

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 1

Friday, 5th
September 2025

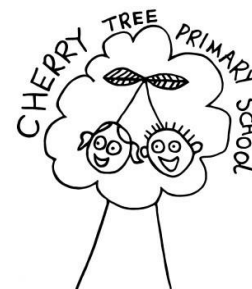
CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Mission Statement

*Bringing out the best in each other
as we blossom & grow*

Our Values

*Happy, Aspirational, Resilient,
Independent, Open-minded, Compassionate*



SCHOOL NEWS

KEY DATES- Autumn 2025

Event or reminder	Date / time / deadline	Any action needed
Meet the Team- all year groups	Wednesday, 10th September <i>Between 5pm and 6:30pm</i>	<i>Parents are invited to meet the year group team and hear a short talk. Adult only. See schedule below.</i>
Allotment Sessions Begin (Y5 first session)	Wednesday, 10th September	<i>Year 5 starts- see timetable for all other class sessions.</i>
Y6 Swimming	Wednesday, 10th September	<i>Block of swimming lessons being, 10th September.</i>
First Aid Workshops	Friday, 12th September	<i>All classes taught crucial, emergency first aid techniques. Kindly funded by our fantastic PTA.</i>
Extra-Curricular Clubs Begin	Monday, 15th September (Until week of December 8 th)	<i>Bookings taken Thurs, 5th Sep to Thurs 11th Sep via our app.</i>
KS2 Cross Country	Saturday, 27th September	<i>Warrington Athletics annual cross-country at Walton Gardens. Please let school know if you can volunteer.</i>
Whole School Poetry Week	Week of 29th September	<i>To coincide with National Poetry Day on 2nd October.</i>
Y5 Safety Central	Wednesday, 1st October	<i>Year 5 will visit Safety Central in Lymm. Details to follow.</i>
School Photos (Individual)	Thursday, 2nd October	<i>Children wear <u>school uniform</u> not PE kit.</i>
Y6 Bikeability	Monday, 6th to Friday, 10th October	<i>Year 6 – safe cycling lessons. Details to be sent to Y6 parents.</i>
Y4 Mad Science Workshop	Thursday, 16th October	<i>A FREE, interactive Science workshop for Y4.</i>
Half Term Holiday- Monday, 27th October to Friday, 31st October		
Round Table Fireworks Display at Cherry Tree	Saturday, 8th November	<i>Further details re tickets to follow.</i>
Parents Evening	Tuesday, 18th & Wednesday, 19th November	<i>No extra-curricular clubs on these dates. Booking details to follow nearer the time.</i>
Dickensian Parade	Saturday, 13th December	<i>Please help us to make a BIG impression in the village by representing your school in the Dickensian Parade! Sign up details to follow.</i>
EYFS and KS1 Christmas Concert	Wednesday, 10th December 9:30am (dress rehearsal) Thursday, 11th December 9:30am and 2:30pm	<i>Children in Preschool, Class F, 1 and 2 will perform a series of songs for their families. Tickets will go on sale w/b 17th November.</i>
KS2 Carol Concert	Wednesday, 17th December	<i>Carol Concert to be held at St Mary's Church at 6pm.</i>

Term Dates

You will find our term dates for the new academic year on our website www.cherrytreeschool.co.uk under the Parent Tab.
<https://www.cherrytreeschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/82/2024/07/Term-dates-2025-26.pdf>

Cherry Tree News Headlines

Welcome Back

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed some time to relax and recharge. It has been a pleasure welcoming everyone back to school, and we are delighted to see the children looking so smart and ready for the year ahead. Across all year groups, pupils have made a fantastic start, and their enthusiasm has set a positive tone for the term.

We are excited about the year to come and look forward to 'bringing the best out in each other' as a school community and to making the year a happy, successful, and memorable one for every child.

Thank you

A heartfelt thank you for the kind words, thoughtful cards, and generous gifts we received at the end of the summer term. Your support and appreciation mean so much to us, and the messages you shared in your cards were truly touching. We all felt very valued and are so grateful for your kindness.

Nut Free

A reminder that we are a 'Nut Free' school which includes Nutella, Snickers and other products containing nuts.



Mobile Phone Policy

Please remember that mobile phones are not to be used inside school by parents or visitors.

We also ask that photos or videos are not taken on the playground before or after school.

School Meals Price Increase

We have received notification from the School Meals team that there will be a price increase from 1st October and have been asked to share this message with you:

Dear Parent/carer

Please be advised that the cost of a school meal is set to increase from £2.80 to **£3.05** per meal from 1st of October 2025. This will result in an overall weekly increase of £1.25 per child.

*This does not affect children accessing Free School Meals. The government continues to support the universal infant Free School Meals (FSM) project and this means that all children from reception, year 1 and year 2 will be provided with a school meal free of charge. Any child in years 3-6 can also have a free school meal if you are in receipt of certain allowances. To find out if you are eligible, please visit: <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>**

The council has been subsidising the service over the last few years to try and keep the cost of a meal down. However, increases in food and staffing costs mean that we unfortunately have no option but to increase the price of a school meal.

The three weekly rolling menu detailing each day's main course and dessert, with the additional daily offer of a vegetarian option and jacket potato will remain in place. The school meals service will continue to provide a high-quality service that delivers healthy, nutritious meals, caters for all allergens and dietary requirements, and is served in a safe environment on our school premises. We will continue to offer theme days, treat lunches and inviting families to join children for special lunches through the year.

**If your child is eligible for means tested free schools meals you could also be eligible for other funded support, such as [Household Support Fund](#) (funding for food and utility bills) and [Holiday Activities and Food](#) (summer holiday free activities and food). There are also other financial support schemes available, which you can find on the council website: [warrington.gov.uk/localsupportscheme](https://www.warrington.gov.uk/localsupportscheme)*

Regards

School Meals Management

Preschool Developments



CHERRY BLOSSOM PRESCHOOL

We're pleased to welcome Emily Hankey, our new Preschool Manager from September. She is excited to join our experienced and committed preschool team.

Looking ahead, there are some exciting changes coming to our Preschool and Foundation Stage areas. Over the summer break we have had a new softer, sound-proofed flooring fitted to the preschool.

Over the next couple of months, we'll be introducing further improvements including a shade sail, an outdoor water feature, new equipment and furniture in Cherry Blossom. We can't wait to see these developments take shape!

Preschool After School Club

A reminder that we offer childcare for preschool children who are aged 3 or 4. If this is something you are interested in, please contact the school office.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please support us in maintaining good attendance and punctuality.

School starts and registration takes place at 9am; we expect all children to arrive before this time.

The minimum percentage attendance we expect is **97%** attendance. This means missing no more than **5** days per year.

We can no-longer authorise any holidays in term time.

Our full Attendance Policy can be found on our website.

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Meet the Team

Parents are invited to listen to a short talk, from their child's new class teacher and teaching assistants. This is an adult only event.

Meet the Team- Wednesday, 10th September

Class/ Teacher / Teaching Assistants	Time
Preschool- Miss Hankey/Mrs Allen/Mrs Swettenham/Mrs Bracegirdle/Mrs McClaren	4:45pm
Class 1- Mrs Kinzett/Mrs Baines/Mrs Leung/Mrs Fish	5pm
Class 3- Miss Birchall/Mrs Adams/Miss Kershaw	5:15pm
Class 6- Mrs Bottomley/Mrs Perrin/Mrs Robinson/Miss Stagg	5:30pm
Class 5- Mr Hughes/Mrs Lucas	5:45pm
Class 2- Miss Flower/Mrs Barton/Mrs Hopkin	6pm
Class F- Mrs Greason/Mrs Oldham/Mrs Morris	6:15pm
Class 4- Mr Adams/Mrs Sampson/Mrs Fish/Mrs Nikroo	6:30pm

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs for the Autumn Term are available to book via our new app. Our booking system went live on Monday, 1st September and will remain open until midnight on Wednesday, 10th September. Clubs will start the week commencing Monday, 15th September.

During the Autumn Term we do not offer clubs to our Class F children; we allow time for them to settle into the school routine and for our staff to get to know them before inviting them to join clubs.

Please note that we expect children who attend clubs to maintain our high standards of behaviour and respect at all times. Should a child repeatedly mis-behave they will no-longer be able to attend the club. Please see our Extended Services Policy (Section 8) for further details- this can be found on our website.

<https://www.cherrytreeschool.co.uk/about-us/policies/>

Fiddle Toys

We understand that some children find it easier to concentrate when using a fiddle toy, and we recognise the positive role these can play in supporting focus and learning. To ensure they are used appropriately and do not distract others, children may only use a fiddle toy in school with the agreement of both their parent and class teacher. Our preferred options are silent versions, less likely to disrupt classmates. Please do not send your child to school with a fiddle or chew toy without speaking to the class teacher.

Late Collection

We kindly ask all parents and carers to make every effort to collect children on time from school activities. Please note that repeated late collection will incur additional fees, as staff must be paid for the extra time required.

Details can be found in the attached *Schedule of Fees*.

PE Timetable 2025-26

Children to wear their PE kit for the full day, on the days when they have a PE lesson.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	Hall in use for Music lessons	F		2-Rugby
1		6 – swimming from 10 th September,		1-Rugby
Lunch time				
	3	4	4	6-Rugby
5		3		5-Rugby

Uniform

Our new uniform provider: Warrington Schoolwear stocks our updated smarter and more durable PE uniform, which includes a dark green, zipped jacket that is designed not to fade in the wash or snag with use.

As your child outgrows their PE uniform, please purchase the new version. Over the next 6 months there will be a transition period where we allow families to move from the old cotton hoody to the new technical fabric, zipped jacket and smarter t-shirt. Black tracksuit bottoms, shorts, leggings or skort remain the same. Our new provider can offer smart black tracksuit bottoms with a zipped pocket.

As part of our review of uniform requirements, we offer the option of wearing plain black trainers with their everyday school uniform—not just for PE. Please note that trainers must be plain and black, not white or brightly coloured. Velcro fastenings for children who cannot independently tie their laces please.

The thinking behind this, is closely linked to our commitment to keeping children active throughout the school day. We aim for all pupils to engage in at least 30 minutes of physical activity each day, in addition to PE lessons. We believe that allowing appropriate footwear throughout the day will help support this goal, ensuring children can participate fully and safely in all activities.

It is up to parents to decide whether to just purchase plain black trainers or to also have school shoes for when the children are wearing everyday school uniform. Children are welcome to keep a spare pair of trainers in school if they prefer to wear school shoes.

We have a selection of brand-new jade green uniform that was surplus stock from the previous provider. We have most, but not all sizes available. Each item is priced at £7. We also continue to have a collection of clean, good quality, pre-loved school uniform. These items are priced at £1 per item. Please speak to the school office if you need any new uniform.

Class Assemblies / Performances

Parents and grandparents are invited to attend the class assembly. Entrance is via the playground/hall door.

Class	Date	Time
EYFS & KS1 Concert (Preschool, F, 1 & 2)	Wednesday, 10 th December (dress rehearsal) Thursday, 11 th December	9:30am 2pm and 9:30am
Class 1	Friday, 30 th January	9:15am
Class 4	Friday, 13 th February	9:15am
Class 2	Friday, 6 th March	9:15am
Class 3	Parr Hall 'Primary Arts Network' Performance Monday, 23 rd or Tuesday, 24 th March- date to be confirmed	6pm
Class 5	Friday, 1 st May	9:15am
Class F	Friday, 22 nd May	9:15am
KS2 Performance (Class 3, 4, 5, 6)	Monday, 13 th July dress rehearsal for preschool children Tuesday, 14 th July Wednesday, 15 th July	1:30pm 1:30pm/6pm 6pm
Class 6 Leavers' Assembly	Wednesday, 22 nd July (Break up at 2:30pm on Thursday, 23 rd July)	9:15am

PTA NEWS

Join Our PTA!

Our Parent Teacher Association plays a vital role in enriching school life. Thanks to their efforts, we have been able to provide fantastic resources and fund a wide range of workshops for our children. Joining the PTA is a wonderful way to support your child's education while enjoying a rewarding and fun role within our school community. It's also a great opportunity to meet other parents and get involved—your support really makes a difference!

First PTA Meeting of the Year



Monday, 15th September – 7:00pm at school



Nibbles and wine provided



All welcome—especially new parents and families with children in Class F!

At this meeting, we'll be sharing plans for the year ahead. A full calendar of events will be published afterwards.

Save the Dates!

- Junior Fun Night – Wednesday, [insert date], 5:30–7:00pm
- Family Disco – Friday, 3rd October, 5:30–7:30pm

ALLOTMENT SESSIONS

We are very fortunate to have our gardener, Craig Morris, working with one class each week to maintain and develop our school allotment. We are grateful to our PTA as they fund this important opportunity. These sessions provide pupils with hands-on learning experiences in plant diversity, directly supporting the science curriculum while also promoting our commitment to climate change awareness and sustainability.

Sessions take place every Wednesday from **9:15am to 11:30am**. On their allocated week, children will need to bring **wellies, old trainers, or walking boots**, and a pair of **gardening gloves** if they have them (spare gloves are available in school).

Please see the timetable to find out when each class will be taking part.

Date	Class
10 th September	5
17 th September	6
24 th September	1
1 st October	2
8 th October	3
15 th October	4
22 nd October	5
Half term (1 week)	
5 th November	6
12 th November	F
19 th November	1
26 th November	2
Winter- no gardening sessions	

FINALLY

We are delighted to share that the new academic year has begun positively, with the children showing great enthusiasm for their new year groups. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils, from Preschool right through to Year 6.

As the year unfolds, we look forward to continuing our partnership as a school community, working together to 'bring out the best in each other.'

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of our team.

Kind regards

Helen Graham
Head Teacher

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REMINDERS

Climbing Frame

Please **DO NOT** allow children to use the climbing frame at the beginning or end of the school day.

Birthdays

- *Please remember that sweets are not allowed to be given out at school, as a birthday treat. Birthdays will be appropriately celebrated in other ways within the class. If you wish to provide a treat for the class to mark a birthday, we recommend a class story book.*

Reminder: Appointments

- *If your child needs to leave or return to school during the school day, this needs to be **before 12 noon or after 1pm i.e. not during lunchtime**. It is disruptive if children have to leave school part way through eating their lunch or return when their peers are eating.*
- *To gain their afternoon registration mark, children need to be back in school by 1:05pm.*

Contacting Teachers

- *If you wish to get a message to a teacher, please email the school office on CherryTree_Primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk and the office team will forward to the class teacher.*

Schedule of Fees

Description	Applicable to;	Fee
Ad-hoc booking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool • Out of School Club • Holiday Camp 	£3 fee per session
Please be aware that we cannot guarantee a place will be available.		
Instalment charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of School Club 	£10 per year
Cancellation of place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Camp • Extra-Curricular Clubs 	Non-refundable if notified after the deadline. (This is due to staffing being determined at this point). £5 charge if before deadline.
Notice period for change in arrangements (including cancellation).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of School Club • Preschool 	This is processed on a half termly basis with a maximum of 6 weeks' notice.
Cancellation of ad-hoc place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool • Out of School Club • Holiday Camp 	Non-refundable if less than 24hrs notice given. £3 ad-hoc fee still applies regardless of notice given
Late collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool • Out of School Club • Holiday Camp 	£3 per 15 minutes <i>(We regret that after 3 occasions this service will be no longer available).</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of normal school day 	£10 after 15minutes, then £10 every further 15 mins <i>(This is due to staff having to stay beyond their working hours)</i>
Late payment fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool • Out of School Club • Holiday Camp • Extra-Curricular Clubs 	£10 (We regret that non-payment may result in this service being terminated).
Snack Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool 	£1 per session (optional)
£5.75 per hour for Out of School Club/Clubs run by staff and volunteers/Preschool (3+) £8.05 per hour for Preschool 2+ £25 per day for Holiday Camp/£30 per day for pre-schoolers (3+ only)		