



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

Please see our latest notices.

How to apply for 30 hours free childcare and find out if you're eligible

From 12 May 2025, more eligible working parents in England can apply for government funded childcare. This major expansion is helping families nationwide with the cost of quality childcare. From September, parents working at least 16 hours a week may be eligible for 30 hours of funded childcare, for their children aged at least nine months on or before 31 August. Places are funded from the term after your child turns nine months old until they start reception.

If you are not eligible for 30 hours of funded childcare, your child may be eligible for 15 hours instead. All parents of children aged three to four in England can access a universal offer of 15 hours of government funded early education from the term after their child turns three. It doesn't matter how much you earn or how many hours you work.

To see if you are eligible click here: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

To apply click here if you haven't got an account, click sign in and then there will be an option to create one: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>

Thank You for Supporting the WBA Penalty Shootout Fundraiser.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and supported our WBA Penalty Shootout fundraiser — your generosity is truly appreciated! The event was a great success, and we're proud of all the children who took part with such enthusiasm. A special congratulations goes to Dania, who raised the most money and won the signed football shirt — well done, Dania! Thank you again for your fantastic support!



Brass and Dhol Workshops

Miss Sandford would like to say a big thank you to Prabhmeet, Gina and Milan for representing Cherry Orchard at the brass and dhol workshops. They were amazing and were able to play along perfectly with other children from local primary and secondary schools.

Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

Vaisakhi assembly

Last term, Year 3 brought the celebration of Vaisakhi to life with a wonderful performance. The children worked hard to learn about the significance of Vaisakhi and shared their knowledge through a lively play filled with music, dance, and vibrant costumes. They practised their lines, worked together as a team, and showcased their creativity. Well done, Year 3 and thank you to the staff who helped put on the performance.



Year 3 - Tennis

This year, Year 3 pupils have been lucky enough to receive weekly tennis lessons from a professional tennis coach. Over the course of the term, they've learned the basics of the game, including how to properly hold a racket, serve, and return the ball. The students have worked hard on improving their hand-eye coordination, footwork, and teamwork skills, all while having fun! It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow, and many of them are now able to rally with their classmates. We can't wait to see how their skills continue to develop in the future!



Year 5 Easter Performance

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the families and friends who joined us for the Year 5 Easter performance before the holidays. It was such a joy to see you there, supporting and celebrating the children's amazing performances. Every child shone brightly—whether they were singing, playing the dhol, narrating, or acting, they truly impressed us all! A special thank you as well to our wonderful staff for their hard work and creativity in putting the assembly together. It was a real treat for everyone!



Reception Ash End Farm Visit

Reception had a wonderful visit to Ash End House Farm. It was a warm, sunny day and all the animals came to greet us. We fed the greedy goats, ducks and sheep. We loved stroking the baby chicks and saw lambs and chicks that had been born on that day.



Year 6 Girls Shine at Rugby Festival

Yesterday, our Year 6 girls took part in an exciting rugby festival, showcasing their teamwork, determination, and fantastic sporting spirit. The event was filled with energy and enthusiasm as the girls took part in lots of different rugby associated activities as well as a bit of orienteering. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow with each activity, and they represented our school with pride. A big well done to all the players for their hard work and positive attitude — you were amazing ambassadors for our school!



Stars of the Week



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| 4/4/25 | Haniya RH, Suleiman RA, Karanveer 1JA, Farhan 1RA, Abubakar 2D, Alvina 2B, Zaidan 3JN, Hayat 3JS, Nyran 4H, Amrita 4L, Anaya 5ST, Reeyun 5SA, Xander 6B, Gia 6K, Heshank RB |
| 11/4/25 | Saleh (Nursery), Ashveen RH, Ibrahim RA, Isaac 1RA, All of 1JA, Anastasiia 2B, Ria 2D, All of 3JN, All of 3JS, Safaa 4L, Amelia Z-H 4H, All of 5ST and Jonah, All of 5SA and Gianna, Taranveer 6K, Hana 6K, Khadija RB |
| 2/5/25 | Geet (Nursery), All of RA, All of RH, Inayah 1JA, Jamal 1RA, Yousaf 2D, Aroush 2B, Avin 3JN, Anthony 3JS, Ethen 4H, Jeevan 4L, Keyaan 5ST, Ibrahim M 5SA, Kaylen 6B, Bhani 6K, Yahya RB |
| 9/5/25 | Amaan RH, Hidayah RA, Hanaya 1JA, Kirat 1RA, Iqra 2D, Adam 2B, Idrees 3JN, Zoya 3JS, Alayna 4L, Kneoh 4H, Hasnain 5SA, Hamza 5ST, Aliyzah 6B |
| 16/5/25 | Aria (Nursery), Avani RA, Keeva RH, Eden 1RA, Samarra 1JA, Esha 2D, Joya 2B, Avneet 3JS, Amaya 3JN, Rayaana 4H, Isaac 4L, Abdullah 5SA, Zaki 5ST, All of 6K, All of 6B, Khadija RB |
| 23/5/25 | Dean RA, Isaac RH, Kayan 1RA, Noah Z 1JA, Aysha 2D, All of 2B, Alicia 3JN, Serenna 3JS, Amrita 4L, Ayaan 4H, Idris 5ST, Gurkiran 5SA, Rumeha 6B, Ibrahim A 6K, O'Ryan RB |

Attendance

Our whole school target for 'good' attendance is 96%.
Currently, as a school, our attendance figure is **94%**. This is a decline in the attendance figure which is disappointing.

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 and 5ST for achieving over 96%.

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| RA | 93% | RH | 91% |
| 1JA | 94% | 1RA | 93% |
| 2D | 94% | 2B | 94% |
| 3JN | 95% | 3JS | 95% |
| 4H | 95% | 4L | 96% |
| 5SA | 95% | 5ST | 96% |
| 6K | 95% | 6B | 94% |
| RB | 94% | NUR | 86% |

Upcoming dates for your diary

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| 23 May | Break up for half term |
| 02 Jun | School open for all pupils |
| 04 Jun | Year 4 Eid performance 2:45pm start |
| 05 Jun | Year 2 workshop – Stone Age |
| 06 Jun | Year 3 workshop – Ancient Greece |
| 11 Jun | Year 2 – Forge Mill Farm - Science |
| 12 Jun | Year 5 – Safeside - PSHE |
| 16 Jun | Book Fair – KS2 building 16 th – 19 th |
| 17 Jun | YPP Houses of Parliament |
| 20 Jun | Summer Fair |
| 27 Jun | KS2 Sports Day 9:15 – 11:30 |
| 02 Jul | Transition Day |
| 04 Jul | EYFS and KS1 Sports Day |
| 07 Jul | SCHOOL CLOSED – Teacher training day |
| 08 Jul | KS1 Headteacher certificate assembly |
| 09 Jul | Year 6 cinema and bowling trip |
| 10 Jul | KS2 Headteacher certificate assembly |
| 14 Jul | <i>Whole school family picnic 1:30pm – 3:00pm – to be confirmed</i> |
| 16 Jul | Year 6 Leavers assembly and disco |
| 17 Jul | Symphony Hall – Choir and orchestra performance |
| 18 Jul | End of Term |



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