

Cherry Trees School News



Diary Dates

**Monday 10th
February:
Parents
Evening**

**Friday 14th
February:
End of Half-
Term**

**Monday 17th -
Friday 21st
February:
Half Term**

**Monday 24th
February:
Return to
School**

Friday 31st January 2025: Issue 5

Headteacher's message: Alison Garrett



Welcome to our January Newsletter. Happy New Year to all of our wonderful school community!

We have had a fantastic start to 2025 here at Cherry Trees, and I couldn't be more excited about everything that's happening across the school. It's been a joy to read about all the amazing activities and learning that our classes have been involved in. From creative projects to exciting lessons, the enthusiasm from our students has been contagious, and it's inspiring to see how much they are already achieving this year.

Looking ahead, I would love to see as many of you as possible at our upcoming Parents' Evening. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together, discuss your child's progress, and share in their successes. Your involvement and support are so valuable to us as we work together to provide the best learning environment for your children.

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve and enhance our school, I am excited to announce a new fundraising initiative to support the development of a state-of-the-art sensory room. This sensory space will offer our students an even better environment in which they can focus, relax, and learn. I will be sharing the plans and drawings for the room at Parent's Evening. To help us reach our fundraising goals and to continue to provide the very best resources for the children I have set up a fundraising page that will go live on our website next week. If you would like to be part of the PTFA then I will be asking for volunteers to get this off the ground as soon as possible.

If you have ideas for fundraising please do email me at a.garrett@cherrytrees.staffs.sch.uk and let's make it happen!

Thank you for being such an integral part of our school community. Thank you and do remember that my door is always open if you need a chat. Alison

Cherry Trees Learning



Blue Class News

Blue Class very quickly settled back into school after the Christmas holidays and have all made a lovely start to their learning for the Spring term! Well done everyone!

This half term our topic is called 'Paws, Claws, Feathers and Fur'. Our lessons so far have been based around our topic stories 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Monkey Puzzle' where we have been learning about wild animals, fruit and the jungle. Everyone enjoyed exploring the properties of tropical fruit and peeling, chopping and mashing our own bananas! We have looked at pattern through cutting our fruits into halves and printing with some of them. Our topic is providing us with lots of opportunities to learn the names of a variety of animals and also to begin to learn descriptive words related to their properties. In Maths we have all enjoyed lots of animal counting rhymes and have explored length and pattern. We made some lovely long and short snakes with playdoh and have copied and continued colour patterns to print some lovely snakes!

Our next topic story is 'Elmer' who is a very colourful elephant and through this story we will continue to learn about jungle animals before exploring creatures with feathers through the story 'Owl Babies'.

Our children continue to make us proud with all their fantastic progress - with their transitions, their engagement and their communication. Well done everyone for a super start to the Spring term!



Cherry Trees Learning



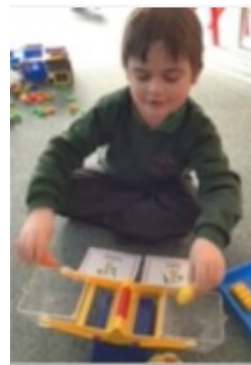
Red Class News

Well, what a busy January we have had. The children returned from the Christmas break ready to learn and we have completed lots of new learning activities.

The children have been learning about money, number and weight in Maths. We have had some wonderful stories all about dragons and then created our fantastic English work based on the stories.

In our afternoons, we have been exploring the weather, using our programmable mouse, learning about Chinese New Year, looking at transport over the years and have been planning our rocket builds in Design Technology.

Well done Red Class, keep up the hard work!



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Orange Class News

What an amazing January we have had! In English, we have been exploring fairy tales through our reading of the stories, 'Jack and The Beanstalk' and 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have been developing our understanding through sequencing the stories and identifying the characters. In Maths, we have been counting to three, focusing on the rhyme, 'When Goldilocks Went to the House of the Bears', and exploring heavy and light objects. In our topic lessons we have been looking at what is the same and different between animals and humans, focusing on facial features. Everyone has engaged so well with this topic and some children enjoyed having their faces painted, whilst others had fun with animal masks. We are continuing to work hard on our independent skills and are enjoying our gymnastics in PE sessions.

Well done Orange Class, we are all so proud of your progress!



Cherry Trees Learning



Green Class News

Happy New Year everyone!

We have had a fantastic start to 2025 in Green Class! We have been learning about animals, ready to write a fact file in English, as well as practising our capital letters and punctuation. We have added to our animal knowledge in science where we have been learning about living things, sorting animals into categories and learning about a range of environments that animals live in, as well as the impact we have on our own environment.

In History, we have been learning about historical famous artists, using our chronology knowledge to put the artists on a timeline, as well as learning about the tools artists used over time. With this, we have been learning about more famous sculptors in our art lessons, and are looking forward to having a go at making a clay sculpture very soon! Keep your eyes peeled for photos!

In RE, we have been exploring the Creation stories of Christianity, Islam and Sikhism, looking at how the world was created and identifying similarities and differences.



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Yellow Class News

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2025!

The children have come back after the holidays, bubbly, eager to learn and showing amazing realisation to skills we developed last term.

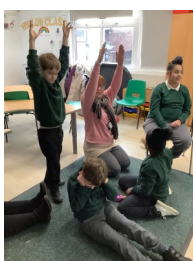
We have begun our topic 'Magic Carpet Ride', and have used our magic carpet to travel to many wonderful destinations, such as Egypt, India, the Jungle and China! The children have loved exploring new cultures, food and materials.

This half term, we are focusing on independence, hygiene, and self care. The children have been developing their self-help skills by taking responsibility and washing their hands, using cutlery at lunch time, and using PECS and core boards to communicate their wants and needs.

In English, we are engaging with the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We are so impressed with how the children have took part in all activities, from role-play, to developing their language with sentences and adjectives.

In Maths, we are working on our sense of direction, heavy and light objects, and the number zero. Yellow Class are working on their targets, and have begun to look at addition and subtraction.

I look forward to seeing you at Parents' evening!



Cherry Trees Learning



Purple Class News

It's been a busy month in Purple Class! The children settled back in well and have been working hard. Our Topic this half term is all about Victorians. We have looked at Victorian homes, dress and lifestyle. We have been making a model of a Victorian street, using various materials. This has been messy but fun!

In PSHE we have been looking at 'Healthy Me'. The children have discussed all about what makes us healthy and made smoothies in class. Our English books have been interesting and the children have enjoyed reading about perfect pets in 'The Barnabus Project', and animals on the high sea in 'The Antlered Ship'. Maths has been full of games and activities all about addition using Hundreds, Tens and Ones. We have some amazing Mathematicians in Purple Class!

In Science we have explored the Solar System. We have made moon craters and are currently making a 3D model of our planets. Staff are very proud of Purple Class and all their hard work this half term.

Purple Class Team



Cherry Trees Communicating



Endeavour to be Active Week

The week beginning 20th January was our schools Endeavour to be Active Week. The whole school took part in lots of active activities including, football club, parachute games and relaxing yoga session.

All of the children have had lots of fun!



Parents Evening

Spring Term Parents Evening will be held on Monday 10th January. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to school - this is a lovely opportunity to come and see the amazing work your children are doing.



French Day



On Friday 28th February we will be holding our whole school French Day. Children will get to learn some key French greetings and phrases, and explore the map of France, the French flag and also artwork from France.

We will also be sampling some French food.

Look out on Dojo for further information.

Cherry Trees Sharing



Sign of the Month



Shop



Shop

Shop

Position hands so fingertips are pointing towards the floor, and lower hands slightly.

Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	83.6
Red Class	96.2
Orange Class	93.1
Green Class	90.4
Yellow Class	89.8
Purple Class	79.9



Congratulations to:

Red

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

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Cherry Trees Safeguarding



Anti-Bullying!!

If you are worried about bullying, please talk with a member of our Senior Leadership team, class teacher or another member of staff. Staff cannot deal with bullying if they are not aware of difficulties individuals are facing. We will not tolerate bullying at Cherry Trees School. Staff will always find time to speak with you as parents/carers, as the children are always our highest priority.

A good definition of bullying is:

“Repeated intimidation of a victim that is deliberately carried out in order to cause physical or emotional hurt”

Using this definition any of the following could be bullying if they are carried out repeatedly:

Name calling

Making fun of another person

Leaving people out

Physical Assault

Insulting another person's family or culture

Making threats

In any case of bullying, once the school has been informed of a bullying incident, it will be investigated promptly. Parents/carers of all pupils involved will be informed of the outcome.

Cherry Trees School wants to ensure that all pupils know how to report bullying and get help and that all members of the school's community are confident that the school's response to bullying is effective.

Children take part in numerous activities throughout their learning, covering a range of different topics to promote kindness, positive friendships, inclusion, anti bullying etc. As a school we continually promote **it's ok to tell, if something is worrying you or upsetting you– Tell an adult or a friend so that something can be done.**

The children also take part in an annual Wellbeing Survey. This is to ensure that they can voice their opinion about Bullying.

As always if you need advice, guidance or support, please don't hesitate to get in touch and I will do my utmost to help, Nicola.

Cherry Trees Safeguarding



<https://www.cherrytreesschool.co.uk/page/?title=Anti%2DBullying&pid=43>

What to do if you are being bullied out of school

Tell your parents.
Tell someone in your family.



Childline is a free number that is open all day, everyday. Give them a call if you find it difficult to talk to anyone at home or school.

Don't bully

It's not right



It's horrible!

Anti-Bullying Guide for Children



Produced by Cherry Trees School Council




What is Bullying?



Being unkind.

When someone picks on someone all the time for being different or if someone wants something from them.

When someone hurts someone else.

When you make someone feel sad all the time.

Calling names or saying mean things.

Rules to be a good friend



be a friend

If someone trips over help them up.

If someone gets hurt take them to a teacher or the nurse.

Be helpful.

When someone is all alone be nice and help them.

Share toys.

Be helpful.

What can you do if you see someone being bullied?



Tell a Teacher.

Tell a member of the School Council.

Tell Laura.

What to do if you are being bullied.

Walk away

Tell a teacher

Tell your Mom or Dad

Tell Aunty, Uncle or Friend



Power of a Friend



Tips for calming down

Get a grown up to help.

Tell a joke.

Take deep breaths.

Go to the classroom.



Cherry Trees School Council



We are your school council 2024 - 2025



We are your voice in school



Classes have held their elections and have voted for their school councillors.

The School Council act as representatives of the school and the voice of our pupils. They will meet to discuss issues and make decisions about how our school is run. We will work together to implement ideas that support pupil's learning and development and to embed positive experiences for all pupils. The council will work closely with the Headteacher and the Assistant Headteachers, with regular scheduled meetings that are minuted and shared with the wider school community.

Cherry Trees School Council



We are your Eco Warriors

2024 - 2025



Sharing ideas



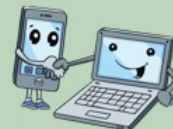
Raising awareness



Helping the environment



Cherry Trees School Working, Learning, Achieving Together



We are your Digital Leaders

2024 - 2025



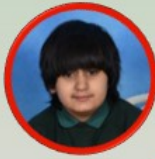
Digital learning



Promoting online safety



Experience new software and apps



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