

SPRING TERM

NEWSLETTER 4

Friday, 9th January
2026

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

Event or reminder	Date / time / deadline	Any action needed
Y6 London and SATs workshop for parents	Tuesday, 13th January 4-5pm	An informative workshop for Y6 parents- no need to book, just turn up.
PTA Meeting	Tuesday, 13th January 7-8:30pm	All families are warmly invited to our informal PTA meeting — a great chance to share ideas and get involved, new ideas always welcomed!
Y6 Trip to Chester Zoo	Wednesday, 14th January	Please remember to give consent/pay for these trips via the app. <i>Any child eligible for Pupil Premium can have a trip funded by school- consent is still needed via the app.</i>
Y1 Trip to Staircase House	Friday, 16th January	<i>Any child eligible for Pupil Premium can have a trip funded by school- consent is still needed via the app.</i>
RE Workshops (Islam) led by Imran Kotwal (Year F to Year 6)	Monday, 26th January	Imran will return to Cherry Tree to deliver workshops centred around the Islamic religion.
Y4 Trip to Chester	Thursday, 29th January	Please remember to give consent/pay for trips via the app. <i>Any child eligible for Pupil Premium can have a trip funded by school- consent is still needed via the app.</i>
Y1 & 2 Road Safety Workshop	Thursday, 29th January	The main messages delivered will cover how to cross a road safely and be seen when near roads.
Y1 Class Assembly	Friday, 30th January 9:15am	All Y1 family members are welcome to join the Y1 class assembly. Enter via hall/playground door.
YF Trip to Imagine That	Tuesday, 3rd February	Please remember to give consent/pay for trips via the app. <i>Any child eligible for Pupil Premium can have a trip funded by school- consent is still needed via the app.</i>
Y5 Football Tournament	Thursday, 5th February	Details to follow.
Y4 Assembly	Friday, 13th February	All welcome- enter via hall/playground door.
Half Term Holiday- Monday, 16th February to Friday, 20th February		
Parent Forum	Monday, 2nd March	Our Parent Forum is an opportunity to discuss whole school matters with the Head Teacher. Agenda items to be sent in advance to the Parent Forum Chair, Lisa Wee (Parent of Esme/Y6) via email- lisavwee@googlemail.com
Irish Dancing Workshops (all year groups)	Tuesday, 17th March	To celebrate St Patrick's Day we are having Irish Dancing workshops for all year groups.
Parents Evening	Tuesday, 17th and Wednesday, 18th March	Further details and booking information will be provided next half term.
PAN Performance- Parr Hall	Monday, 23rd OR 24th March- Date tbc	Y3 will perform a dance at the Parr Hall as part of the Primary Arts Network annual performance. Details to follow to Y3 families.

Y4 Residential Visit to Burwardsley	Tuesday, 24th & 25th March	Y4 will spend the night at the Burwardsley residential centre where they will be involved in outdoor & adventurous team games plus have a camp fire.
END of TERM	Thursday, 2nd April – 2:30pm FINISH No 'after school club' on this date.	

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

Happy New Year!

We were pleased to welcome everyone back to school this week. Thank you for your understanding and support as we altered our arrival and collection arrangements due to the icy weather.

The children deserve credit for the way they quickly adapted to these changes and for their excellent and behaviour at playtimes, when playing in the snow!



Exemplary Behaviour

In addition to the positive feedback about the children's behaviour during the snow, I am very pleased to tell you that the whole school started the term very positively and their behaviour has been impeccable during lessons and assemblies this week. Mrs Barton gave me the following feedback after her 'Singing Assembly' on Wednesday:

"Behaviour was brilliant, enthusiasm was high and the whole school sang beautifully. Every child received two house points which hasn't happened in assembly before. A special mention to Class 6 for their excellent behaviour and singing; they were a joy!"

New Head Teacher Update

As you are already aware, Mrs Laura Halpin has been appointed as my successor and will take up her position as the new Head Teacher of Cherry Tree on Monday, 20th April 2026. Mrs Halpin is due to meet the staff team later this month and, throughout the Spring Term, will work closely with me to ensure a smooth and effective handover.

Mrs Halpin is very much looking forward to her new role and is keen to build strong, positive partnerships with all our stakeholders.

Preschool News

Retirement News

Beverley Bracegirdle has announced that she will be retiring from preschool on Friday, 13th February. Beverley is a much-valued member of our preschool team, who is retiring after an incredible 29 years of dedicated service. We thank her for the commitment, care, and the lasting impact she has had on so many children and families and wish Beverley a very happy and well-deserved retirement.



CHERRY BLOSSOM PRESCHOOL

Spaces Available

We have both full and part-time spaces available in our nurturing and stimulating preschool for children aged from 2 ½ to 4. Please contact school to book a tour or for more information about joining our preschool family.

Preschool After School Club

A reminder that we offer wraparound childcare for our current 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

Passwords for Collection of Children by Other Family Members/Friends

As part of our safeguarding procedures, we are asking **all families to complete a form on our app to set a collection password**. This can be completed on the form section of the app. Your password will be required if someone other than a parent or carer needs to collect your child.

Having this information in place helps us to ensure your child is released safely and without delay.

Please note that our out-of-school club already requests a collection password. If your child attends the out-of-school club, we kindly ask that you keep the same password for consistency.

If you have any questions or need support accessing the form, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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

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 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.

Thank you for your understanding.

Class Assemblies / Performances

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

Class	Date	Time
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

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Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or queries. We also warmly welcome your ideas and suggestions and are always happy to hear from you.

Wishing all of our students and families a joyful, healthy, and successful year ahead!

Kind regards



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REMINDERS

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.

Scooters and Bikes

We love seeing so many children coming to school on their bikes and scooters – it's a great way to start the day! Just a quick reminder to please hop off as soon as you come through the school gate and walk them on the grounds, to help keep everyone safe.

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
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 15 minutes, 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 <i>(We regret that non-payment may result in this service being terminated).</i>
Snack Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool 	£1 per session (optional)
<p>£5.75 per hour for Out of School Club/Clubs run by staff and volunteers/Preschool (3+)</p> <p>£8.05 per hour for Preschool 2+</p> <p>£25 per day for Holiday Camp/£30 per day for pre-schoolers (3+ only)</p>		