



Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Cherry Orchard pupils, parents and carers,

We have had a busy week with many different visitors in school including parents who attended a Y6 workshop, drama staff delivering a Shakespeare session with Year 5 and 6 pupils today and a MAT Safeguarding visit on Wednesday – all of which went exceptionally well! Busy times!

I am sure you will have read our social media posts about Mrs Brunt retiring from her role as our Rivers CEO. Our new CEO, **Mr Matt Meckin** is now in post and will be making his first visit to Cherry Orchard on Thursday 5th October. Mr Meckin is an experienced school leader who lives locally in Worcester city. Please respond to the survey invite if you would like to join the 'Parent Voice' group at 2:30pm, as there are limited spaces available on this occasion.

I am hoping to share our school tomorrow morning with prospective families during our **Open Morning**. Please remind any neighbours or friends that the school will be open from **10:00am – 12noon**, to showcase what Cherry Orchard has to offer. The Worcestershire Admissions portal is already open for parents to book places for the Reception intake for September 2024. Please phone the school if you need more information about this.

Have a lovely weekend,
Karen Banford, Head Teacher


Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Weds until 22nd Nov	4C swimming
SAT 30th Sept	Open Morning from 10am-12noon
Wed 4th Oct	School photographs
Thurs 5th and Fri 6th Oct	Trips for Y4 to EnviroSort: 4C and 4O on Thurs and 4R on Fri
w/beg 9th Oct	Harvest Week
Thur 12th Oct	6C class assembly 8:55am in the hall
Fri 13th Oct	Reception classes drama workshops
Tues 17th Oct	Y6 trip to the Ashmolean Museum
24th-27th Oct	Book Boxes in school (buy a book time!)
25th and 26th Oct	Parent consultation meetings after 3:30-7pm
28th Oct-6th Nov	Half term holiday + TEd day (the 6th)

Weekly attendance:

Whole school:
97.25% (about same as last week)

Best year group:
Reception with 99.42%

Best class/classes: 
RC with 100%
Well done also to 4C, 1O, RR, RO, 1R and 5O who all had over 99%.

Housepoints:

Severn	320
Avon	349
Teme	278

Overall winners: **Avon**
KS 1 winners: **Severn**
KS2 winners: **Avon**

Attendance

This is a screenshot of the Attendance guidance which is on our website, along with our Attendance Policy. Please help support your child's education by ensuring that they are in school, on time, every day. If your child is absent for any reason, please make the office aware of this as soon as possible, as the twice daily attendance registers are legal documents that must be accurately completed and shared with the LA. Attendance is a 'hot-topic' for the school, the MAT, the LA and the Government, as every child has the right to a full education.

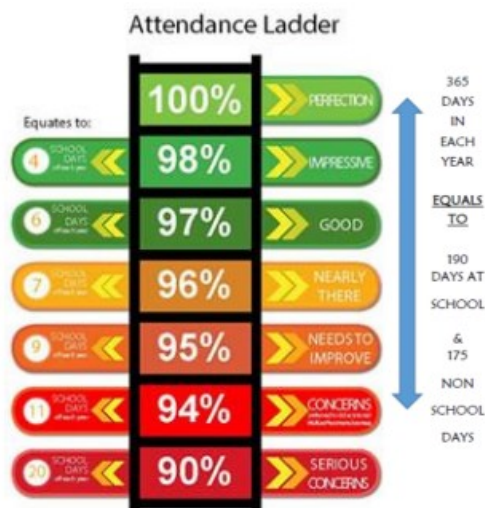
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Attendance Procedures

Attendance Matters:

At Cherry Orchard Primary School, we believe that good attendance is vital for all children to be confident, happy and independent learners. Good attendance is 97% or above – no more than 6 days off school in a year. Our aim is to give a clear and consistent message to parents/carers and children in our school, which we will constantly reinforce in our day-to-day work.

Good attendance is a priority at Cherry Orchard and our target is to achieve **97% or above** by the end of this academic year. It is an expectation that all children attend school every day because 'Every minute of every day matters'.



What is expected of Parents and Carers at Cherry Orchard Primary School:

- **Good attendance** – Parents/carers have a legal duty to ensure that their child/children are in school every day as it is vital for learning and promoting essential life skills
- **Good punctuality** – Parents/carers have a responsibility to ensure that their child/children arrive on time each day in school (so lessons can start at 8:45am) and are prepared for the day ahead
- **Medical/Hospital/Dental Appointments** – Where possible, and unless in an emergency situation, appointments should be taken outside of school hours or in holiday periods. Appointment letters/notifications should be provided to the school office when notifying us of the absence.
- **Absences due to illness** – Parents/carers have a duty to notify the school if their child/children are absent for any reason and this needs to be done as soon as possible and certainly before 9:15am. School will contact parents/carers if notification is not received by this time.
- **Holidays** – Holidays are not permitted in school term time. All holidays are unauthorized except in exceptional circumstances.

This week at Cherry Orchard.....



Reception children have enjoyed retelling the story of 'Rosie's Walk' in lots of different ways this week.

Ask them to tell you the story this weekend.



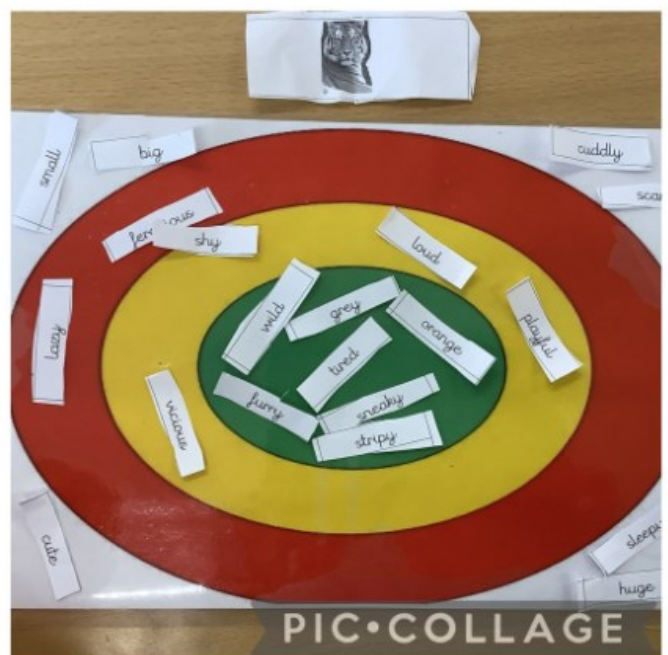
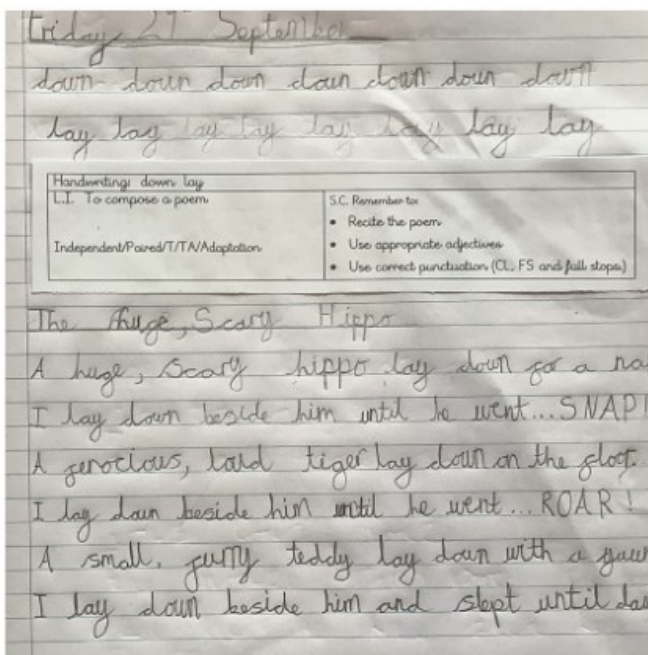
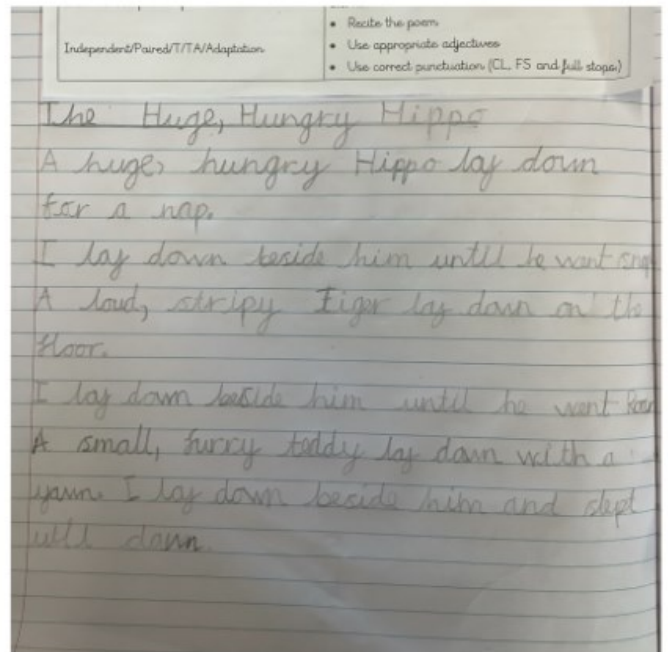
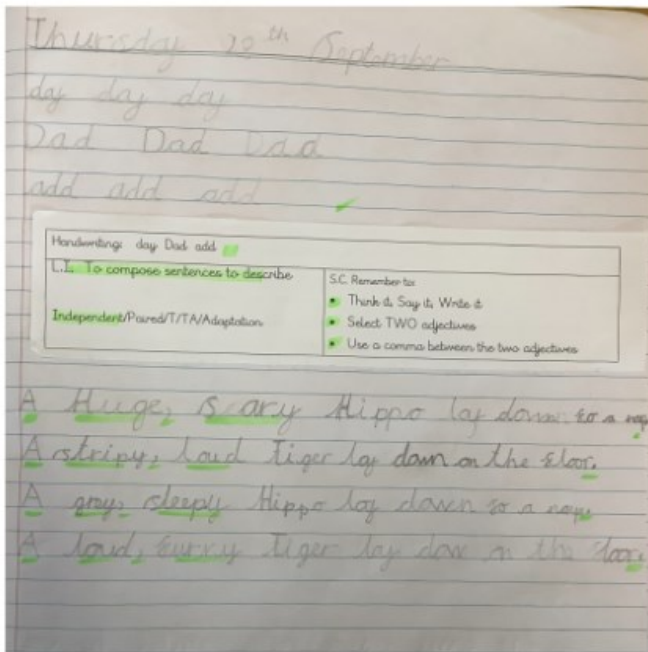
This week, Year 1 have been learning about algorithms in computing. We used Beebots and gave them instructions on how we wanted them to move. Ask your child how they gave the Beebots their instructions to make them move.



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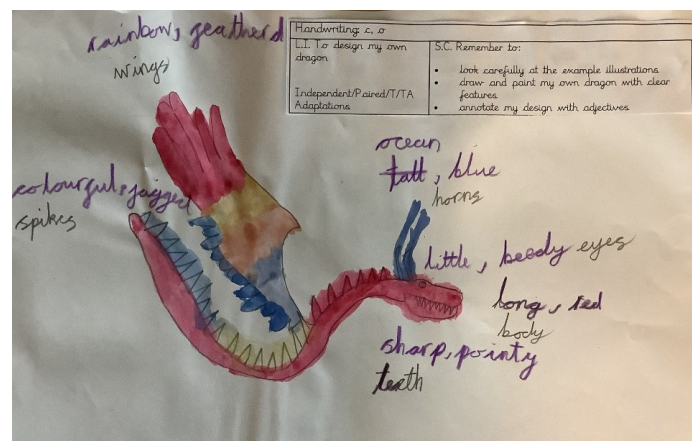
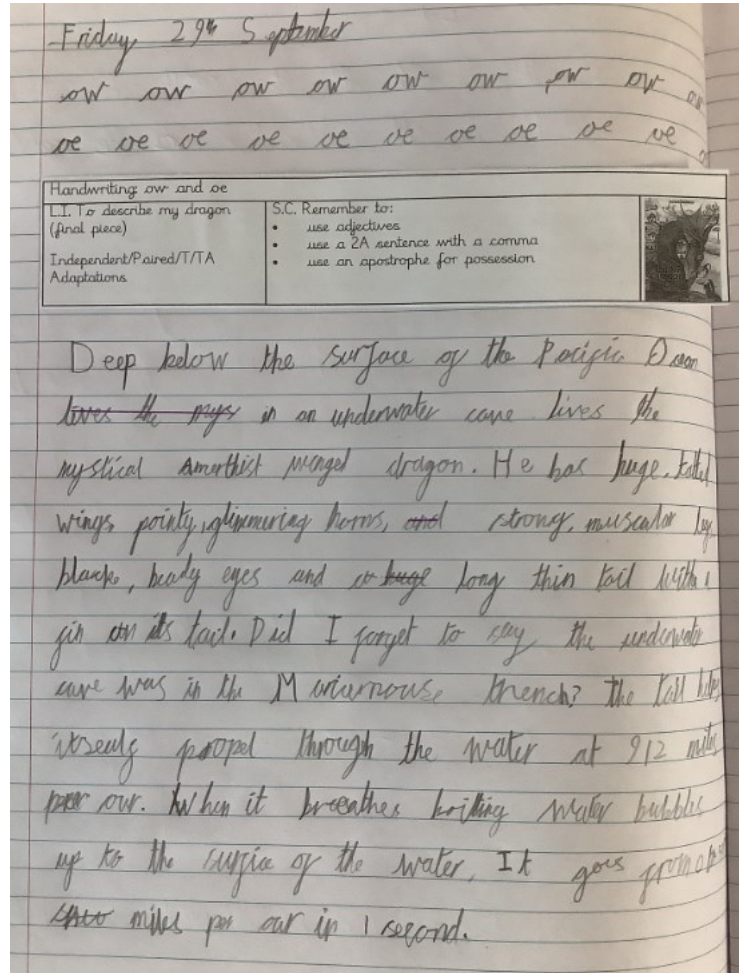
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Year 2 have been writing their own poems this week by choosing effective adjectives and writing them into descriptive sentences. They have learnt about adding a comma between two adjectives.

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They have designed their own dragons, in watercolours, annotated them with adjectives and then chosen effective vocabulary to write descriptions about them.

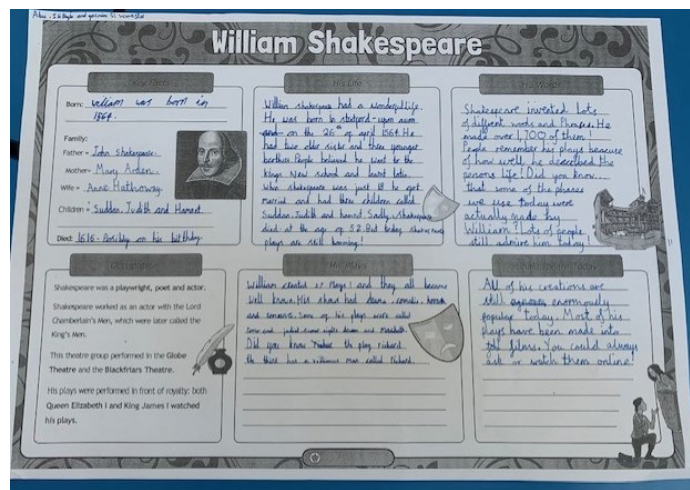


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Year 4 had great fun this week exploring the melting points of different solids in science. Although it was a little messy, it helped them to make some well-informed predictions and they will definitely remember the lesson!

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Years 5 and 6 all took part in Shakespeare workshops today, delivered by the fabulous West End in Schools company. They were all amazing! They acted and spoke and learnt a lot about *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



They also worked on the play back in their classes, developing their knowledge of the characters and themes. Why not ask them what they can remember about it all?



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CELEBRATION

Class	Worker of the Week	Star of the Week
RC	Noah	Elliott
RO	Gunes	Sasha
RR	Darcey	Aoife
1C	Gabby	Leo
1O	Jack	Theo
1R	Lincoln	Harrison
2C	Dexter	Juia
2O	Paige	Evelyn
3C	Joey	Azan
3O	Charlie	Rose
3R	Jenson	Tilly
4C	Theo	Phoebe
4O	Scarlett C	Liam
4R	Jesse	Finley
5C	Yasmine	Tom
5O	Sumer	Amelia
5R	Hattie	Jack
6C	Mason	Erin
6O	Joe	Leo
6R	Nylah	Finnley



Book a school lunch on this day, and you may win a trip to The National Space Centre in Leicester by finding the lucky ticket.



Let's get us all eating Space food from our decorated servery. Book via ParentPay by 8:45 on Thursday 5th October.

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Reminders/information

Help us to increase funding for our school – by booking your free school meal.



Thursday 5 October 2023 is the National School Census Day. The vital funding that we receive from the Government to support your child's development in school will be based on the number of children recorded as having a school meal on this day.

To maximise our school funding, we would encourage all families with children entitled to a Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meal (every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) to enjoy their free meal on Thursday 5 October 2023, rather than bringing a packed lunch that day.

Please book your school meal on **Parent Pay by 8:45am on Thursday 5th October.**

Please can we encourage as many as possible to commit to eating the school dinner on Thursday 5th October as this will ensure our school receives the best possible funding for the year!

Thank you for your continued support.

Do you receive benefits or financial support?

If so, your child may be entitled to Free School Meals. For each eligible child, the school receives funding for the next six years, even if your financial situation changes.

[Find out more about Free School Meals \(Income Related\)](#)

Go to www.riverscofe.co.uk/new/detail/claim-your-free-school-meal/

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The above photo is a portion of the items we took from the Lost Property cupboard today. It was stuffed to the seams! Most of it wasn't named. We have returned named items to their owners and have then added the rest to our 'Pre-loved uniform' boxes. Please can we ask that all clothing is named, clearly. It really does help it get back to its rightful home.

COSA will be organising a secondhand sale of uniform at the Parents' Evenings. It wouldn't cost a lot and would help us towards our sustainability goals.



Reminders/information

School gates open at 8:30am and will close when children should be in class at 8:45am. This is when lessons start and the register is taken. The gates will be open again at 3:05pm for a 3:10pm finish for Reception children and a 3:15pm finish for all other year groups. Please try to be prompt in the mornings so that all opportunities for learning are able to be taken and in the afternoons by standing away from the building, close to the areas where your child will be released.



Please do NOT try to park in the back car park if picking children up from clubs or The Hub. This is a staff only car park as it is small and does not have much room to turn cars around.

ALSO please try NOT to drive down Timberdine Close in the mornings unless you have a parking permit for the school as there are not places to turn safely around. We have been asked to pass on that the NHS have had their entrances blocked and there have been some near misses with both children and vehicles, and, as a result, the community police officers will be doing some spot patrols.

Cherry Orchard Primary School and Little Cherries Pre-school



Our Facebook username is cherryorchardps, as is our Twitter username. Please search us out to see what is going on on our pages. We try to post to both types of media just to keep the world up-to-date with the amazing things going on in school.

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Autumn Term club information

All notifications about club spaces have been sent out. Clubs start Monday 18th September.

Year group	Clubs	Day	Time
Reception	Choir Construction	Tuesday Tuesday	3:15-4pm lunchtime
1	Cosmic yoga Lego Choir Storybook	Monday Monday Tuesday Thursday	3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm
2	Cosmic yoga Lego Art/collage Choir Maths	Monday Monday Monday Tuesday Tuesday	3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm lunchtime
3	Multi-skills French/ languages Choir Art club Homework	Monday Monday Tuesday Tuesday Wednesday	3:15-4:15pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm lunchtime
4	Times tables Multi-skills French/ languages Choir Art club	Monday Monday Monday Tuesday Tuesday	lunchtime 3:15-4:15pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm
5	Young Voices Lego Girls' football Choir Art club Sewing	Monday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Thursday	3:15-4:30pm Lunchtime 3:15-4:15pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm
6	Young Voices Netball Boys' football Girls' football Choir Art club Sewing	Monday Monday Monday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Thursday	3:15-4:30pm 3:15-4:15pm 3:15-4:15pm 3:15-4:15pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm

There will also be an orchestra club on a Friday after school for those already learning an instrument. Separate information will be sent out about this soon, as it is in collaboration with Mrs Daws.

WE NEED YOU!



WE ARE HIRING

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS

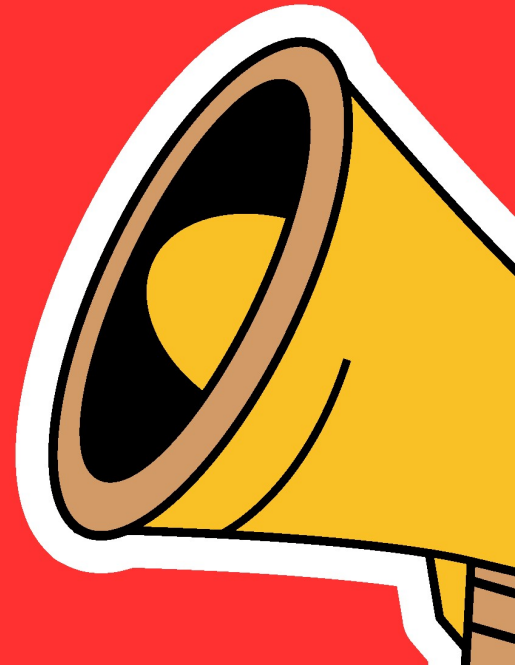
- MONDAY - FRIDAY
- TERM TIME ONLY
- 1.25 HOURS PER DAY
- PERMANENT CONTRACT

**JOIN OUR
TEAM**



Pop into the school office or give us a ring on 01905 352787 for futher details and apply via the form on our website:

<https://www.cherryorchard-pri.worcs.sch.uk/current-vacancies/>





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Wednesday 11th October 2023

Between 9.15 – 11.15am

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here:

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