



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of the Summer 1 term, it's hard to believe how quickly the year has flown by! It has been a busy and exciting half term, full of wonderful learning experiences and memorable moments for our pupils. We are incredibly proud of all that has been achieved and look forward to another fantastic half term ahead as we begin Summer 2. **Please note that school is open to pupils on Monday 1st June.**

Safeguarding procedures when collecting children

May I also take the opportunities to remind families about end of day procedures. At our school, the safety of every child is our absolute priority, which is why we use a simple **collection password system** at the end of the day when children are being collected by an adult unfamiliar to the staff member. These passwords help us make sure that each child is handed over to the correct adult. We kindly ask all adults collecting children to be patient and respectful while staff carry out these essential **safeguarding checks**. Our team is simply doing their job to keep pupils safe, and we will not tolerate any form of abuse towards staff. Thank you for supporting us in maintaining a calm, secure environment for everyone.

Goodbye and Hello

As some of you may be aware, Mrs Wong, who worked in the office, retired at half term. We thank her for all of her hard work and wish her all the best in her retirement.

Mrs Wong has been replaced by Miss Kazmi. We welcome Miss Kazmi to our team and Cherry Orchard family.

Ms Taylor

Water Safety on Holiday

As many families begin to plan holidays, the Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) reminds everyone how important it is to stay safe around water. Whether you are visiting a pool, beach, or lake, a little preparation can help keep everyone safe and happy.



Before getting into the water, take time to look around and spot any dangers, such as strong currents, deep water, or warning signs. Things can be different when you are on holiday, so it is important to understand local safety flags and notices. Children should always be closely supervised by an adult, and it is recommended to keep younger children within arm's reach at all times. Choosing places with lifeguards and staying together as a group can make swimming much

safer. The RLSS also advises families to avoid using inflatables in open water, as they can easily be blown away, and to never swim if under the influence of alcohol.

By following these simple safety tips, families can enjoy the water and have a fun and safe holiday together. For more information visit: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/safety-on-holiday> The RNLI has also launched its 'Float to Live' campaign which explains what to do if you are in difficulty in the water. Click below to find out more about it.

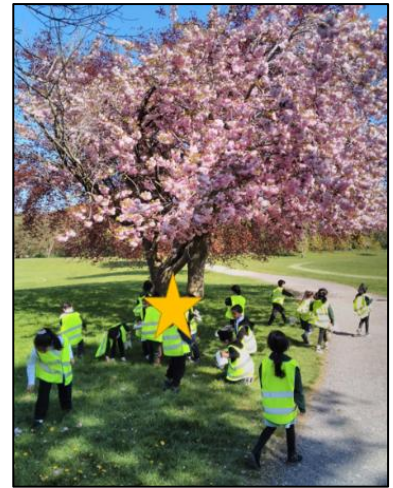
[RNLI launches its Float to Live campaign for 2026 | RNLI](#)

Personal development at Cherry Orchard

Year 1 Spring Walk

Year 1 had a lovely time finding signs of spring. We used our senses to hear and see blossom, birds flowers and insects.

Every week, Ms Taylor comes into class and asks us the 'question of the week'. We were able to tell her all about the signs of spring when she asked us about them.



Year 3 Vaisakhi

Year 3 delighted families and staff with their vibrant and thoughtful Vaisakhi play, celebrating the Sikh festival and its important messages of community, equality and thankfulness. The children confidently shared the story of Vaisakhi through clear narration, expressive acting and joyful singing, bringing the celebration to life for the audience. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to deepen their understanding of different cultures and religions, and they should be very proud of their fantastic performance.



Year 4 Eid Assembly

On Wednesday 20th May, Year 4 performed an Eid assembly. They explained the story of why Muslims celebrate Eid al-Adha, highlighted the significance of Hajj, and showed how it is performed. The children performed brilliantly, speaking and singing with confidence throughout. It was delightful to see so many parents and family members there to support the Year 4 pupils. Well done, Year 4—you demonstrated both excellent knowledge and great confidence!



Resource Base Safeside visit

A group of our Resource Base pupils had a fantastic time on their visit to Safeside in Birmingham, taking part in fun, hands-on activities that helped them learn how to stay safe at home and out in the community.

The children showed brilliant enthusiasm and curiosity as they explored the realistic settings and role-play scenarios, and they were a real credit to our school. We are very proud of everyone for such a successful and enjoyable visit!



Severn Trent Water Assemblies

Severn Trent Water recently delivered engaging assemblies that shared an important environmental message with our pupils. The session focused on only putting the **3Ps – pee, poo and paper** – down the toilet and on using water wisely in our everyday lives.

Pupils were encouraged to think carefully about how their choices can impact the environment, and the assembly linked brilliantly to cross-curricular learning in science, geography and PSHE. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and left feeling motivated and equipped with practical ideas they can use both at home and in school to help protect our water systems.



Reception – Ash End Farm Visit

Our Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their first school trip to Ash End House Farm. We helped the farmer feed lots of animals including the sheep, goats and ducks. We saw a chick that had been born that day and stroked some chicks. It was a fantastic day!



Stars of the Week



24.4.26	Ibrahim (Nursery), Maryam RA, Kiyen RH, Haris 1RA, Amal 1JA, Alayna 2R, Ariyah 2D, Amaya 3B, Alvina 3J, Bella 4H, Sukhmani 4L, Aaniyah 5SA, Amelia 5ST, Faariah 6B, Gianna 6K, Chavin RB
1.5.26	Nooh (Nursery), Ariana RH, Aasiyah RA, Amina 1JA, Gurveer 1RA, Amin 2R, Haniya 2D, Yusra 3J, Nkechi 3B, Khaleel 4H, Idrees 4L, Ameera 5ST, Joanna 5SA, Seerat 6B, Sultan 6K, O’Ryan RB
8.5.26	Gurfateh (Nursery), all of RA, all of RH, Omar 1JA, Dylan 1RA, Quinn 2D, Malachi 2R, Aroush 3J, Aizah 3B, Hajra 4L, Bella 4H, Armani 5ST, Iqrah 5SA, Yusuf 6K Usama 6B, Cheikh RB
15.5.26	Arafat (Nursery), Sumayyah 1JA, Zahra 1RA, Hana 2R, Kirat 2D, Zaitun 3B, Aafiyah 3J, Eli 4L, Dania 4H, Kirpa 5ST, Aliyah 5SA, All of 6B, All of 6K, Deen RB
22.5.26	Bryan (Nursery), Zimal RH, Remi RA, Ismael 1RA, Yusuf 1JA, Amara 2D, Fatima 2R, Yousif 3B, Dylan 3J, All of 4L, All of 4H, Amrita 5SA, Milan 5ST, Hamza 6B, Bhavneet 6K, Heshank 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 is currently **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.

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

Upcoming dates for your diary

01 Jun	School opens for pupils
01-12 Jun	Year 4 Times Table Check
08- 12 Jun	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
10 Jun	YPP Houses of Parliament Visit
11 Jun	Bring It On Brum – Year 6 (selected girls) sports event
15 Jun	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
16 Jun	Jo Nightingale Celebration Day at Dorrington – hockey Year 5
15 – 18 Jun	Book Fair
17 Jun	Year 1 Weston-Super-Mare visit
18 Jun	Year 5 Safeside Visit
22 Jun	Key Stage 1 sports day
25 Jun	Year 6 Summer Fair – whole school
01 Jul	Class transition day
06 Jul	School Closed for pupils
07 Jul	Year 6 Leavers trip
15 Jul	Year 6 Play and leavers disco
16 Jul	Singing club – Symphony Hall Trip
17 Jul	Break up for summer holidays

