CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Please see our latest updates.

Performance Data

If you would like to see our latest results in the national tests, please follow this link to the page on the school website where we have shared the most up-to-date information. Although the DfE Performance Table is still based on the 2025 data, we have added two further documents to share our 2026 data compared to Birmingham and national averages. You will also see the trend in our performance in the KS2 SATs over the last three years.
Statutory Assessment Performance Data

Online Safety Screen Time – How to support your children.



A recent online safety survey of our KS2 children found that some pupils do not currently have limits on their screen time at home (21 out of 71 children who completed the survey). We know that managing screen time can sometimes be challenging for families. So, we would like to support parents in helping children develop positive and balanced digital habits. Families might like to try agreeing family routines around devices, encouraging regular breaks and creating device-free times.
Click on this link to find out how to implement a Screen Time Routine.

Parent Survey



We would like to invite parents and carers to complete our latest parent survey. Leaders and governors strive to continuously improve Cherry Orchard's offer to its children and families, and to do this, we need to hear what is working and what could be improved from your point of view. Parent Survey October 2026 – Fill in form

The survey consists of 10 multiple choice questions and 2 final questions that will give you the chance to share your thoughts in full if you wish. It should only take around 10 minutes of your time. Thank you.

'Under the weather form'



Here's a gentle reminder of our 'under the weather' form.
Sometimes, your child may not be feeling 100%, but they are well enough to come to school. On those occasions, please let a member of staff know when you drop off your child in the morning. If you are unable to do this, we now have a quick and easy Form that you can complete to let us know – it's our 'Under The Weather' Form. A member of our pastoral staff will check this every day and pass on any messages to your child's class teacher. Please use the QR code to access and complete the Form as and when necessary.

Year 6 Secondary Transition – Apply online for 2027 entry

If you live in Birmingham you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions between 1 September and 31 October 2026. It is important that you submit your application by 31 October 2026. Applications received after the national closing date of 31 October 2026 will be treated as late applications. Late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools, as these applications will be processed after 1st March 2027, in accordance with Birmingham's coordinated admissions scheme.

If you have any questions about your child transferring to secondary school, in the first instance please visit the website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions where you will find all the relevant information to support you through this process. Alternatively contact Mrs Emery or Mrs Khatkar.

Consultation on proposed school admissions arrangements

Birmingham City Council's proposed school admissions arrangements, including the published admission numbers for its Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools, and the coordinated admissions scheme for Schools and Academies for the 2028/2029 academic year, are now available for consultation and viewing.

The consultation period runs from Monday 5 October to Monday 16 November 2026.

The proposed admissions arrangements, published admissions numbers and coordinated scheme can be viewed here: Proposed admissions arrangements 2028

As part of the consultation process, any comments regarding the above can be made at the Birmingham City Council consultation website during the consultation period: BeHeard.

Free creative Saturday programme for children aged 5–13

Registration is now open for BOA Super Saturday School 2027, a free eight-week creative programme for children aged 5–13, run by Birmingham Ormiston Academy.

Sessions will take place on Saturdays from 23 January to 13 March 2027, from 10am to 1pm, with workshops including dance, drama, art, singing and DJ skills.

Free places with priority registration are available for children eligible for Free School Meals, Pupil Premium or Universal Credit. Places are limited.

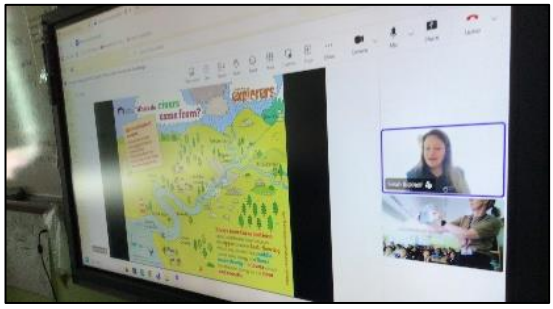
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Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

Water safety

In September, years 3 and 4 took part in two online lessons with the Canals and Rivers Trust to support their geography and personal development. Sarah from the Canals and Rivers Trust, took year 3 on the journey of a river and we explored how rivers adapt. We used our bodies to show how the river moved and the challenges that the river faced on its journey. We also learnt the difference between a canal and a river and we learnt that canals were manmade.

Both year groups took part in a water safety session and we learnt how to stay safe near water and how to help someone in an emergency. Sarah explained that we must never get into the water to help someone, that we must shout for help and ask someone to dial 999. We also learnt about the S.A.F.E. motto which means Stay Away From The Edge and how to walk safely near rivers and canals. Thank you to Sarah for a fun morning!



Howzat, Year 4!

Some of our Year 4 children swapped the classroom for the cricket pitch as they visited Handsworth Girls' School for a cricket skills session. With expert support from a coach, they had the opportunity to practise and develop their cricket skills while enjoying being active. What a great experience!



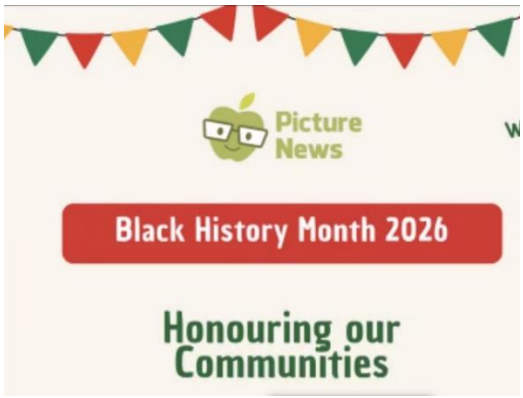




Black History Month

This October, we enjoyed a meaningful celebration of Black History Month, exploring this year's theme, Honouring Our Communities. Across the school, children celebrated the achievements, contributions and rich heritage of Black individuals and communities. Through their learning, the children developed a greater understanding of the positive impact Black people have had, and continue to have, both locally and around the world.

We joined a live assembly hosted by Picture News, explored community heroes during collective worship, and celebrated our learning through a Black History Month competition. Our junior winners even had the opportunity to showcase their entries in a special assembly.



As we come to the end of Black History Month, we would like to say a huge thank you to all of our children, staff and families for taking part in and supporting the activities throughout October. Your enthusiasm, creativity and willingness to learn have helped make this a special celebration of this year's theme, Honouring Our Communities. We hope the experiences and learning from this month will continue to inspire us to value, respect and celebrate the contributions of Black people and communities throughout the year.

Black History Competition Winners

Thank you to everyone who took the time to enter the competition – we loved all the entries. Congratulations to all our deserving winners below, who were awarded with a book voucher.

1HB - Karamveer	1SB - Yuri
2JA - Atiya	2D - Muaaz
3J - Aafiyah	3B – Noah Y
4L - Aizah	4P - Eva
5ST - Ciyona	5SA - Dania
6B - Sarina	6K - Zakariya

HSBC Smart Money Workshops

This month, children across Cherry Orchard took part in the HSBC UK Smart Money Programme, helping them develop important **financial literacy and money-management skills**. Learning about money from an early age helps children understand its value, make sensible choices about spending and saving, and build the confidence they will need to manage their finances as they grow older. HSBC highlights financial education as a key life skill that helps prepare children for life in modern Britain.

Key Stage 1: Children developed their understanding of money through age-appropriate activities. Year 1 explored **where money comes from**, including how it has changed from bartering to modern bank notes, while Year 2 took part in a **treasure hunt**, developing their recognition of UK coins, their values, and the choices we can make about spending or saving.

Key Stage 2: Children explored increasingly challenging real-life financial situations. Year 3 considered **needs and wants**, Year 4 practised **budgeting and saving**, Year 5 explored **spending within online gaming and online safety**, and Year 6 developed their understanding of **banking, borrowing and saving**.

HSBC will continue to support our pupils with further sessions, building their understanding of spending, saving, budgeting, banking and keeping their money safe.

Year 2 Diwali Assembly

What a wonderful performance from Year 2 this week! The children beautifully retold the story of Diwali and wowed their audience with their loud, clear voices, fantastic singing and fabulous acting. We were so proud of the confidence and enthusiasm they showed.

Happy Diwali to all our families and members of the community who will be celebrating soon!



House Points Results Autumn 1

House and vice captains have awarded certificates for the children earning over 50 and 100 points so far this academic year.

Key Stage 2 Totals - Well done to Ashley

1St Place - Ashley	2308 points
2nd Place - Woodville	2168 points
3rd Place - Birchfield	2034 points
4th Place - Thornhill	1959 points

Key Stage 1 Totals - Well done to Woodville

1St Place - Woodville	1442 points
2nd Place - Thornhill	1429 points
3rd Place - Ashley	1396 points
4th Place - Birchfield	1391 points

Stars of the Week

2.10.26	Keerat RH, Raheem RA, Ayat 1HB, Jayden 1SB, Iziyah 2JA, San 2D, Simrat 3B, Ariya 3J, Zayyan 4P, Yusuf 4L, Harkirat 5SA, Eli 5ST, Jeevan 6K, Khushpreet 6B, Kajus RB
9.10.26	Hafsa RH, Ayla RA, Dhaanvika 1HB, Aayat 1SB, Kiara 2D, Saadat 2JA, Idris 3J, Eden 3B, Ahmed 4P, Ektha 4L, Zoya 5SA, Rian 5ST, Jake 6B, Romeiro 6K, O'Ryan RB
16.10.26	Musa K RA, Gabrielle RH, Maisara 1HB, Sakina 1SB, Aisha 2JA, Zahra 2D, Fatima 3J, Saira 3B, Ajani 4P, Ishpreet 4L, Avneet 5SA, Ayla 5ST, Siyanna 6B, 6K, RB
23.10.26	Sara RH, Zakariya RA, Saleh 1SB, Sophia 1HB, all of 2JA, all of 2D, Farhan 3B, Nimrit 3J, Taijah 4P, Balraj 4L, Emad 5ST, Bella 5SA, Hafsa 6B, Ayden 6K, Zahra RB

Attendance for 2026-27 academic year

Our whole school target for attendance this year is 96%. Our current attendance figure is 95.5%. This is just below the current national average for primary schools which is 95.9%

Congratulations to those classes that have reached or exceeded the whole school target of 96%. We realise that most of the absences were due to a bout of chickenpox in Year 5 and the resource base, and we hope the children are feeling better now.

RA	97.2%	RH	95.7%
1HB	94.5%	1SB	96%
2D	97.8%	2JA	93.2%
3B	97.6%	3J	96.6%
4L	97.3%	4P	94.5%
5SA	93.6%	5ST	94.6%
6K	96.2%	6B	96.4%
RB	90.8%	NUR	90.8%

Upcoming dates for your diary

02 Nov	**School Closed – teachers training day**
03 Nov	**School open for pupils**
03-06 Nov	School Bookfair – Junior Hall 3.30pm - 4pm daily
10 Nov	School Games engage event – Year 3 hockey
17-20 Nov	Year 6 Pioneer Centre Residential
23 Nov	Reception Open Morning for Sept 2027 intake: 9.30am – 10.30am
24 Nov	Year 3 Think Tank – Science enrichment
24 Nov	Reception Open Evening for Sept 2027 intake: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
23-27 Nov	Years 4 – 6 Bikeability
1 Dec	SEND Multi Sports
3 Dec	Year 5 – RE trip to a mosque
9 Dec	Year 4 – RE trip to a church
10 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
18 Dec	**Last day of term**
04 Jan	**School Closed – teachers training day**
05 Jan	**School open for pupils**