

Cherry Trees School News



Diary Dates

**Tuesday 10th
March:
School
Photographs**

**Friday 27th
March:
Spring Term
Ends**

**Monday 30th
March - Friday
10th April:
Easter Holidays**

**Monday 13th
April:
Summer Term
Begins**

Friday 27th February 2026: Issue 6

Headteacher's message: Alison Garrett



February has certainly been a busy month in school, and it's been lovely to see so much happening across the classrooms. Thank you to everyone who came along to Parents' Evening. It was really well attended, and it's always a pleasure to share the children's successes and talk about how well they're getting on.

We're also pleased to have Dawn, our swimming instructor, back with us. You will know how much the children enjoy their swimming sessions. We're now waiting for the final bits of planned maintenance work on the pool to be finished. This should take around a month, but once it's done, we'll be in a great position to make full use of the pool throughout the summer term and beyond. I feel that the swimming pool really is the jewel in our crown so I want to make sure that it is looked after for years to come.

Finally, I want to say how proud I am of all our pupils. They've worked so hard this term, and it's wonderful to see the progress they're making and the confidence they're showing in school each day.

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember that my door is always open and the best way to contact me is by email a.garrett@cherrytrees.staffs.sch.uk or contact the office if you would like to meet with me face to face.

Best wishes,

Alison

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Blue Class News

Hope you have all enjoyed the half term holiday. The first two weeks in February were once again very busy in Blue Class! We completed our topic about the weather with our Springtime story 'Pignic' where our learning activities were themed around rain, sunshine and pigs in mud! We all particularly enjoyed exploring the patterns we could make with our toy pigs in edible mud and making our pig face biscuits. We explored how to make pink through mixing icing and red food colouring. This was in addition to lots of creative activities we had enjoyed through mixing red and white paint. Again, we used these colours to make our lovely Valentine's cards which the children all brought home to give to special people at home.

We also had our Number Day which everyone enjoyed. Throughout the day we played counting games, printed with numbers, shared number books and enjoyed lots of counting rhymes.

This week we have started our new topic for this term - 'Everyday Heroes'. Throughout this topic we will be learning about people who help us - in school and the community. We began our topic by listening to the story 'Emergency!' which has already introduced us to a range of people who help us. We have lots of exciting things planned for the children over the coming weeks which include some special visitors coming into school!

Well done to everyone as always for their continuing efforts and achievements.



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Red Class News

Welcome to Spring 2. We have got lots of lovely things planned for the children and hopefully we will start to see some nicer weather and we will be able to explore outside more.

This half-term, we will be looking at 'Weather Experts', where in our DT lessons, we will be able to study the changing weather and create some of our own weather experiments. During Science we will explore some work around forces and explore pushing and pulling.

Here are some photos from some of the fun learning we enjoyed before the holiday.



Independence skills - making our own toast.



Sharing playing the big drums with James.



Exploring some fun activities during Endeavour to be active week.



Working hard in English!



Exploring weight with the scales in Maths.



Communication Music - Parachute fun!

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Orange Class News

Wow! What a fantastic term we are having in Orange Class. The children are happy, eager and ready to learn. Our topic this half term is 'We Are Going To the Zoo'. We have been reading and exploring the book 'Dear Zoo', and all children have been getting involved in the activities. Orange Class love animals and have been engaging really well.

In maths we have been looking at recognising numbers in practical situations. This week we enjoyed a tea party. The children sat around our table and helped to put out equipment and pour squash for each of their friends. As we did this, we recognised the numbers around us, how many plates we can see, how many cups and friends. This was amazing and we are so proud of how the children shared and waited their turn.

This week it is Endeavour to be active, and we have been using this as an opportunity to keep fit, healthy and continue our daily mile each morning. The children have been loving dancing, running and have taken part in all activities. Well done Orange Class, we are very proud.



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Green Class News

What an amazing few weeks we've had in Green Class, from making heart biscuits for Valentines to dance sessions in the hall.

The children have continued to enjoy music therapy with Carlence, each week showing great listening skills and super taking part.

We created our wish list, the children enjoyed this, they wanted musical instruments for our outside playground activity box. They arrived and they are enjoyed by all. Who wouldn't like bells on their feet or a water bird that whistles?

In our maths sessions, we have been looking at 1, 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers. Being able to make them, read them and compare.

We have continued with our 3 weekly reading sessions and they children amaze me with their concentration. Our new games for 20 20 maths are using the uno cards. A popular one all round!

We are looking forward to see what the next few weeks bring: World Book day, decorate the classroom door competition, horse riding begins and many more things.



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Yellow Class News

What an amazing half term we have had!

The children in Yellow Class have done so well with settling back into school.

In Phonics this term we have had lots of fun exploring lots of different sounds using instruments, playdough, flour and more!

In English we have been focusing on 'The Circus is Coming to Town' and our new topic book 'Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann'. The children have really enjoyed listening and recreating these stories and have experienced lots of different activities based on these stories, such as performing under a circus tent and finding leaves and sticks on a walk.

In Maths we have been focusing on the number zero and creating sets up to 5. The children have really enjoyed getting involved in these activities and have done amazingly with sorting the numbers. They also have been measuring heavy and light items using scales which the children found really interesting!

Well done Yellow Class for another amazing month!



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Purple Class News

Well, February flew past quickly! I hope you all had a lovely half term break! Before half term, we had a very busy last week of term, it was lovely to see so many of you for parents evening, and the following day, the children had a wonderful time at the Silent Disco!

We have been busy getting back into our learning after half term, we are loving our new class text in English, How to Train Your Dragon! We are learning about geographical skills in our new topic, we cannot wait to get stuck into it and hopefully spend lots of time outside when the weather improves! We have enjoyed taking part in a new dance workshop on Tuesday afternoons, as we have finished our table cricket sessions.

We are looking forward to learning about experiments conducted by famous scientists later this term as well as some other lovely activities in the run up to the Easter break.

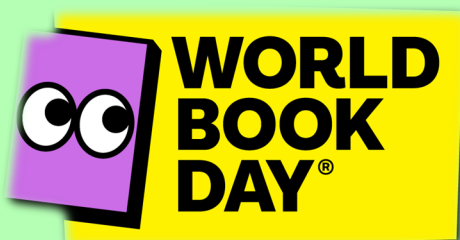


Cherry Trees Communicating



World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day which is a day when children of all ages will come together to share the joy of reading. Staff and children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, and we will have the opportunity to explore lots of exciting and engaging activities around reading.



Number Day

We had a lovely day celebrating Number Day and raised a total of £41.00 for NSPCC!

Thank you all for your kind donations.



Valentines Disco

The Valentine's Silent Disco was a huge success! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the music, dancing, and fun atmosphere. It was a joy to see so much happiness and enthusiasm throughout the event.



Cherry Trees Sharing



Sign of the Month



Spring

Begin with fingers together, then move hand up while opening fingers like a blooming flower.

A video tutorial can also be found [here](#).

Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	82.5%
Red Class	88.5%
Orange Class	89.6%
Green Class	91.2%
Yellow Class	95.8%
Purple Class	89.1%



Congratulations to:

Yellow Class

You have the best
Attendance for the Month
Well done to all of you.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Cherry Trees Safeguarding



Online Safety!

For many children the internet can be a place where they feel safe, calm and in control. Somewhere they can make friends without having to communicate face-to-face, and build a community which they may not have in their offline life. Whilst recognising the internet is a great resource which children enjoy using, it may also pose additional challenges that require careful management and support.

When should I talk about online safety to my child?

Whether your child is verbal or non-verbal, the moment your child expresses an interest in the internet, is the time to talk about, discuss or show ways in which they can stay safe online. Allow yourself enough time and choose a quiet space to avoid interruption. Everyone has the right to feel safe and enjoy their time online so it's important for them to understand boundaries and behaviour, both their own and that of other people. The earlier you start this communication, the easier it will be to talk about further online safety concerns in the future.

Join in and find out what your child enjoys online?

Show an interest and find out what your child enjoys to do online and ask to be shown the things they like to play, look at, or watch. If possible, ask to join in as this will show you exactly what your child sees when they are online.

Learn how to use parental controls

Setting up parental controls and filters on your home internet can help to avoid age-inappropriate images, videos and websites being seen by your child whilst they are using the Wi-Fi. Many devices like phones, tablets and games consoles have parental controls settings to restrict this content, as well as restricting additional costs online, such as in-app purchasing and turning off location functions. Internet Matters provide some helpful information about these settings and how to use them.

Get to know the tools that can help keep your child safe

It's important to understand and get to know the tools and safety features on the things your child likes to use. Once you know your child's favourite games, apps and services, ensure that you explore and understand the safety features they have on them. For example, find out what privacy settings they have, where these are and how to apply them. These will enable you to choose who can see their account and what information online visitors can see.

If you would like further support with parental controls, internet settings or usage please don't hesitate to make contact with me and I will happily offer further support, Nicola