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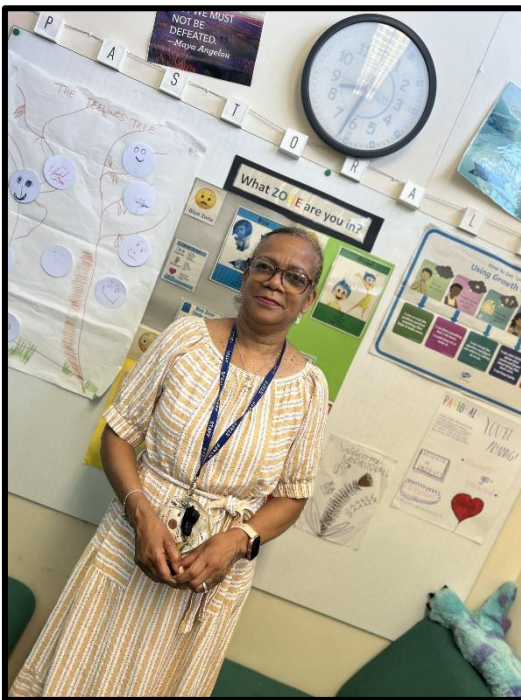
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Dear parents and carers,

Please see our latest notices.

Goodbyes this year



This summer, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Carty, who will be retiring after many wonderful years as a cherished member of our Cherry Orchard family. Over the years, she has worn many hats—supportive parent, dedicated governor, and most recently, a caring and compassionate learning mentor. Her kindness, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to our school community have touched the lives of so many. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts and wish her a joyful and well-deserved retirement.

We are also sad to say goodbye to Miss Johnson, who is relocating to another part of the country. Although she was only with us at Cherry Orchard for a short time, she made a big impact—especially through her enthusiastic leadership in PE and her dedication to teaching Year 3. We will miss her energy, kindness, and the fun she brought to the classroom and playground. Thank you, Miss Johnson, and we wish you all the very best in your new adventure!



Measles Update

What is measles?

Measles is a very infectious virus, which spreads quickly if people are not protected against it. Measles is currently continuing to spread across the West Midlands. Two doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) are needed for maximum protection.

A version of MMR is available which does NOT contain pork ingredients. **Many rigorous scientific studies have confirmed there is no link between MMR and autism.**

Measles can cause severe illness in people who are not protected, especially in certain at-risk groups including babies and small children, pregnant women, and people with weakened immune systems. Complications could mean hospitalisation, permanent disability, and in rare cases, it can even cause death.

What are the symptoms of measles?

- Cold-like symptoms such as runny or blocked nose, sneezing and cough
- Red, sore watery eyes
- High temperature (fever) which may reach around 40C / 104F
- A non-itchy, red-brown rash usually appears 3-5 days later (sometimes starts around the ears), spots may be raised and join to form blotchy patches – which may be harder to see on darker skin tones.

Preventing and Controlling infections

Measles is highly infectious: 9 out of 10 unprotected individuals contract the illness when exposed to it. Anyone that is not protected and exposed to measles may be asked to stay at home for a number of days. There is no specific treatment for measles.

The best protection is through two doses of the MMR vaccine. The MMR can be given at any time after a child turns 13 months and parents can book via their GP. The best way to protect babies under 1 is to ensure everyone around them is immunised.

What to do if someone has measles symptoms?

If someone has symptoms of measles, please advise them to stay at home and not attend any setting where it could be spread to others.

If someone thinks they have measles, they should call their GP or 111. People should not go to their GP practice or any other healthcare provider without calling in advance – they should phone their GP or 111 for advice and say it could be measles.

If an early years setting is experiencing an outbreak of cases of infectious disease (2 or more cases), the setting should call the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) on 0344 225 3560 (option 2).

Advice is also available on the [NHS website](#) and [UKHSA webpages](#).

Child Car Seats: The Law

Information about car seats. Remember, when buying a car seat think of the following:

- Conforms to the United Nations standard, ECE Regulation 44.04 (or R 44.03) or to the new i-Size regulation, R129. Look for the 'E' mark label on the seat
- It is suitable for your child's weight and height
- Is correctly fitted according to the manufacturer's instructions. The law requires that all children travelling in the front or rear seat of any car, van or goods vehicle must use the correct child car seat until they are either 135 cm in height or 12 years old (whichever they reach first).

It is very important to ensure that your child travels in an appropriate child restraint. It is against the law to put a rear-facing seat in the front of a vehicle with an active airbag.

Learning to ride a bike

We would like to let you know that Bike Right are providing FREE cycle sessions in the School Summer holidays all funded by Birmingham council.

They are expecting these courses to be very popular – click on the link below to find out more. There are some sessions in August which take place in Handsworth Park.

<https://bikeright.co.uk/events?area=birmingham&course=child-group>



Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

School Games Mark 24-25

We are delighted to announce that we, Cherry Orchard Primary School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024-25 academic year.



The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. With a total of 50 young people competing in local inter-school events this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. We look forward to applying once again in 2026!

Book fair

Congratulations to these children for buying a book from the book fair and having their name pulled out as a prize winner. These children received a book as their prize.



Year 2 – Stone Age Day

On Thursday 5th June, Year 2 had a Stone Age Day packed full of fun and practical activities to learn how Stone Age people survived. Children did cave paintings with chalk paint, made spear examples, created wattle walls, crushed wheat into flour and had a go at firing an arrow. We have so much knowledge ready for our history lessons. What a fun day it was!



Year 3 and 4 Ancient Greece Workshop

On Friday 6th June, Year 3 and 4 were transported back in time to Ancient Greece, where they learned about various inventions and discoveries from the era. They took part in different activities, exploring the contributions of key inventors. For example, they studied Philo, the Greek engineer, and experimented with water wheels to understand his discoveries.



Year 5 Safeside Visit

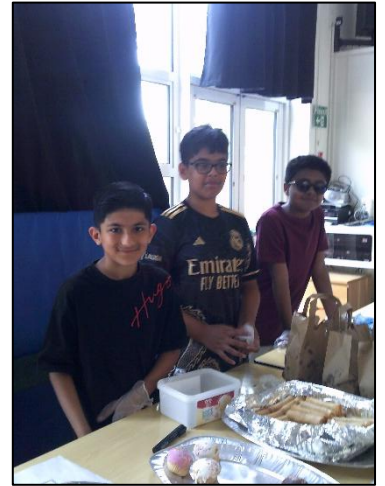
Year 5 visited Safeside in Birmingham and learnt about how dangerous it is to make hoax calls to the emergency services and what the consequences can be. They worked together to identify the dangers in a car that could lead to traffic collisions as well as listening carefully to a talk about fire safety. Year 5 learnt about the importance of smoke detectors (and 'Testing Tuesday') and how it's important to practise at home what they would do in a fire. In preparation for when they will be walking to secondary school, they practised how to cross the road safely using a pedestrian crossing. There were more steps involved than they initially thought!



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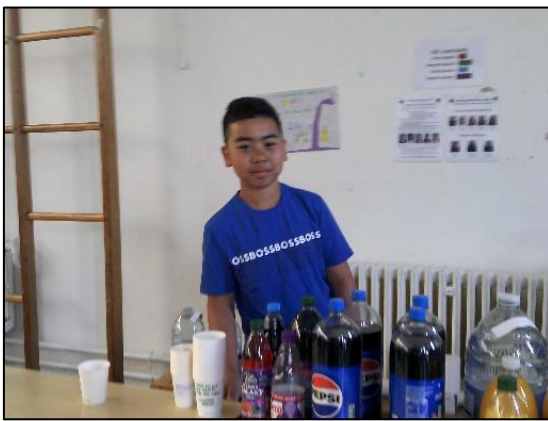
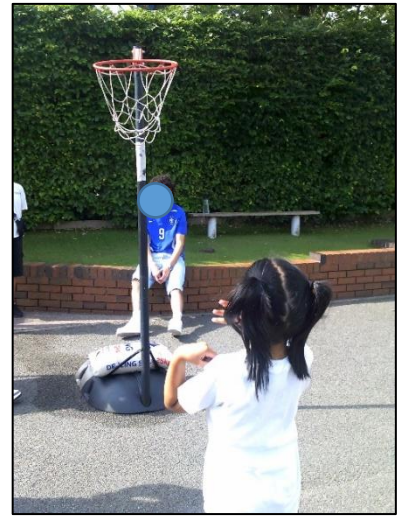
On Tuesday 17th June, four year 5 pupils had an exciting opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament in London as part of their work with the Young People's Parliament. During their visit, they explored how laws are made and gained a fascinating insight into the workings of government. The children had a wonderful day and also managed to take in some of London's iconic sights, making it a truly memorable experience!





Year 6 Summer Fair

A huge well done to our amazing Year 6 pupils who planned, ran, and hosted this year's summer fair with incredible enthusiasm and teamwork! Thanks to their hard work—and the fantastic support from staff, families and friends—they raised the most money ever at a Cherry Orchard fair – a whopping £2487.10! We're thrilled to share that the funds will go towards buying exciting new playground equipment for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such a success!



Year 1 Weston-Super-Mare Visit

On Wednesday 26th June, Year 1 went to Weston-Super-Mare. We had a brilliant day. We travelled on a big coach and arrived in Weston to warm sunshine. We rode on a donkey and had a delicious ice cream. Then we played on the sand. We built sandcastles and dug holes. It was such a super day. We can't wait to go back next year.



Stars of the Week



13/6/25	Fateh (Nursery), Sachveer RA, Fareeha RH, Ariya 1JA, Esha 2D, All of 2B, Shivaay 3JN, Harkirat 3JS, Alayna 4L, Kirpa 4H, Amiah K 5ST, Mariya 5SA, Sahil 6B, Esa 6K, Flynn RB
20/6/25	Keeva RH, Amina RA, Areez 1JA, Olivia 1RA, Nikhil 2B, Karam 2D, Every student in 3JN, Ariana 3JS, All of 4H, Amelia Ak 4L, Sultan 5SA, Amaya 5ST, Ahmed 6B, All of 6K
27/6/25	Jannat (Nursery), Aisha RH, Deep RA, All of 1JA, All of 1RA, Nevaeh 2D, Joya 2B, Harja 3JN, Jatinder 3JS, Balveer 4H, Everyone in 4L, Kayaan 5SA, Gurveer 5ST, Aleemah 6B, Nia- Simone 6K, Abdulrahman RB

Attendance

Our whole school target for 'good' attendance is 96%. Currently, as a school, our attendance figure is **93%**. This is a decline in the attendance figure which is disappointing especially at this time of the year.

Congratulations to 4L for achieving 96%.

RA	92%	RH	90%
1JA	93%	1RA	92%
2D	93%	2B	93%
3JN	94%	3JS	94%
4H	94%	4L	96%
5SA	94%	5ST	94%
6K	93%	6B	92%
RB	93%	NUR	88%

Upcoming dates for your diary

02 Jul	Transition Day
04 Jul	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day 9:15 – 11:30
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	Whole school family picnic 1:30pm – 3:00pm
16 Jul	Year 6 Leavers assembly and disco
17 Jul	Nursery family picnic 10:00am – 11:30am
17 Jul	Symphony Hall – Choir and orchestra performance
18 Jul	End of Term



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