



# CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

We've really enjoyed welcoming the children back to school and hearing about what they've been getting up to in the holidays. I hope you all enjoyed the summer. The children have all had a fantastic start to the academic year, throwing themselves into their learning. It is lovely to see their happy, smiling faces each morning.

I hope you find this newsletter useful – it may be full of things some of you already know, but hopefully it will be helpful to many of you.

## **Subject and year group overviews**

For more information about what your child will be learning over the year, please visit our website curriculum pages using the following link:

<https://www.cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk/page/?title=Subject+Overviews&pid=38>

Here you will find the end of year expectations for each year group for reading, writing and mathematics as well as details about upcoming topics.

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## Subject Overviews

Please navigate through each curriculum area to find out more about each subject.

When a pupil has achieved the vast majority of the objectives for their year group, they are considered to be 'working at age-related expectations'.

If a pupil is able to apply these skills, for example when solving mathematical problems or when reading and writing for different purposes across the curriculum, they are considered to have 'mastered' the curriculum for their year group.

End of year expectations for **reading, writing and mathematics** can also be found below as well as curriculum overviews for each year group.

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### **P.E. Timetable**

Please see the timetable below to make sure that your child comes in their PE kit in school on the correct days.

	Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thursday	Friday
Infant Indoor PE	1JA	2B	2K	1A	Reception
Basic Skills	1A	2K	2B	1JA	

	Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thursday	Friday
Junior Indoor PE	Year 6	Year 3	Year 5 Swimming	RB (WBA)	
Junior Outdoor PE	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3		Year 6

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit and are able to remove any jewellery themselves. The uniform policy can be found on the school website and in your child's School Planner.

### **Extra-curricular Clubs**

Here is a timetable of the extra-curricular clubs being offered this term.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8:15 – 8:45	KS2 Multi-sports	KS1 Multi-sports	KS2 Multi-sports	KS1 Multi-sports	Physical Friday – walking (8:30 – 8:45)
After school 3:30 – 4:30	Year 6 Multi-sports	Years 3 and 4 Multi-sports	Year 5 Multi-sports	Years 1 and 2 Multi-sports	Karate

Multi-sports sessions are £2 per session before school and £4 after school. Please contact Harry Cockbill in the school office if you are interested in your child attending.

In term time, Rikai Karate Club will continue to run in the Junior Hall on Fridays after school for children in Reception to Year 6. Please contact Sensai Pansy Wright on 07970452277 or e mail her on [rikaimartialartacademy@gmail.com](mailto:rikaimartialartacademy@gmail.com)

## Cycling

If your child is interested in improving their cycling skills why not take them to the British Cycling City Hub. These sessions are free and equipment is provided. Your child must be able to ride a bike already.



**Venue:** Holford Drive Sports HUB, 101 Holford Dr, Birmingham B42 2TU.

**Time and Date:** Wednesdays at 4.30pm-5.30pm

**Contact:** Christian Andrews

**Phone:** 07940433539

**Email:** [christianandrews@britishcycling.org.uk](mailto:christianandrews@britishcycling.org.uk)

## Year 6 Secondary Transition – Apply online for 2024 entry

If you live in Birmingham you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> between 1 September and 31 October 2023. It is important that you submit your application by 31 October 2023. Applications received after the national closing date of 31 October 2023 will be treated as late applications. Late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools, as these applications will be processed after 1 March 2024, in accordance with Birmingham's coordinated admissions scheme.

If you have any questions about your child transferring to secondary school, in the first instance please visit our website: [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) where you will find all the relevant information to support you through this process.

## Is my child too ill for school?



**It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.** There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-specific-infectious-diseases). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know. For more information, go to this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Pastoral and welfare

### More support for Families in Birmingham from Family Hubs

#### What is the Family Hubs programme?

Family Hubs' is a central government project which aims to give children the best start in life. Is it designed to:

- improve access to services for all families, children and young adults in Birmingham that need support during children's journeys from 0 to 19 years (25 with SEND).
- improve connections between families, professional and service providers and to put relationships at the heart of family information, help and support.
- Be an effective a single 'front door', making it easier for families to get the help they need, and to improve the support on offer. This can include parenting support, support for home learning and early language development, parent and infant mental health and relationships and infant feeding advice.

#### Resources already available to families including:

- The Easy Peasy App to support children's speech, language and communication development
- The 50 Things App - free App to help with home learning and language development
- First Words Together – resources to help babies to talk



As children and young people prepare to return to school, we are sending a reminder of FREE online courses available to everyone in Birmingham to help to support with parenting.

There are **24 different online courses** in a variety of languages. The courses include:

- Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager
- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding your child's mental health and well being
- Understanding your relationships

Just enter the word COMMUNITY in the access code box to get started - Online Learning (heipply.com)

# Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

## Physical Friday

So far Physical Friday is being well attended with both the KS1 and KS2 children keen to achieve their daily step goal. It was great to see some of the parents getting involved as well. Why not join us every Friday from 8:30am?



## HSBC Financial Planning

Manjit from HSBC came to visit years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to teach them how to work to a budget. Children had to plan a party with a limited budget to buy food, drink and decorations. As well as this, they learnt about keeping their information private to prevent fraudulent transactions.



## **Pupils Leaders**

We are very pleased to introduce our pupils who will take on additional responsibilities over the next term or year.

<b>Year 6 Autumn Term House and Vice Captains</b>	
Ashley – House Captain	Abdullah
Ashley – Vice Captain	Ishaan
Birchfield – House Captain	Samar
Birchfield – Vice Captain	Amelia
Thornhill – House Captain	Farrah
Thornhill – Vice Captain	Virun
Woodville – House Captain	Harpreet
Woodville – Vice Captain	Amrita

<b>Autumn Term Sports Crew</b>	
Year 3	Jake Faaris Siyana Ameera
Year 4	Hamzah Daniyal Taranveer Ibraheem
Year 5	Malaika Leo Zakariya Rumeha
Year 6	Amrita Amelia Safiyyah Jiya

<b>School Council 23 – 24</b>	
RB	Flynn
3JN	Khushraj and Zaakir
3JS	Aneesa and Easah
4L	Amelia and Yusuf
4T	Amiah and Ibraheem
5SA	Yusuf and Yusuf
5ST	Aizah and Samia
6BE	Muaaz and Ashar
6K	Virun and Yusuf

<b>Young People's Parliament (YPP) Year 5</b>
Anraj Nia-Simone Maryam Gina





# Stars of the Week



8/9/23	Ansumana RB
15/9/23	Ethan RB, Abigial 1JA, Iqra 1A, Rianna 2B, the whole of 2K, Ariya 3JN, Ismael 3JS, Gurkiran 4L, Zaynab 4T, Bhani 5ST, Preisha 5SA, Ubaid 6BE, Kishan 6K
22/9/23	Zahra RB, Simrat RA, Amrit RH, Esha 1A, Rehn 1JA, Ciyona 2B, Serenna 2K, Veeraj 3JN, Alayna 3JS, Ismaeel 4T, Omaje 4L, Jai 5SA, Harry 5ST, Cherry 6K, Anaya 6BA
28/9/23	Haaris RB, Ariya RA, Malachi RH, Jibril 1A, Zayyan 1JA, Akindu 2K, Freya 2B, Faaris 3JS, Ameera 3JN, Yusuf 4L, Anraj 5ST, Leo 5SA, Xenon 6K, Akeem 6BE

## Attendance

As you will know from the letter we sent out about attendance, 'good' attendance is classed as 96% or above over the year. **This is our whole school target. We are currently at 94.4% so we need to try harder to achieve our overall 96%.**

We monitor class and individual attendance weekly. Here are the percentages for each class from the beginning of the school year to now:

RA	96.5%	RH	95.6%
1JA	95.0%	1A	92.0%
2K	95.5%	2B	94.1%
3JN	96.9%	3JS	94.1%
4T	97.0%	4L	95.3%
5SA	97.8%	5ST	94.4%
6K	94.1%	6BE	91.0%
RB	85.7%	NURAM	88.2%

Well done to the following classes for attending over 96% of the time: RA, 3JN, 4T and 5SA. The classes in yellow are nearly there, however, the classes in red need to do a lot better.

## Upcoming dates for your diary

02 Oct	Black History Month
10 Oct	Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' Day
13 Oct	Year 6 Light Workshop with Handsworth Grammar
16 Oct	Bikeability Level 1 (Year 4)
17 Oct	Bikeability Level 1 (Year 3)
18 Oct	YPP Welcome meeting
25 Oct	Parents' evening (3:30pm to 6pm)
26 Oct	Parents' evening (4:30pm to 7pm)

27 Oct	KS2 Inter house games
27 Oct	Break up for half term – Show racism the red card – wear red day
06 Nov	Teacher Day – school closed for pupils
07 Nov	School opens for pupils
09 Nov	Flu immunisations (Rec – Year 6)
10 Nov	Year 2 – Diwali Play 2:15pm
13 – 17 Nov	Anti-bullying Week
17 Nov	Children in Need Day
20 Nov	Year 6 Poetry Workshop
21 – 24 Nov	Year 6 – Pioneer Centre trip
24 Nov	Year 6 – Active Kids Day (children who are not attending the Pioneer Centre)
29 Nov	Reception 2024 Open Day (9:15 – 10:00 and 17:15 – 18:00)
30 Nov	Year 5 RAF museum trip
08 Dec	Year 2 Theatre Trip – Blue Orange Theatre – Sleeping Beauty
12 Dec	Birmingham City Mission Assemblies
22 Dec	End of term



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Thank you!

### **Additional Information**

You will find lots of additional information on our school website. Please go to [www.cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk](http://www.cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk). If you cannot find the answer to your question, please ask a member of staff. The office number is 0121 5540862.