



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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December 2025

We'd like to wish you all a relaxing and safe holiday, and look forward to welcoming the children back into school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**. Please see our current notices.

Headteacher Award Certificates

Well done to the following children who have received a headteacher's award for Autumn 2025. We are so proud of all their achievements.

RA – Dhaanvika, Ahmad	RH- Aria, Mohammad
1JA – Sumayyah, Shiloh	1RA – Ayla, Muhammad
2R – Ariya, Ibrahim	2D – Olivia, Mustafa
3B – Ishpreet, Esha	3J – Joya, Ajani
4L – Bliss, Josephine	4H – Anabeeb, Alex
5SA – Aisha, Romeiro	5ST – Sumayyah, Ayaan
6B – Brilliance, Hamnah	6K – Maham, Yahya
RB - Zaidan	



Birmingham SEND is now on Instagram!

We're excited to announce that Birmingham SEND has officially launched its Instagram account and growing our social media presence.

Our goal is to create a space where children, young people, parent carers, professionals, and the wider community can stay connected and informed. On Instagram, just like we do on our Facebook page we'll be sharing:

- Updates on SEND services and support
- Helpful resources and guidance
- Upcoming events and workshops
- Stories, achievements, and community highlights
- Tips for navigating the Local Offer

By joining us on social media, you'll have easier access to timely information and a more engaging way to stay involved with our work.

Follow us today and help us build a supportive online community:

- **Instagram** - @LocalOfferBirmingham - <https://www.instagram.com/localofferbirmingham/>
- **Facebook** - www.facebook.com/SEnDBirmingham

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to connecting with you!

Public Health Information

Emergency Department Pressures – Choose the Right Service

Due to [extreme pressures](#) across emergency departments this winter, schools are being asked to support with sharing the below important information to parents and staff.

Key message

Due to extreme pressures across emergency departments, please only attend the A&E if you're experiencing a life-threatening emergency. For help with minor healthcare needs, try these alternative options:

- Urgent Treatment Centres (UTCs): visit UTCs for support with common injuries and illnesses
- Pharmacy First: visit your [local pharmacy](#) for advice, guidance, and medication for common conditions
- NHS 111: call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk for urgent, non-life-threatening medical advice 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- GP practice: call or book an appointment with your GP
- To find out more about how to choose the right service for your healthcare needs, visit <https://www.birminghamshull.icb.nhs.uk/health-information/choose-well>.

Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

YPP (Young People's Parliament) Birmingham Council House Visit

Members of the Young People's Parliament (YPP) recently visited Birmingham Council Houses to gain a deeper understanding of how local democracy works. During their visit, they engaged with a local councillor, asking thoughtful and relevant questions about decision-making and community representation. The experience provided valuable insights into the workings of local government, leaving the group informed and inspired about the role they can play in shaping their communities. 'We enjoyed the YPP trip: we used microphones and met another lovely school.' Ameera YPP representative.



Resource Base Winter Craft Afternoon

Thank you to all our Resource Base parents who joined us for a wonderful winter craft afternoon! It was such a joy to see everyone coming together to create festive fun. Activities included making colourful paper chains, crafting snowman spirals, decorating delicious cookies, and recreating adorable snow animals. The atmosphere was filled with creativity and laughter, and it was lovely to see staff, children, and parents working in partnership to make the day so special. Your involvement truly made the event memorable!





Year 3 Think Tank

Year 3 had a brilliant visit to the Think Tank in Birmingham. This trip was linked to our science topic of rocks and fossils and we were really excited to be heading off on our first trip in year 3!

The highlight of the day was learning all about fossils and how they are formed. We particularly enjoyed our session with Michelle where we all got involved in a role play about how fossils are discovered. We played a game called 'Rock or not a rock?' and learnt the difference between igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks. We also enjoyed the science garden where we got to recap our previous topic on forces! We explored all the different galleries and a particular highlight was the triceratops skull and the complete ichthyosaurus fossil!



Reception Nativity



Reception performed their Christmas Nativity 'Christmas Counts' to two big audiences this week. They were fantastic performances from some of our youngest children who sang brilliantly and remembered all their words. Well done Reception.



Year 1 Carol Concert



Last week Year 1 performed their Christmas Carol Concert for all of their parents. They remembered all of their lines and sang beautifully. We were so proud of all of our Year 1 super stars!



Year 5 Mosque Visit

On the 4th December, Year 5 visited Birmingham Central Mosque. We were incredibly excited about this trip as many of us were looking forward to showing our friends and teachers more about our faith, and we have been learning about Islam in our RE and History lessons. We made our teachers incredibly proud with the knowledge that we shared with our tour guide, Mrs Begum! Inside the mosque, after taking off our shoes, we visited the Community Room. After that, we were taken upstairs to the Main Prayer Hall. We were stunned by the size of it, the enormous dome and the decorative carpet (which we learned helped give everyone their own space to pray in). We spoke about the five pillars of Islam and the steps of Wudu, the process that Muslims follow before they prayer. We had a great day!



Year 4 Church Visit

Unfortunately, the Year 4 visit to St. Mary's Church had to be cancelled on the day because of the stormy weather, but it will be rebooked in the new year.

Key Stage 2 House Results

This term, our house and vice captains have collected, counted and collated all the house points. They have added these to the points each house was awarded in the house games events: archery, bench ball, art and music.

1 st Place - Thornhill	3440 points
2 nd Place - Ashley	3409 points
3 rd Place - Woodville	3050 points
4 th Place - Birchfield	2587 points

Well done to Thornhill. Remember next half term, keep working hard to earn house points for producing excellent class work.



Music Concerts



I am so proud of singing club for not only performing at school in front of an audience, but also for performing at the charity day too! Your voices sounded amazing and I loved watching your confidence grow. Thank you to all of the families who helped us raise money for MacMillan Cancer Research. So far, we have raised over £975! ☺ Miss Sandford



★ Stars of the Week ★

5/12/25	Avneet (Nur), Ekam RH, Fateh RA, Mahira 1JA, Inaayah 2R, Noah Y 2D, Zayyan 3J, Amiyah 3B, All of 4L, Serenna 4H, All of 5ST, All of 5SA, Simrit 6B, Amelia 6K, Tion RB
12/12/25	Amyra RH, Fatimah RA, All of 1JA, All of 1RA, Usayd 2D, Mohammed 2R, Karam 3B, Ajani 3J, Eli 4L, Hajaar 4L, Annabelle 4H, Zakariya 5SA, Kouta 5ST, Keyaan 6B, Omaje 6K, Zahra 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%**. 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 1JA, 2D, 2R, 4L, 5SA, 5ST and 6B for reaching or exceeding the target of 96%. Well done!

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

Upcoming dates for your diary

- 05 Jan** **School Closed – teacher training day**
- 06 Jan** **School open for pupils**
- 08 Jan Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks
- 16 Jan Year 4 Roman Soldier experience (in school)
- 16 Jan Year 5/6 athletics competition
- 19 Jan Year 3 Temple educational visit
- 23 Jan Year 2 Hippodrome Pantomime

