



# CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**October 2025**

Please see our current notices.

## **Parking outside Cherry Orchard**

We'd like to thank parents and carers for your support in our efforts to make the crossing safer for our children and families. We have seen a significant decrease in the number of cars parked illegally on the zig-zag lines in the mornings since our campaign began.

Unfortunately, this is not the case in the afternoons when children are being collected from school, and the crossing remains unsafe at this time of the day.



The school governors would like to ask for your co-operation during school pick-up times as well as drop-off. Please note, we will be reporting cars parked on the zig-zags at this time also, as often as we can.

## **Be Empowered Workshops – Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers**

These free workshops are designed for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need – diagnosed or not. They offer practical support through times of change, whatever stage of the journey you're on.

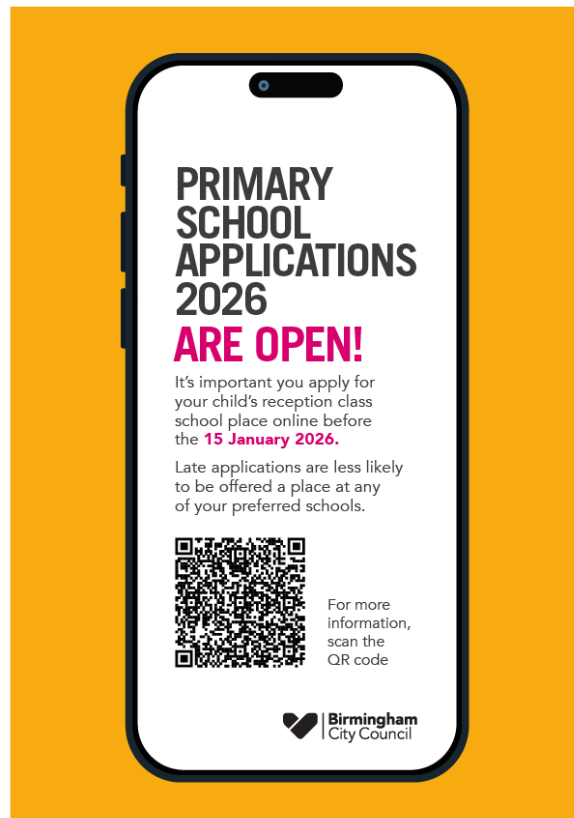
We'd appreciate your help in sharing this with your parent/carer networks.

**In-person:** Evolve Centre, 99 Glover Street, B9 4EN  
Every Wednesday, 5 November to 17 December 2025 at 10:00–13:00

**Online via Zoom:**  
Every Monday, 10 November to 15 December 2025 at 10:00–13:00

**Book by 30 October 2025:** [Be Empowered Workshop Booking Form](#)

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## Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

### Year 3 Girls Football

Some of our year 3 girls showed fantastic resilience and enthusiasm as they took part in a football event held outdoors in the chilly autumn weather. Despite the cold, they stayed active and engaged, demonstrating great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. It was wonderful to see their energy and excitement as they practised new skills and enjoyed friendly matches with other schools. Well done to all the children for their brilliant attitude and effort! Thank you to St Paul's Girls School for hosting.



## Black History Month 2025

This October, we had a wonderful time celebrating **Black History Month** and exploring the theme *Standing Firm in Power and Pride*. Across the school, children took part in lots of exciting activities to learn about amazing Black individuals and the difference they've made in the world.

We joined a **live assembly**, explored inspiring people during **collective worship**, and let our creativity shine in a **poetry competition**. Our **junior poetry winners** even had the special chance to **read their poems aloud to their friends**—what a proud moment!

It's been fantastic to see our pupils **sharing ideas, celebrating diversity, and thinking about strength, courage, and pride**. Everyone has shown such curiosity, respect, and creativity—it's been a joy to celebrate together as a school.

Congratulations to our KS2 poetry winners.



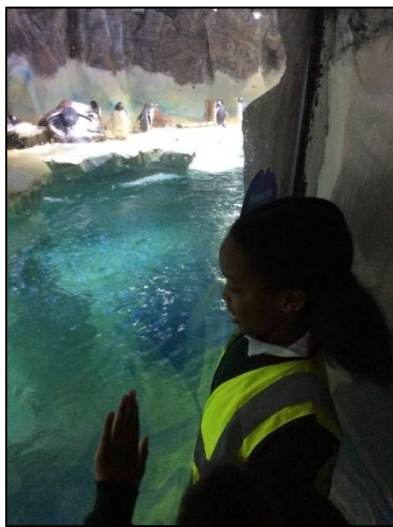
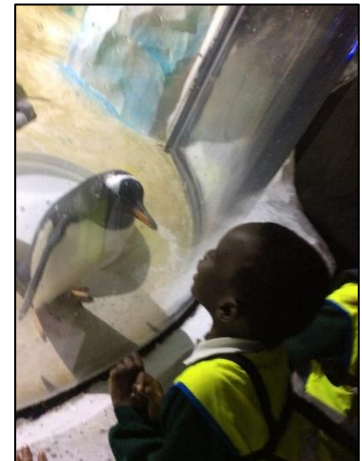
## Year 4 Hockey Festival

Six enthusiastic Year 4 pupils recently took part in an exciting indoor hockey festival at Handsworth Wood Girls Academy. The event was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their skills in a fun and supportive environment. Throughout the afternoon, they learned a variety of new techniques, improved their co-ordination, and built their confidence on the pitch. It was a memorable experience that left them inspired and eager to continue their hockey journey!



## Visit to The Sealife Centre

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, children and adults from our 'Hub' had an exciting trip to the Sea Life Centre. This half term, our topic has been 'Under the Sea' and we got to see all of the amazing creatures that we have been learning about. Our favourite was definitely the penguins! The children made Cherry Orchard proud. We had a 'whale' of a time!



## Year 5 Basketball

Some year 5 pupils recently attended an exciting basketball festival where they had the opportunity to learn and practise a variety of skills. Throughout the afternoon, they took part in fun, engaging activities designed to develop their dribbling, passing, shooting, and teamwork. Pupil leaders from Handsworth Wood Girls School guided them through each station, encouraging confidence and collaboration. The festival was not only a chance to improve their basketball abilities but also to enjoy being active and working together with pupils from other schools.



## Y2 Diwali Play

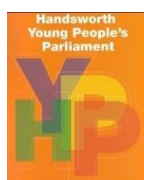
We are incredibly proud of our Year 2 pupils for their wonderful Diwali performance! Their enthusiasm shone brightly as they celebrated the Festival of Lights through their singing and storytelling. The children captivated the audience with their vibrant costumes and confident speaking, sharing the spirit and meaning of Diwali with joy and warmth. A big thank you to all the staff and families who supported them—what a fantastic way to celebrate together!



## Pupil Leadership Opportunities

We are very pleased to introduce our pupils who will take on additional responsibilities over the next term or year.

### Year 5 Young People's Parliament Representatives (YPP)



Balveer Ameera Aneesa Siyanna
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Year 6 Autumn Term House and Vice Captains	
Ashley – House Captain	Hamza
Ashley – Vice Captain	Jason
Birchfield – House Captain	Timotei
Birchfield – Vice Captain	Alivia
Thornhill – House Captain	Gurveer
Thornhill – Vice Captain	Omar
Woodville – House Captain	Andrea
Woodville – Vice Captain	Anaya



## Stars of the Week



3/10/25	Yusuf RH, Zane RA, Shiloh 1JA, Ayla 1RA, Noah Z 2R, Damian 2D, Rajan 3J, Iqra 3B, Josephine 4L, Anthony 4H, Sultan 5SA, Ayaan 5ST, Yahya 6K, Omar 6B, Yahya RB
10/10/25	Aidan RA, Aaliyah RH, Fareeha 1JA, Macey 1RA, Jamal 2D, Isa 2R, Isaac 3B, Haya 3J, Rian 4L, Daniel 4H, Zahyaan 5SA, Anaiya 5ST, Gurkiran 6K, Dawoud 6B, Cheikh RB
17/10/25	Emaan RH, Sakina RA, Eliana 1JA, Atiya 1RA, Kayan 2D, Hafsa 2R, Maleek 3B, Rehn 3B, Anaya 4H, Hajra 4L, Iqra 5SA, Nyran 5ST, Krishan 6K, Parineeta 6B, Heshank RB
24/10/25	Hunter RH, Arshaan RA, Izayah 1JA, Yusuf 1RA, Aliza 2R, Olivia 2D, Joya 3J, Dawud 3B, Suleman 4L, Alex 4H, Easah 5SA, Khushpreet 5ST, Ismaeel 6B, Jason 6K, Haseeb RB

### Attendance

As we are a Birmingham Local Authority School, we follow Birmingham's attendance policy and procedures. Our attendance policy is shared on our website, but you can also find further details at [Birmingham Attendance Advice for Parents](#)

RA	94%	RH	94%
1JA	95%	1RA	91%
2D	97%	2R	97%
3B	94%	3J	96%
4H	95%	4L	94%
5SA	98%	5ST	97%
6K	92%	6B	97%
RB	95%	NUR	92%

Our whole school attendance figure for 2025-26 so far is **95.1%**. This is slightly below the national average at the moment and we aim to be above average as a school, so attendance will continue to be a priority.

Congratulations to 2D, 2R, 3J, 5SA, 5ST and 6B for reaching or exceeding the target of 96%. Well done!

## [Birmingham's Local Offer: Explore What's Happening Near You!](#)

We're pleased to share that district mapping is now available on Birmingham's Local Offer website. This new feature makes it easier than ever to find information, services, and support available in your local area helping children, young people, families, and professionals see what's happening nearby.

With the new district maps, you can:

- Find local SEND services and activities in your community
- See which organisations are active in your area
- Access contact details and resources tailored to your area

There's also so much to see and do in Birmingham for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families. Whether you're looking for fun days out, relaxed play sessions, creative workshops, or quiet places to explore, there's something for everyone.

Use the maps on the Local Offer to discover inclusive activities, clubs, events, and attractions near you.

- Click here to view the district mapping directory - [Directory - Local Offer Birmingham](#)
- Click here to view the Things to do In Birmingham - [Things to Do - Local Offer Birmingham](#)

We're continuously improving this tool to make sure it meets everyone's needs. If you notice anything missing or incorrect, or if you have suggestions for what could be added, please let us know by emailing [localoffer@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:localoffer@birmingham.gov.uk).

## Upcoming dates for your diary

<b>24 Oct</b>	<b>End of half term</b>
<b>03 Nov</b>	<b>School Closed – teachers training day</b>
<b>04 Nov</b>	<b>School open for pupils</b>
04-07 Nov	Book Fair
18 Nov	Reception phonics workshop for parents
18-21 Nov	Year 6 Pioneer Centre residential visit
25 Nov	KS2 cricket – Engage event
27 Nov	Year 3 Think Tank – Science
04 Dec	Year 5 Birmingham Central Mosque – RE
09 Dec	Year 4 Church visit - RE
11 Dec	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
16-19 Dec	Bikeability for years 5 and 6
<b>19 Dec</b>	<b>End of term</b>

