

SUMMER TERM

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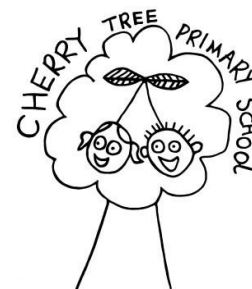
CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Mission Statement

*Bringing out the best in each other
as we blossom & grow*

Our Values

*Happy, Aspirational, Resilient,
Independent, Open-minded, Compassionate*



SCHOOL NEWS

*Please remember to refer to our app for all our calendar dates: PA Connect / Content / Events
We have also sent home a calendar of events for March on ParentApp.*

KEY DATES

Event or reminder	Date / time / deadline	Any action needed
May Queen Parade	Saturday, 13th May	As part of the May Queen Procession, Cherry Tree has chosen to represent our wonderfully diverse and multi-cultural society. Our children will be dressed in the different colours of flags from around the world as we celebrate our differences and our individuality.
Year 6 Residential Visit-London	Tuesday, 16th May to Wednesday, 17th May	Y6 will have an overnight stay on HMS Belfast, in addition to, a walk along South Bank, a flight on the London Eye, a west end theatre show and a visit to the Tower of London.
King Charles III Coronation Celebration	Friday, 19th May	The children at Cherry Tree and Cherry Blossom are invited to come to school in non-uniform with a red, white and blue theme. Children are also invited to make a crown or royal headdress to wear on the day. (Our celebration takes place later than the Coronation because of the Y6 SATs.) A £3 donation is requested. For full details see flier and ParentPay.
Sports Morning	Tuesday, 23rd May Approx. 9:30am- 11:30am	Parents are welcome to join our annual sports morning. We suggest you bring a chair.
PTA Junior Fun Night	Wednesday, 24th May	Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to have fun and play games in the school grounds. No phones allowed. Payment via ParentPay.
New Intake Meeting	Tuesday, 23rd May at 6pm	Parents of children who are joining us in September 2023 are invited to an introductory meeting.
Year F Assembly	Friday, 26th May at 9:15am	Parents and grandparents are welcome to join our assemblies. Enter via the playground hall door at approx. 9:05am. No mobile phones please- see below.
Half Term	Monday, 29th May to Friday 9th June	We have a two week half term break at Whit.
Break the Rules Day	Friday, 16th June	Details to follow.
Musical Extravaganza	Tuesday, 20th June	Our Music teacher; Fran, will be leading a musical assembly with our Year 4, 5 and 6 children. Parents and family members are welcome to come along and watch. The children will entertain you for approximately half an hour.

Cherry Tree News Headlines

Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)

Our Year 6 children have all worked incredibly hard during their tests this week. We hope the children are proud of their many achievements at Cherry Tree, including their SATs results when they are published (Tuesday, 11th

July). We are delighted with the progress that our Year 6 children have made since joining us, in all areas of the curriculum.

Year 2 will complete their SATs tests within their classroom over the next two weeks. The Year 2 tests are done in a more informal way, appropriate to their age group and overall results are supported by teacher assessment. After half term, **Year 1** will take the Phonics check which is completed 1-2-1 with the class teacher; the Year 1 children have already completed three of these checks in preparation over the past year so this is not at all like a formal test.

Finally, **Year 4** have their Multiplication Check in June. This is a short, time-limited test to check their knowledge of all the multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.

No exam or test can assess those important qualities that make each of our children unique and special. These assessments undoubtedly give school and the DfE some valuable information about attainment and progress at our school and across the country, for comparative purposes, but they do not provide anywhere close to the full picture of what our children have achieved.

To be successful in life children need to have a wide range of skills and attributes, which cannot be assessed by a test. It is always our aim to help our children be the best that they can be, in all areas of the curriculum; as well as helping them succeed in Maths and English.

New Cook

Our new cook, Vicky Quinn has started her induction and training period at Cherry Tree this week. Vicky has moved from a position at Bridgewater High where the team made over 300 meals per day; she is looking forward to becoming fully involved at our school and has some themed days planned for the future.



Please drive slowly

Road Safety

A parent has reported a 'near miss' to the school office this morning, on Hardy Road. May we remind all parents to drive with extreme caution and at low speeds when dropping off or collecting children at school.



This half term, our preschool children have been using the text 'The Hungry Caterpillar' to inspire their learning. They have been looking at life cycles and have been involved in planting vegetables. The children have also begun to come over to the main school hall for their lunch; we love having our youngest children in the hall with us at lunchtime, their behaviour has been excellent!

Attendance and Punctuality

Please support us in maintaining good attendance and punctuality.

School starts and registration takes place at 9am; we expect all children to arrive before this time.

The minimum percentage attendance we expect is **97%** attendance. This means missing no more than **5** days per year.

Our full Attendance Policy can be found on the website under the 'About Us' tab.

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Health and Safety Update

A brief reminder that the Governors and I would like to make you aware that **parts of our playground surface are uneven** and could potentially present a trip hazard. Should you require assistance in accessing our school site, please contact the school office and we would be happy to help.

We have made a request to Warrington Borough Council for funding to replace the tarmac in the areas where the tree roots have damaged the playground surface; in the interim, we have sprayed these areas yellow to indicate that the surface is uneven.

Book Donations

If you have any good quality non-fiction books at home, that your child no longer reads, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to our Cherry Tree school library. Thanks in advance ☺

Update – New Play Equipment

We are delighted to inform you that our new climbing frame is finally complete and we are training the children to use it safely during school time. Over the coming days each class will be shown how to use the equipment sensibly by their class teacher. Following this, each class has allocated slots when they will be able to play on our climbing frame at break time. We would like to thank our School Council who were involved in the planning stage and the PTA for raising the funds to pay for the new equipment. Our children will no doubt have hours of fun as a result of their efforts. ☺

Please DO NOT allow children to use the climbing frame at the beginning or end of the school day.

Allotment News

Please see below for the dates when each class will do gardening activities.

The schedule for the allotment is as follows:	Please bring:
Weds, 17th May- Class 4 Weds, 24th May- Class 5 (Half term and 2 week's holiday) Weds, 14th June- Class 3 Weds, 21st June- Class 2 Weds, 28th June- Class 1 Weds, 5th July- Class F Weds, 12th July- Class 6 Weds, 19th July- Class 6	Ideally the children will need: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wellies, walking boots or old trainers• Tracksuit bottoms that can get dirty• Outdoor coat• Gardening gloves if you have them- we do have some in school

PTA NEWS

Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, 16th May- The Crown Pub

ALL welcome, especially parents who are new to our school.

I believe some of our parents suggested alternative ideas regarding certain events; we are always open to new ideas. Please come along to the next PTA in order to shape the future of events or simply to be involved in discussions.

We are incredibly grateful to our PTA for their commitment and dedication to making a difference for our children. All funds raised by our PTA directly benefit our children by providing them with the things that our school budget can't afford such as the climbing frame; specialist music lessons; bespoke, high quality art materials to name just a few. The events planned are enjoyable for our children and bring our community together, helping our families to feel connected and supported. The value of these face to face events cannot be underestimated in our busy world of digital communication. During these times of austerity, the support of our PTA is even more important. Please get involved by attending meetings, coming along to events or offering to volunteer at an event.

If you work for a company that offers the Match Funding scheme please get in touch with our PTA Chair, Mark Swettenham, using the email below. Please contact cherrytreepta@gmail.com if you have any questions or you might be able to help out.

Summer Fair- Saturday, 1st July

If you are able to donate a raffle prize for our Summer Fair or know of a business who would be willing to donate one, please contact the PTA chair- Mark Swettenham cherrytreepta@gmail.com

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball

Last week, two basketball teams represented our school at a competition at Cardinal Newman High School. I am pleased to share that one team came third and the other was fourth!

Tennis

On Sunday, a team of six Tennis players took part in a festival at Lymm Tennis club. Despite the team being pulled together at short notice, they went on to win the competition!! Well done!

Cricket

A group of Year 3 and 4 children went to a Cricket festival on Wednesday this week. The pouring rain did not stop them having fun while demonstrating their skills at this non-competitive event. The weekly cricket coaching from Tom has definitely helped the children to hone their batting and fielding skills.

FINALLY

I hope some of you are able to watch the May Queen Parade and encourage the 26 children taking part! Wishing you a lovely, sunny weekend,



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REMINDERS

REMINDER: Mobile Phone Policy

In order to safeguard all of our children; **visitors are not permitted to use mobile phones, or to take photographs when in school**, including during assemblies. Some families do not consent to their child being featured in photographs on social media etc.

Visitors are asked to keep their phone switched off / on silent and in a bag/pocket whilst on the school premises. If visitors feel they may need to be contacted urgently, they are welcome to pass on the school telephone number: 01925 755885 to anyone who may need to contact them.

Please support us by adhering to this policy and asking wider family members who attend school events to do the same.