Fireflies	Ghezal (Hazel)	For developing confidence at Forest School. Well done, Ghezal!
Cherry Blossoms	Ali	For making good choices during choosing time! Well done!
Berries	Elena	For always working hard in class.
Acorns	Salomme	For aiming high with your phonics.
Conkers	Anita & Emma	For being brave and settling into Conkers Class and life at Cherry Tree so well!
Maple	Ivaan	For aiming high in his writing with beautiful, neat handwriting - well done!
Birch	Rafaan	For having super manners and being kind. Well done for aiming high in your work too.
Cedar	Amie Marie	For working hard in writing and aiming high.
Willow	Roberto	For being a fantastic listener and making great progress with his handwriting.
Sycamore	Kian	For growing in confidence with his writing and improving his handwriting.
Hazel	Athena	For being kind to those who especially need it, well done!
Ash	Freddie	For working exceptionally hard all week and putting maximum effort into every lesson.
Yew	Shanaya	For always working hard and giving 100% effort in everything you do.
Pine	Daisy	For always demonstrating our Cherry Tree Values and being a wonderful role model for others!
Fir	Aiden	For aiming high consistently in all areas of work.
Oak	Naomi	For consistently demonstrating our Cherry Tree beliefs this term and modeling them for her peers, well done!
Elm	André	For really shining this half term and showing off his independence – both in and outside the classroom, well done!

Well done, Cherries!



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