



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Please see our latest notices.

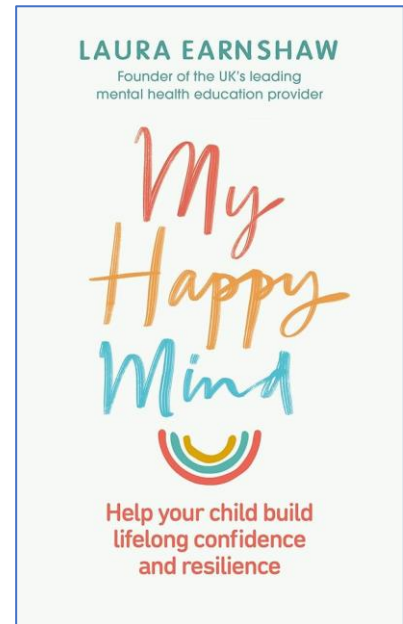
My Happy Mind Books

We have been gifted a small number of My Happy Mind books from the My Happy Mind team as we have made so much progress in our journey so far. So, we have opened a parent library where you can borrow one of the books for a short while so you can learn more about the My Happy Mind scheme and how it can further support you and your child(ren) at home.

The books will be stored in the **main office** and will be available from **Monday 3rd February**.

All we ask is that once you have finished reading the book, you take it back to the office and sign it back in so it can be given to another parent.

Thank you for your support as always.
Miss Sandford



Thank you to those parents and guardians who attended our My Happy Mind workshops. All names were entered into a prize draw and the following names were picked out.

KS1 winners	KS2 winners
Voucher- Idris 1JA	Voucher- Zaakir 4H
Teddy- Hasfa 1JA	Teddy- Jonah 5ST
Fidget Toy- Aafiyah 1RA	Fidget Toy- Abraham 3JS

The Big School Bird Watch 2025!



This January, children across the school had the opportunity to take part in the RSPB Big School Bird Watch. Eco-council made sure the birds would be attracted to our nature area with their wonderful homemade bird feeders. The children in eco-council did a fantastic job of leading the activity: counting the

birds that could be seen and keeping a record to update the RSPB national survey.

Why not check out this website and find out how you can help the birds in your area? <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/helping-birds-and-wildlife>



Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

Resource Base Symphony Hall Visit

On Friday 17th January, some of the children from the Resource Base visited the CBSO Centre to watch a performance of The Wizard of Oz. They listened as the musicians played their instruments and sang along to the songs they have been learning.



Year 4 Roman Soldier

As part of their history curriculum, year 4 had a visit from a Roman soldier. They learnt that Roman soldiers weren't always at war but spent most of their time training for battle. Our children practised the different fighting formations as well as finding out how difficult it was to move, let alone fight, by dressing up in the heavy armour, carrying a shield and sword.



Year 3 Mandir Visit

On Thursday 30th January, Year 3 showed great curiosity as they explored the Shree Geeta Bhawan Temple. They felt the energy of the ringing bell and discovered hidden wonders, making for an exciting and memorable trip. They showed great knowledge from their RE lessons with the sharing of many Hindu stories and traditions.



Every Journey Matters

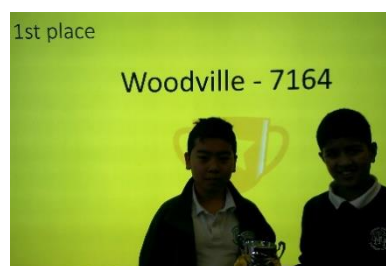
On Tuesday 14th January, KS2 enjoyed an assembly delivered by Beant, Gilroy, and Carol from the Every Journey Matters project. The children were shown a wide range of artefacts from their heritage and had fun guessing what some of the objects were. They also learned about how the artefacts were connected to Beant, Gilroy, and Carol's lives. Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Fletcher also shared photographs and other historical items relating to their own heritage.



Key Stage 2 House Results

Our house and vice captains have collected, counted and collated all the house points. Here are our totals for the autumn term.

1 st Place – Woodville	7164 points
2 nd Place – Ashley	6238 points
3 rd Place - Birchfield	6176 points
4 th Place - Thornhill	5948 points



Well done to Woodville. Remember, keep working hard to earn house points for producing excellent classwork and homework.



Stars of the Week



10/1/25	Ilana (Nursery), Haris RA, Joanna RH, Ozil 1JA, Olivia 1RA, Ahmed 2B, Ria 2D, Freya 3JN, Tegh 3JS, Aayat 4H, Isaac 4L, Indy 5ST, Bhavneet 5SA, Ridah 6B, Sienna 6K, Haseeb RB
17/1/25	Amyra (Nursery), Imani RA, Hasan RH, Aliza 1JA, Saira 1RA, Nevaeh 2D, Eva 2B, Haajar 3JN, Adam A 3JS, Sarina 4H, Sara 4L, Timotei 5SA, Amaya 5ST, Khunais 6B, Sukhleen 6K, O’Ryan RB
24/1/25	Maryam I (Nursery), Isaac RA, Akira RH, Nimrit 1JA, Jeevan 1RA, Iqra 2D, Rehn 2B, Amaya 3JN, Ariana 3JS, Ariya 4H, Sakaynah 4L, Faariah 5ST, Sultan 5SA, Khamali 6B, Rosie 6K, Reighan RB
31/1/25	Kyra (Nursery), Eliza RH, Amal RA, Inaayah 1JA, Haniya 1RA, Ishpreet 2D, Ajani 2B, Ishaq 3JS, all of 3JN, Mustafa 4H, Sultan 4L, Zaki 5ST, Alivia 5SA, Leo 6B, Aizah 6K, Flynn RB

Attendance

Our whole school target for ‘good’ attendance is 96%.

Currently, as a school, our attendance figure is **94%**. This has stayed the same as December.

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

Congratulations to 4L, 5SA and 6K for achieving over 96%.

RA	92%	RH	91%
1JA	95%	1RA	93%
2D	95%	2B	95%
3JN	91%	3JS	95%
4H	95%	4L	96%
5SA	96%	5ST	95%
6K	97%	6B	91%
RB	95%	NUR	89%

Upcoming dates for your diary

- 06 Feb Year 5 Tamworth Castle visit (RE)
- 13 Feb Year 6 Ultrasound workshop (Science)
- 14 Feb We Love Nature Day (non-uniform & donation for The Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust)
- 14 Feb End of half term**
- 24 Feb School closed for pupils – teacher’s training day**
- 25 Feb School opens for pupils**
- 02 Apr Class photographs
- 08 Apr Year 3 Vaisakhi assembly
- 10 Apr Year 5 Easter assembly



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