



# Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Cherry Orchard pupils, parents and carers,

This has been a fantastic first full week back in school. I always enjoy our Celebration assembly on a Friday, as I have the wonderful job of awarding certificates - it is always a treat to hear about the achievements of our pupils.

Next week marks the final week for our CEO Kate Brunt, and we look forward to her final visit to Cherry Orchard on Tuesday. Kate is an inspiring leader who always strives to put the children at the centre of Rivers' decisions. We shall miss her personable style and hands on approach. Next week, we shall also be hosting a visit from one of the Government Education ministers, Rt Hon Nick Gibb. He is particularly interested in our success in teaching phonics and early reading. I am sure he will be impressed by our newly elected Learning Ambassadors who will hopefully have a chance to meet him. Look out for photos on our social media channels.

Wishing you all wonderful weekend,

Karen Banford

Head Teacher

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Weds until 22nd Nov	4C swimming
Mon 18th Sept	Library open 3:15-4:15 for all COSA AGM in the school hall at 7:30pm
Tues 26th Sept	Y6 open morning for parents 8:45-10:30
Fri 29th Sept	Y5 and 6 Shakespeare workshops
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
Fri 13th Oct	Reception classes drama workshops
Tues 17th Oct	Y6 trip to the Ashmolean Museum

### Weekly attendance:

Whole school:

98.45% (same as last week)

Best year group:

Year 2 with 99.55%

Best class/classes:

RC, 4R and 6C with 100%



### Housepoints:

Severn	379
Avon	389
Teme	356

Overall winners: Avon

KS 1 winners: Avon

KS2 winners: Severn and Avon

## Attendance

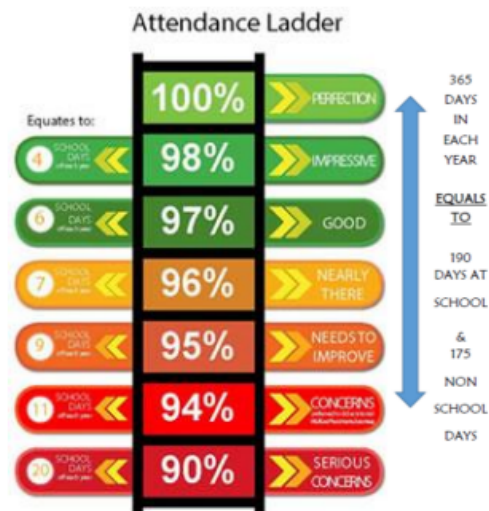
This is a screenshot of the Attendance guidance which is on our website, along with our Attendance Policy. Please help support your child's education by ensuring that they are in school, on time, every day. If your child is absent for any reason, please make the office aware of this as soon as possible, 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.

### Cherry Orchard Primary School

#### 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.....



A week of firsts in

Reception....

..first visit to the library,

..first PE lesson,

..first time in Forest School.

We all had great fun!



It's been a busy week in Year 2! Lots of fabulous learning across the curriculum.

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# This week at Cherry Orchard.....

There were some strange going-ons in Forest School for another year group this week....Year 3. Apparently a mysterious creature was spotted there, so our brave Year 3s went to investigate...



4C also had an important first this week... their first swimming lesson. It was enjoyed by all.

Year 4 have been exploring the importance of clear communication in teamwork. They got themselves free eventually!



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# Who's who at Cherry Orchard.....

This week, our amazing support staff...



**Sam Bennett**

TA



**Carole Jenkins**

TA



**Sophie Hollins**  
Thurs/Fri

TA



**Emma Morris**

TA



**Hanaa**  
**Ben Douzane**

TA



**Becky Wyton**

TA



**Gemma Ranford**

TA



**Dawn Glazzard**

TA



**Sophie Finch**

TA



**Sally Morrall**

TA



**Mel Coleman**

TA



**Colin Baggs**

TA



**Adelle**  
**Simpson**

TA



**Claire Jefferies**

TA



**Kate Clarke**

TA



**Jo Neath**

TA



**Grace**  
**Hawthorn**

TA



**Hannah**  
**George**

TA



**Steph Lloyd**



**Ralph Clay-**  
**Thompson**

TA



**Suzanne**  
**Barnes**

TA



**Kayleigh**  
**Downes**

TA



**Sarah Tidy**

TA



**Tracy Jones**

PPA TA



**Reveni**  
**Chandram**

PPA TA

**Emma**  
**Harris**

**Alleja**  
**Barnes**

PPA TA

PPA TA



**Clare Milligan**

TA



**Julie Hall**

TA



**Lisa Abbott**

TA



**Fran Howell**

TA



**Caroline**  
**Bradley**

TA



**Gill Repton**

TA



**Jess Cox**

TA



**Kelly Wallace**

Lunchtime  
supervisor



**Fi Rafagat-Zafar**

Lunchtime  
supervisor



**Chenelle**  
**McFarlane**

Lunchtime  
supervisor



**Sarah Arnold**



**Nigel Bowkett**

Site Manager



**Paul Handley**

Assistant Site  
Manager

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# CELEBRATION

<b>Class</b>	<b>Worker of the Week</b>	<b>Star of the Week</b>
<b>RC</b>	Saira	Max
<b>RO</b>	Joanna	Charlie
<b>RR</b>	Elodie	Porscha
<b>1C</b>	Connor	Jess
<b>1O</b>	Marcos	Ereila
<b>2C</b>	Leia	Haydn
<b>2O</b>	Olivia	Roman
<b>2R</b>	Alfie	Lilly-Mae
<b>3C</b>	Elodie	Holly
<b>3O</b>	Paige	Lachlan
<b>3R</b>	Ava	Marshal
<b>4C</b>	Henry K	Millie
<b>4O</b>	Jaxon	Vietthanh
<b>4R</b>	Teddy	Barbora
<b>5C</b>	Usman	Emily
<b>5O</b>	Sabina	Tommy T
<b>5R</b>	Rewan	Isla C
<b>6C</b>	Kayla	Ava
<b>6O</b>	Oliver	Esme
<b>6R</b>	Tanaka	Jaime



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> October.**

Please can we encourage as many as possible to commit to eating the school dinner on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.riverscofe.co.uk/new/detail/claim-your-free-school-meal/)

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## 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.



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## Do you have a child with an additional need or disability?

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& Worcestershire to increase your knowledge and  
understanding of Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEND).

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- SEND Support & the graduated approach/response
- What does a good Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) look like?



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