



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the 2025–2026 academic year, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the successes of last year and thank you all for your continued support. The 2024–2025 academic year was filled with growth, achievement, and a wonderful sense of community spirit. We're delighted to share that our Year 6 SATs results were once again above the national average in all subjects—an outstanding achievement that highlights the dedication of our pupils and staff.

Last year, Cherry Orchard proudly earned the My Happy Mind Silver Accreditation, the Eco Flag Award, and the School Games Gold Award—each one a testament to the enthusiasm and commitment of our school community.

None of this would have been possible without the passion and tireless efforts of our incredible staff. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone at Cherry Orchard for all they do.

A huge well done to all of our children for their achievements last year, and a special congratulations to our 2024-25 Year 6 leavers who have now begun their journey into secondary school. We are so proud of you and wish you every success in this next chapter.

Here's to another exciting and inspiring year ahead!

Kind regards,

Miss A Taylor

Please see our notices from the end of last term and our latest updates.

Another Goodbye

Goodbye and good luck to Mrs. Moosa, who has been a valued member of the Cherry Orchard community for over four years. Starting as a lunchtime supervisor and later becoming a teaching assistant, she has supported pupils in reception and the Resource Base with her kindness, patience and commitment. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her every success in the future!



Summer 2025 Term Headteacher's Awards



EYFS and KS1 Summer Term Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to Saira, Noah, Ahmed, Rehn, Ria, Aila, Nimrit, Zayaan, Isaac, Ayyub, Keeva, Eliana and Dean. You have all worked very hard and we are so proud of you!

KS2 Summer Term Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to Omar, Simrit, Timotei, Umar, Yusuf, Ahmed, Zakariya, Khalid, Ekam, Inayah, Ariya, Khushraj, Bella, Ciyona, Daniel and Bhavneet. You are all fantastic learners and we are very proud of you!



Resource Base Summer Term Headteacher Awards



Congratulations to Abdulrahman and Dean. You have both settled into the Resource Base so well, and making lots of progress with your learning. We are very proud of you!

🌿 Congratulations to Our School on Achieving the Eco Flag Award! 🌿

We are incredibly proud to announce that our school has been awarded the prestigious Eco Flag Award in recognition of our commitment to environmental sustainability and eco-friendly practices. This achievement reflects the hard work, creativity, and dedication of our students, staff, and wider school community in promoting a greener future. From recycling initiatives to energy-saving projects and biodiversity efforts, every step has made a difference. The assessors loved our initiatives such as the eco-friendly summer fair, Big School Birdwatch, litter surveys, Switch Off Fortnight and the Eco-Code Creation Competition. Well done to everyone involved—let's continue to lead by example and inspire positive change!



Feedback
Green Flag Award, 2025

NHS Pharmacy First Service

If you, your child, or a family member is feeling poorly, think Pharmacy First! Community Pharmacists can offer free, confidential advice for minor illnesses including coughs, colds, and eye infections. If appropriate, they can also provide treatment without a prescription for seven common conditions:

- Urinary tract infections (women aged 16-64)
- Sinusitis (ages 12+)
- Sore throat (ages 5+)
- Earache (ages 1-17)
- Infected insect bites (ages 1+)
- Impetigo (ages 1+)
- Shingles (ages 18+)
- For more information, please visit [Think Pharmacy First](#).

PE Kit

Just a reminder about PE kit. We have seen a growing number of children who are not wearing correct PE kit which does not fit in with our core values of respect and equality. Children must wear plain white T shirts with no branded logos. These T shirts are available at many supermarkets and uniform providers at a reasonable price, well below the cost of branded ones. Please also make sure your child does not wear branded PE bottoms or jackets. If your child does not come in correct PE kit, they will be asked to change into one of our PE kits. Please see the school uniform policy on our website for more details. Here is a summary:

Indoor P.E.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ <u>Plain</u> white T-shirt♦ <u>Plain</u> black shorts or leggings or Cherry Orchard tracksuit bottoms♦ Plain white, black or grey socks and black plimsolls (although children can be in bare feet for some activities)
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Outdoor Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ <u>Plain</u> white T-shirt ♦ For summer wear, <u>plain</u> black shorts or leggings ♦ <u>Plain</u> white, black or grey socks and trainers ♦ Green school jumper OR Cherry Orchard tracksuit
Swimming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Swimming costume or trunks (modesty swimsuits may be worn if required) ♦ Swimming cap or bobble for tying back hair ♦ Towel ♦ Goggles if required

Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

Family Picnic

We want to extend a thank you to all the families and friends who joined us for our picnic at the end of the summer term. Your presence, laughter, and shared moments made the afternoon truly special. From the delicious food to the fun games and great conversations, it was a joy to see our community come together and create lasting memories. We're so grateful for your support and enthusiasm, and we look forward to many more joyful gatherings in the future!



Year 6 Cinema and Bowling trip

Year 6 had an amazing time on their end-of-year trip to the cinema and bowling! The day was filled with laughter, excitement, and plenty of fun as they watched a thrilling movie together and then showed off their bowling skills. It was the perfect way to celebrate the end of a fantastic school year and enjoy some well-deserved fun!



Year 6 shine in emotional end-of-year production



We couldn't be prouder of our incredible 2024-25 Year 6 pupils, who delivered a heartfelt and powerful performance in their end-of-year production, 'Outside In'. The play, written by the year 6 teachers, beautifully captured the bittersweet emotions of leaving primary school and the excitement and uncertainty of stepping into the world of secondary school. With moving storytelling, expressive acting, and genuine emotion, the children brought their memories and hopes to life on stage. It was a truly memorable performance that resonated with everyone in the audience. We wish each and every one of them the very best as they embark on their next adventure this term!



KS2 Symphony Hall Concert

Well done to all the children who performed at the Symphony Hall in July — what an amazing performance! Your hard work, talent, and dedication truly shone on stage, and you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves. A huge thank you as well to all the staff who attended and supported the children throughout the event; your encouragement and care made the experience even more special for everyone involved.



Key Stage 2 Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of energy, teamwork, and fun! Children enthusiastically took part in a variety of events including the egg and spoon race, bean bag dash, skipping, javelin, and obstacle course. The excitement peaked with the 100m sprint, where every participant earned valuable points for their team. A huge thank you goes out to all the families who came to cheer and support, and to Handsworth Grammar School for generously loaning us their field—your support helped make the day truly memorable!

1 st Ashley	1343
2 nd Birchfield	1288
3 rd Thornhill	1241
4 th Woodville	1130

Key Stage 2 House Cup 2024-25

The children have worked so hard this academic year to earn house points towards their house being awarded the House Cup. In addition to this, the children earned points from their efforts at Sports Day as well as inter house games. All of these were added together to give the following totals:

1 st Ashley	9094
2 nd Birchfield	8757
3 rd Woodville	8580
4 th Thornhill	7209

**A huge congratulations to Ashley.
You won the 2024-25 House Cup.**



WORLD MUSIC YOUTH CHOIR

Every Saturday during term time, 10am - 12pm

- Do you live in North Birmingham?
- Do you love to sing and perform?
- Are you aged between 8 – 16?

Come along to learn from internationally-acclaimed Black Voices and perform a variety of songs from around the world with fun and exciting performance opportunities throughout the year.

- No auditions
- No application process
- No sheet music

Weekly sessions for this non-auditioned choir, based at Grosvenor Studios, will be hosted by Ebony Wilson - a former participant of the Birmingham-based World Music Youth Choir - and supported by Black Voices.

The first session will take place on **Saturday 12th September, 10am – 12pm at Grosvenor Studios.**



Stars of the Week



4/7/25	Molly (Nursery), All of RA, All of RH, All of 1JA, Yusra 2B, All of 2D, Rian 3JN, Rayaana 3JS, Iqrah 4L, Mustafa 4H, Jason 5SA, Jason 5SA, Daniyal 5ST, Usama 5ST, Dawud 6B, Hana 6K, Heshank RB
11/7/25	Maryam A, Zakariya, Aiman (Nursery), Ibrahim RA, Ismael RH, Hana 1JA, Haitham 1RA, Adam 2B, Inayah 3JN, Laila 3JS, Sarina 4H Romeiro 4L, Hussnain 5SA, Liyah-Rose 5ST, Adina 6K, Dax 6B, Chavin RB

Welcome to Our New Teachers!

We're delighted to welcome two new members to the Cherry Orchard teaching team this year!

Miss Rehman joins us in Year 2 for the year while Miss Bowen enjoys her maternity leave, and Mrs Bradshaw brings her experience and expertise to the Year 3 team.

Both teachers bring with them a passion and commitment to nurturing every child's potential,

and they're excited to be part of our vibrant school community. We're thrilled to have them both on board and look forward to the wonderful contributions they'll make to Cherry Orchard.

Please join us in giving them a warm welcome!



Attendance for 2024-25 academic year

Our whole school target for 'good' attendance is 96%. Our attendance figure for 2024-25 was **94.5%**. This is in line with the national average but we aim to be above average as a school, so attendance will continue to be a priority.

Congratulations to 4L for reaching the target of 96%. 3JN, 3JS, 4H, 5SA, 5ST, 6K - you were so close – well done for your 95%.

RA	93%	RH	91%
1JA	94%	1RA	93%
2D	94%	2B	94%
3JN	95%	3JS	95%
4H	95%	4L	96%
5SA	95%	5ST	95%
6K	95%	6B	94%
RB	94%	NUR	87%

Safety Notice from the Food Standards Agency

These slush ice drinks or 'slushies' contain glycerol

- Children under 7 should **not** consume these drinks
- Children under 10 should have a maximum of **one** 350ml 'slushie' per day – that's about the size of a fizzy drink can.

Glycerol can cause sickness and headaches in young children



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More information on glycerol:

- Visit [food.gov.uk/glycerol](https://www.food.gov.uk/glycerol)
- Scan this QR code:



Upcoming dates for your diary

- 23 Sept Whole school and sibling photographs
- 17 Oct Y2 Diwali assembly 2:30pm
- 21 Oct Parents' Evening 4:30 – 7:00pm
- 22 Oct Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6:00pm
- 24 Oct End of half term
- 03 Nov School Closed – teachers training day
- 04 Nov School open for pupils

