



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Please see our current notices.

Compass Mental Health Support Team

We would like to let you know about a series of free online workshops Compass MHST Birmingham are hosting for parents and carers, focusing on three important and timely topics:

- Online Safety: Helping families navigate digital risks to keep children safe online
- Emotional Regulation: Practical strategies for supporting children's emotional wellbeing
- Managing Anxiety and Worries: Guidance on recognising and reducing anxiety in children and young people.

These sessions are designed to provide practical tools and expert advice that parents can apply at home. We've attached a leaflet with all the details, including a QR code to register for any or all of the workshops you are interested in.

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.

Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

Identifying Language Needs in Young People Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent workshop. Your involvement and interest in supporting your child's communication needs make a huge difference. During the session, we explored how to identify language needs, ways to help children with communication difficulties, and the important distinction between social communication and interaction needs versus Developmental Language Disorder (DLD). We truly appreciate your time and commitment to working together for the benefit of our pupils.

Reception Phonics Workshop

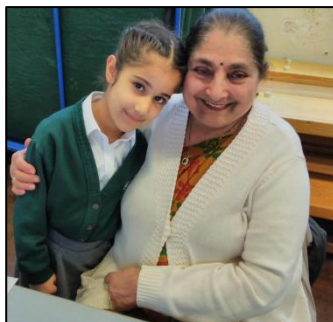
We had a fantastic phonics workshop for our reception children. It provided an insight for how we teach phonics and an opportunity to put our phonics into practice.

One parent said "The resources were brilliant today. Thank you for organising and letting us see a snapshot of what you do!"



Year 1 Afternoon Tea Workshop

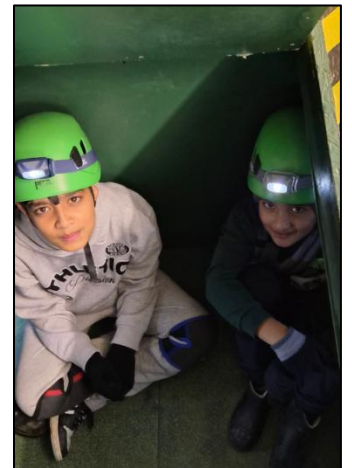
On Wednesday 12th November some of the children in year 1 had tea with their grandparents. This gave the children an opportunity to find out first hand from their grandparents what life was like when their grandparents were children. The children found out it was very different. There were no mobile phones or computers! It was a really lovely afternoon.



Year 6 Take on the Pioneer Centre Adventure!



What an amazing time year 6 had on their residential trip to the Pioneer Centre! From the moment they arrived, the excitement was non-stop. They swapped home comforts for four days of adventure, courage, and laughter—testing their skills in fencing, hitting bullseyes in archery, soaring through the high ropes, and battling it out in epic laser tag games. It was fantastic to see everyone cheering each other on, working as a team, and discovering just how brave they can be. The trip was packed with unforgettable moments and plenty of smiles—what a way to make memories!



My Happy Mind Happiness Heroes

This year's My Happy Mind Happiness Heroes are the following children. They will work closely with Miss Sandford to support mental health and well-being across the school.

3J	Joya and Hajaar
3B	Isaac and Esha
4H	Avneet and Daniel
4L	Idrees and Freya
5SA	Sukayna and Alayna
5ST	Amelia and Sarina
6B	Liyah-Rose and Knamarii
6K	Ekam and Timotei

School Councillors

This year's school councillors are the following pupils:

RB	Yahya
3J	Rehn and Eva
3B	Iqra and Aizah
4L	Haajar and Ayla
4H	Ishaaq and Zayna M
5SA	Sultan R and Alayna
5ST	Ethen and Sarina
6K	Yahya
6B	Usama and Amaya I

Our KS2 School Council has been busy working on ways to improve school life, with a big focus on making school dinners even better! They've been holding regular meetings and have recently elected a Chair and Secretary to help keep everything organised. Each class shared questions they wanted to ask, and the council interviewed our school cook to learn more about how meals are prepared. They've also gathered feedback on what children like about the current menu and what new dishes they'd love to see. To make sure nothing goes to waste, the council is conducting a food waste survey to find out which items are being thrown away most often. Their hard work is helping ensure our school dinners are tasty, healthy, and enjoyed by everyone!



★ Stars of the Week ★

7/11/25	Easah (Nur), Shyla RH, Omair RA, Joanna 1RA, Kiara 1JA, Nimrit 2R, Aizah 2B, Aidan 3J, Ektha 3B, Maryam 4H, All of 4L, Veeraj 5ST, Araiya 5SA, Gurveer 6B, Bhavneet 6K, Tion RB
14/11/25	Zion (Nur), Amelie RA, Maryam RH, Jasmine 1JA, Aila 1RA, Farhan 2D, Yusuf 2R, Araf 3B, Khadijah 3J, Avin 4L, Adam A 4H, Flynn 5ST, Taiya 5SA, Liyah-Rose 6B, Sehaj 6K, Zahra RB
21/11/25	Keerat (Nur), Eliana RA, Aiman RH, Aisha 1JA, Abu Bakar 2R, Mustafa 2D, Aria 3B, Ayan 3J, Avneet 4H, Alicia 4L Aisha 5SA, Aayat 5ST, O’Ryan RB
28/11/25	Khial (Nur), Ilyas RA, Zoraiz RH, Avani 1JA, Hidayah 1RA, Fatima 2D, Samarra 2R, Eva 3J, Maleek 3B, Harkirat 4H, Freya 4L, Keobi 5SA, Ariya 5ST, Taran 6B, Kayaan 6K, Kajus 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](#) Our whole school attendance figure for 2025-26 so far is **94.1%**. 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 4L, 5SA, 5ST and 6B for reaching or exceeding the target of 96%. Well done!

RA	92%	RH	93%
1JA	95%	1RA	90%
2D	95%	2R	95%
3B	94%	3J	94%
4H	92%	4L	96%
5SA	97%	5ST	97%
6K	93%	6B	97%
RB	92%	NUR	91%

Upcoming dates for your diary

- 04 Dec Year 5 Birmingham Central Mosque – RE
- 08 Dec KS2 – interhouse games
- 09 Dec Year 4 Church visit – RE
- 10 Dec Year 1 Christmas performance 9:15am
- 11 Dec Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
- 12 Dec Nursery Winter Workshop 10:00am
- 13 Dec Singing Club Charity event
- 15 Dec Reception Christmas performance 9:20am
- 16-19 Dec Bikeability for years 5 and 6
- 17 Dec Resource Base Winter Craft Afternoon 1:40pm
- 17 Dec Reception Christmas performance 2:20pm
- 19 Dec Party day
- 19 Dec End of term**
- 05 Jan School Closed – teacher training day**
- 06 Jan School open for pupils**

