



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of another successful school year, we would like to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our pupils. We are incredibly proud of our fantastic EYFS results, as well as our phonics outcomes, excellent Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check results, and impressive Year 6 SATs results, all of which are above national averages. These achievements reflect the hard work, determination and resilience of our pupils, the dedication and expertise of our staff, and the continued support of our families. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this such a successful year. We wish all of our children and families a safe, happy and restful summer break.

To our Year 6 pupils and their families, we wish you every success and happiness as you take your next steps—we are very proud of you and know you will continue to achieve great things.

We look forward to welcoming everyone else back in September for another exciting year of learning and success. **See you on Thursday 3rd September.**

Ms A Taylor

School Games Award

We are delighted to announce that Cherry Orchard has achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012,

facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and in the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



With a total of over 50 young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including

those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.



We look forward to applying once again in 2027!

Summer 2026 Term Headteacher's Awards

EYFS and KS1 Summer Term Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to Sienna, Zakariya, Javeria, Jayden, Fareeha, Muaaz, Atiya, Hidayah, Abu Bakar, Idris, Quinn, Eden. We are extremely proud of your achievements.



KS2 Summer Term Headteacher Awards



Congratulations to Khadijah, Adam, Amelia, Haneen, Haajar, Eli, Tegh, Avneet, Araiya, Iqrah, Aayat, Amiyah, Sara, Idris, Sehaj, Sultan, Cheikh. We are extremely proud of your achievements.

Personal development at Cherry Orchard

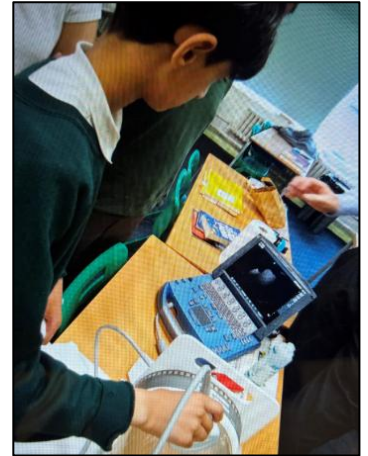
Jo Nightingale Celebration Day

On Tuesday 16th June, 10 year 6 children were invited to take part in the third Jo Nightingale Celebration Day at Dorrington Primary School. The day was chosen to celebrate the work of our previous School Games Organiser, Jo Nightingale, who sadly passed away in 2023. Jo loved hockey so our pupils had the opportunity to learn different hockey skills, use umpire signals and then put these into competitive matches.



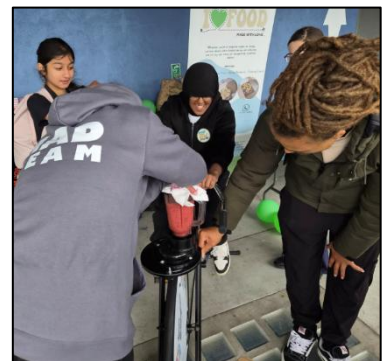
Year 6 STEM Ambassador visit

Year 6 enjoyed a visit from Mr John Courtney, a local STEM ambassador. Mr Courtney shared his experience of working within Birmingham hospitals and spoke about the variety of careers available within the NHS. Children then had the opportunity to have a go at using a real ultrasound machine to visualise a model of a baby. Many of the children asked fantastic questions, spoke about family members who also work in the NHS and enjoyed exploring the equipment. Many thanks as always to Mr Courtney; the children really value his experience and the first-hand accounts that he shares.



Year 6 Bring it On Brum

Eleven of our Year 6 girls recently enjoyed attending a sports festival 'Bring it On Brum' at the Alexander Stadium, where they had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of exciting sporting activities such as boxing, fencing and even cycling to try to generate enough electricity to make a smoothie. Despite the rain falling throughout the day, the girls showed fantastic resilience, enthusiasm and determination, embracing every challenge with big smiles and positive attitudes. They represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of their efforts. Well done, girls!



KS2 Sports Day Results 2026

Ashley	2733 points
Woodville	2514 points
Thornhill	2331 points
Birchfield	1767 points

Well done to all of the pupils who took part and congratulations to Ashley House.



YPP Dennis Edwards Awards and Houses of Parliament visit



The Dennis Edwards' Citizenship Award was introduced in 2014 in memory of Dennis Edwards, Handsworth Young People's Parliament Co-ordinator from 2003–2013. During his ten years with YPP, Dennis played a pivotal role in making the Parliament something truly special. He inspired young people to understand how local government and citizenship work, encouraged them to debate issues affecting Birmingham, the country and the wider world, and, above all, championed the importance of giving young people a voice.



On Wednesday 6th May 2026, YPP schools were invited to prepare and deliver a presentation, and what an incredible showcase it was! This year, the judging panel consisted of Gilroy Brown, Eddie Edmead and Gary Bowman, supported by the votes and feedback of the YPP delegates and school staff. They faced the very difficult task of selecting winners from an exceptionally high standard of entries.

The awards are presented across three categories – Gold, Silver and Bronze. In recognition of their hard work and commitment, Cherry Orchard was awarded **GOLD** for their project, 'Another meat free day!' They were also awarded with £100 for the school! Well done to the YPP team and Cherry Orchard's School Council for your research – we are incredibly proud of you all.



The YPP team also had the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament in June to learn more about democratic processes.



Year 1 Weston-super-Mare visit



Oh I do like to be beside the seaside – even with a little bit of rain! Year 1 had an absolutely fantastic time on their trip to Weston-super-Mare! The children loved building impressive sandcastles on the beach, bravely defending their picnics from the mischievous seagulls, enjoying delicious ice creams in the sunshine, and taking memorable rides on the donkeys along the seafront. It was a wonderful day filled with laughter, fun, and new experiences, creating special memories that the children will treasure for years to come.



Year 6 Cinema and Bowling Trip

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic end-of-year trip, travelling by train to the cinema to watch *Toy Story 5*. The pupils had a wonderful time seeing the latest adventure on the big screen and thoroughly enjoyed spending time together outside of school. After the film, they took part in a fun-filled bowling session, where there was plenty of friendly competition, laughter and memorable moments. It was a fantastic way to celebrate their hard work and achievements throughout their time at primary school.



Year 6 Summer Fair

A huge thank you to our wonderful Year 6 pupils for organising and running this year's Summer Fair. They worked incredibly hard to create a fantastic range of fun and imaginative stalls, including hook-a-duck, glitter make-up, tin-can alley and darts, as well as selling delicious food and drinks. Their enthusiasm, creativity and excellent teamwork helped to make the event a great success. Most importantly, the money raised will be used to give back to the children across the school, ensuring that everyone benefits from their efforts. We are incredibly proud of the responsible and enterprising way Year 6 embraced this opportunity and would like to thank them for all their hard work. They raised a grand total of £1280.56



Year 6 Leavers' Production

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for their fantastic performance of **Leavers' Got Talent**. Written collaboratively by both staff and pupils, the production showcased the many talents, personalities and achievements of the year group. The audience was left smiling, entertained and thoroughly satisfied by their outstanding performance. Year 6 demonstrated confidence, creativity and teamwork throughout, proving they are more than ready to embark on their next adventures at secondary school. We are incredibly proud of them all and wish them every success for the future.



Our Musical Achievements

A great big well done to all of our musicians who have spent the last year practising every week to learn to play their musical instruments or sing in our choir. Your performances were amazing!
A huge thank you to all of our staff who have supported them.



KS2 House Cup Results 2025-26

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:

Woodville	9038 points
Ashley	8448 points
Thornhill	8246 points
Birchfield	7904 points

A huge congratulations to Woodville!



Attendance

Our whole school attendance figure for 2025-26 is **94.3%**.

This puts us in the bottom 20-30% of primary schools nationally and we failed to achieve our DfE Attendance Baseline Improvement Expectation (ABIE), which was 94.9% for 2025-26.

On a more positive note, we have made improvements with regards to 'persistent absence'. This is the term used to describe children whose absence is greater than 10% over the year. DfE data shows we have fewer children persistently absent (12.6%) compared to the national average of 13.8%. When only looking at pupils currently on roll at Cherry Orchard, this figure is actually 9.2%, which is a significant achievement. Thank you.

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

Although we still have a long way to go, we have seen a reduction in the number of days missed due to holidays in term time this year:

2024-25	159 pupils	892 days missed
2025-26	111 pupils	625 days missed

Our aim is to reduce this even further in 2026-27 as we work towards the Ofsted 'Expected' grade for 'Attendance and Behaviour'. However, this will depend on the choices you as parents make that are largely beyond the school's control, so we ask again for your support in this. Thank you.



Stars of the Week



5.6.26	Johnny (Nursery), Jayden RH, Aayat RA, Keeva 1JA, Eliza 1RA, Iqra 2D, Aaron 2R, Eva 3J, Faisal 3B, Shivaay 4L, Tegh 4H, Zaakir 5ST, Amelia A 5SA, Hussnain 6K, Daniyal 6B, Kaleb RB
12.6.26	Nirvair (Nursery), Ayan RH, Fatimah RA, San 1JA, Dimarni 1RA, All of 2D, Ibrahim 2R, Esha 3B, Rajan 3J, Adam Z-A 4L, Serenna 4H, Romeiro 5SA, Balveer 5ST, Ibraheem 6B, Olivia 6K, Reighan RB
19.6.26	Azai RA, Aria RH, All of 1RA, All of 1JA, Aiyah 2D, Hana 2R, Ria 3B, All of 3J, Everyone in 4L, Daniel 4H, Eesah 5ST, Amelia 6K, Ibraheem 6B, Haseeb RB
3.7.26	Hamsan RH, Aidan RA, Amaan 1JA, Suleiman 1RA, Fatima 2R, Haitham 2D, Yusuf 3B, Hina 3J, Aria 4H, Ciyona 4L, Sara 5SA, Israr 5ST, Amiah 6B, Kayaan 6K, Kajus RB
11.7.26	Aayat RA, Hamsan RH, Shiloh 1JA, Eliza 1RA, Mustafa 2D, Inaayah 2R, Rehn 3J, Ishpreet 3B, Hajra 4L, Avneet 4H, Keobi 5SA, Israr 5ST, Alivia 6K, Ricardo 6B, Heshank RB

Upcoming dates for your diary

17 Jul	Break up for summer holidays
01 Sept	Teachers' training day – SCHOOL CLOSED for pupils
02 Sept	Teachers' training day – SCHOOL CLOSED for pupils
03 Sept	School opens for pupils
22 Sept	Whole School photographs

