



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers, please see our latest notices.

Important - PE Kit Reminder

Please could you ensure that your child comes to school in their correct PE kit. This is either a Cherry Orchard tracksuit or a plain black tracksuit with a white t-shirt. When it is warmer, black shorts may also be worn.

Any pupils who do not wear the correct PE kit will be given a spare kit to wear for that day.

Arrangements for the Offer of Year 7 Places on Monday 3 March 2025

Information about the arrangements for secondary school offer day is now available on the council's website https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/Year_7_offer_day and has also been emailed to Year 6 parent/carers in Birmingham this week. This sets out the process for the offer of secondary school places on Monday 3 March 2025. Information will also be shared on the council's social media accounts.

Offer emails will be sent on 3 March 2025 and we expect that parent/carers will receive their emails by 4pm - the exact time will depend on their email service provider. Parent/carers will also receive their child's offer by letter **from** 3 March 2025.

Secondary schools will be able to download their allocation reports via the Schools' Portal from 00:01 am on 3 March 2025. Please note that applications received after the final closing date (31 October 2024) will be considered after applications received on time and processed in date order from 3 March 2025 onwards.

Finally, to ensure consistency for all families, waiting lists in Birmingham will not be made available until 24 March 2025. Parent/carers who have applied for non-Birmingham schools should contact the relevant local authority for advice and guidance on their arrangements.

If you have any further queries, then please do not hesitate to email admissions@birmingham.gov.uk.

AJ Bell Great Birmingham Run

AJ Bell Great Birmingham Run returns this May, with a bigger-then-ever event for children and teenagers taking centre stage on Saturday 3 May.

Taking place at Alexander Stadium, this year's race sees revamped versions of the Mini (3-8 years old) and Junior (9-15) events, where Minis will take on a 1.5km route and juniors are challenged by a 2.5km route.

Having celebrated its 10th staging this year, the Junior & Mini event has seen thousands of young runners cross the start and finish line since its inception in 2013, raising tens of thousands of pounds for local and national charities over the years.

The 2024 event sold out months in advance and with a limited number of spaces available so don't miss out!

[Secure your spot by following this link.](#)

Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

We love nature day

This term, as part of their project to improve biodiversity, eco-council organised a We Love Nature Day to raise money for the Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust. Children across school got to take part in nature themed activities during the event. Nature inspired art was enjoyed in our KS2 nature area, stories with forest settings were read, bug hotels and wildflower seed planting went on in KS1 and EYFS explored trees in our school grounds! Thank you for helping us raise funds for the Wildlife Trust and helping to support biodiversity in our local area. Follow this link to find out about our local Wildlife Trust nature reserves: <https://www.bbcwildlife.org.uk/naturereserves>





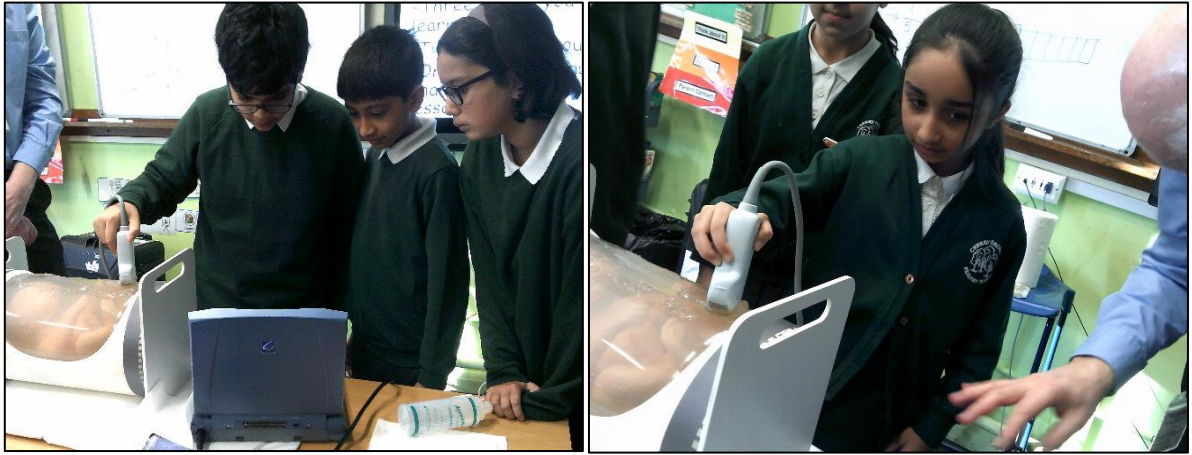
Cross Country

On Thursday 13th February, pupils from years 3 and 5 represented Cherry Orchard in an engage cross country event at St Paul's Girls' School. They were challenged to complete a cross country course in cold and muddy conditions. Cross country takes endurance and perseverance and all of our pupils demonstrated these two skills. We were very proud of them and their efforts.



STEM Ambassador Day

We were very happy to welcome back John Courtney – a STEM Ambassador – this term. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. He spoke to our Year 6 pupils about the variety of careers available in the NHS and talked about how they could reach their goal if they wished to work in that sector. After learning about how ultrasound works, the children all had the chance to use the equipment for themselves. We think we have some future sonographers amongst our Year 6s!





Resource Base Science and Nature

The RB have been busy creating bug hotels in the sensory garden. They've enjoyed learning about the kinds of habitats that will provide shelter. Here are some photographs of their final creations.



Charity Collections

Thank you for all of your kind donations which have been sent to the following charities:

Children-in-need £389.40	
Save the Children (Christmas jumper day and raffle) £472.97	 Save the Children

★ Stars of the Week ★

7/2/25	Michelle (Nursery), Sumayyah RA, Benjamin RH, Yusuf 1JA, Kirat 1RA, Jemima 2B, Dawud 2D, Idrees 3JN, Sami 3JS, Anaiya 4H, Ayden 4L, Krishan 5SA, Ibraheem 5ST, Yaqub 6K, Aleemah 6B, Deen RB
14/2/25	Alaia (Nursery), K'meiya RH, Ekam RA, Class 1JA, Emad 3JN, Annabelle 3JS, Israr 4H, Rianna 4L, Hamzah 5SA, Knamarii 5ST, Rayyan 6B, Ibraheem 6K, Kajus RB
28/2/25	Fuaad (Nursery), Eliana RA, Mahira RH, Mohammed 1JA, Simrat 1RA, Amiyah 2D, Aidan 2B, Aaniya 3JS, Ciyona 3JN, Eesah 4H, Aisha A 4L, Gurkiran 5SA, Usama 5ST, Gina 6B, Bhani 6K, Haaris RB

Attendance

Our whole school target for 'good' attendance is 96%.

Currently, as a school, our attendance figure is **95%**. This has increased from January.

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, 5ST and 6K for achieving over 96%.

RA	92%	RH	91%
1JA	95%	1RA	93%
2D	94%	2B	95%
3JN	91%	3JS	95%
4H	95%	4L	96%
5SA	95%	5ST	96%
6K	97%	6B	91%
RB	95%	NUR	88%

Upcoming dates for your diary

21 Mar	Comic Relief Day
02 Apr	Class photographs
03 Apr	Key Stage 1 Headteacher's awards
04 Apr	Key Stage 2 Headteacher's awards
08 Apr	Year 3 Vaisakhi assembly

08 Apr Services for Education Music Concert
 10 Apr Year 5 Easter assembly
 11 Apr My Happy Minds non-uniform day
 11 Apr Break up for Easter holiday
 28 Apr School opens for summer term



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