



# Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Cherry Orchard pupils, parents and carers,

We do hope that you have had a good week. The children are settling well and working hard, in particular our brand new Reception and Little Cherries children. Please keep an eye on our social media channels to see the highlights of each week and enjoy all of the photos coming up in the next few pages.

Over the summer holidays, we had building work to create a new larger entrance space. This has now been completed and is already being well used by everyone in school. The School Council are now helping to shortlist suggested names for the new area. On Monday evening, COSA were able to use this lovely space for their Annual General Meeting, however, the meeting had quite a low turnout. COSA are hoping to attract some new parents/carers to join the team this year so please contact them via 'Classist' or by using their direct email [cosawr5@gmail.com](mailto:cosawr5@gmail.com). We really want the COSA team to continue raising funds for our school and running the events programme for our children. Please support where you can in order for the events to continue. Every skill set is useful to the school.

Thanks for your support, wishing you a lovely weekend,

Karen Banford, Head Teacher

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Weds until 22nd Nov	4C swimming
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
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

### Weekly attendance:

Whole school:  
97.04% (lower than last week)

Best year group:  
Year 4 with 98.15%

Best class/classes:  
4O and RC with 100%



### Housepoints:

Severn	267
Avon	245
Teme	279

Overall winners:	Teme
KS 1 winners:	Avon
KS2 winners:	Teme

## 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.

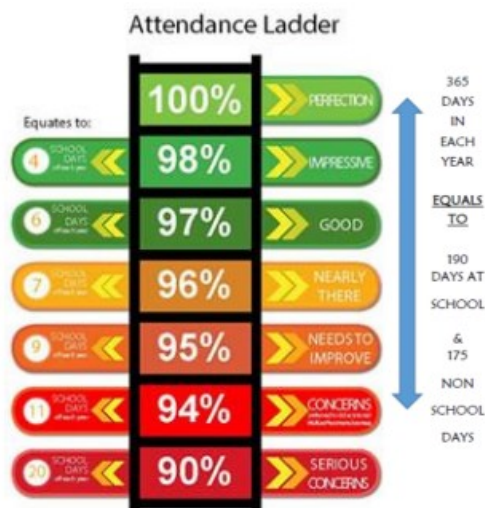
### Cherry Orchard Primary School

#### 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.....

We wished a Cherry-bye to Mrs Brunt as she 'rebalances' her life and leaves the Rivers MAT for some well-earned 'me-time'.

She had a lovely morning in school, being sung to in Assembly, visiting the classes and chatting with the children, and was really impressed with how smart our school building and children are looking, and with how hard the children are working.



We will miss her but wish her well.



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# This week at Cherry Orchard.....

We added the furniture to our 'new space' this week. It really makes the place cheerful. The children have enjoyed trying it out.

We have put our crisp packet and dental recycling points into this new area. Keep helping us to fill these to help our environment.



We have taken delivery of a big, red collection box which is sited just inside the main school gates.

We can collect clean clothes, bedding (no duvets), paired shoes, books, toys, pots and pans, unwanted gifts, accessories, unused cosmetics, and more. Filling it again and again will help us to raise money for the school, to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital and to help the environment by stopping things going to landfill. It will be emptied every few weeks.

Let's make it go clang!



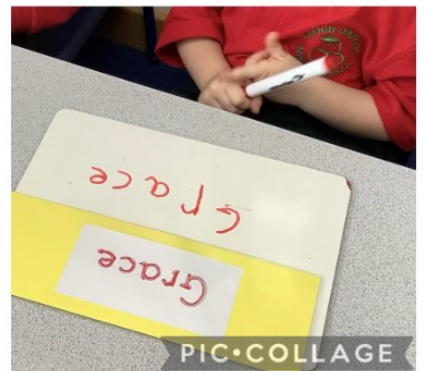
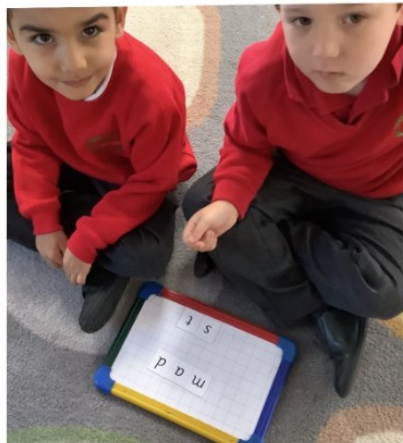
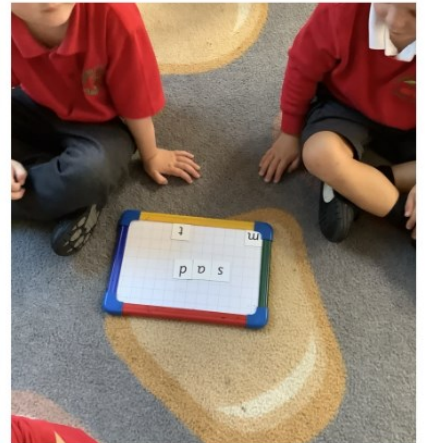
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# This week at Cherry Orchard.....

Reception children have been writing and blending their sounds this week. What wonderful work for week 3.



Year 1 made their first visit to Forest School this week.



They explored and found some new spaces and a new bridge. They also had a go at mark making using natural sources.



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Year 3 have been focusing on running skills in PE, thinking about how our bodies move as we increase speed, and on making cardboard levers using split pins in D&T.



Year 4 have been partitioning numbers to 10,000 in maths and thinking about communication when working as a team in their PE sessions this week.



Get them to show you how to do this at home.

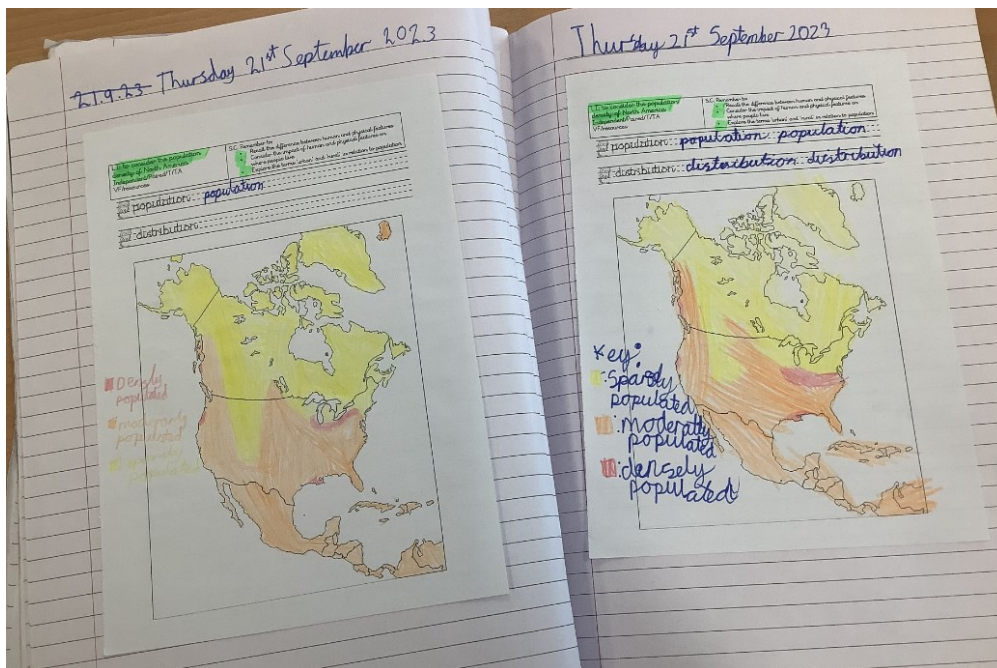


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Year 5 children have been exploring population density in North America as part of their Geography learning this week.



Year 6 have been focusing on vocabulary choices this week. They suggested lots of words and then selected the most effective to include in their writing.



Encourage your child to use a dictionary and thesaurus at home to broaden their vocabulary. The more words you know, the farther you will go!

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# CELEBRATION

<b>Class</b>	<b>Worker of the Week</b>	<b>Star of the Week</b>
<b>RC</b>	Bill	Olive
<b>RO</b>	Willow	William
<b>RR</b>	Olive	Amelie
<b>1C</b>	Frankie	Aiden
<b>1O</b>	Louis	George
<b>2C</b>	Jamal	Alice
<b>2O</b>	Matteo	Saffron
<b>2R</b>	Freya	Toby
<b>3C</b>	Harrison	Reuben
<b>3O</b>	Maryam	Sebastian
<b>3R</b>	Neve	Nathan
<b>4C</b>	Alfie	Scarlett
<b>4O</b>	Isabel	Daisy
<b>4R</b>	Mya	Jamie
<b>5C</b>	Sadie	Henry
<b>5O</b>	Aisha	Tristan
<b>5R</b>	Yuna	Ianis
<b>6C</b>	Nicole	Daniel
<b>6O</b>	Arman	Esme
<b>6R</b>	Alexia	Joel



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 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.

**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:

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**Year 6 children and parents....**

**Remember you MUST apply for a high school place before  
31st October.**

**King's Worcester**

Independent education for boys and girls aged 11-18

**Open Morning.**

**Senior & Sixth Form**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

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FINALIST  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF THE YEAR 2023

 <b>'This is a school with a heart and soul... There is a strong sense of community and inclusivity.'</b>	<b>Rated 'Outstanding'</b> Independent Schools Inspectorate	 <b>500+</b> Sports fixtures across a typical year
 <b>100+</b> Co-curricular activities	 <b>INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS GUIDE 2023</b> TOP 10 FOR ACADEMIC RESULTS IN THE WEST MIDLANDS	 <b>45%</b> Go on to study STEM subjects at university
 <b>62%</b> Achieved 9-7 (A*-A) in GCSE	 Easily accessible via school minibus service and extensive public transport network	 <b>93%</b> Achieved A*-C in A levels

**Open Morning**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

King's Senior School is a truly special place. Preparation for life, academic excellence and character-building opportunities are at the heart of our school. We seek to raise kind, ambitious, and curious children who have the determination and resilience to achieve their very best and more.

Join us for our Autumn Open Morning, where you can explore our enviable school facilities, meet our ambitious pupils and talk to our extraordinary, dedicated teachers.

Scan here to book your place or visit

[ksw.org.uk/shapedbykings](http://ksw.org.uk/shapedbykings)

