



# Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Cherry Orchard pupils, parents and carers,

This week has been a hugely successful one for the school. On Tuesday, we hosted an Open Morning for prospective parents. The visitors were blown away by the range of high quality learning activities taking place. The feedback forms were very positive, with one visitor writing this comment, ***'WOW- what to say. EVERYTHING! The teachers, the vibe, the feeling, the values and most importantly you instantly know they care!'*** This is a huge credit to the team at Cherry Orchard. We have amazing children, staff and families who make this the most tremendous school to be a part of.

We are also super proud of Mrs Smith, from Little Cherries Pre-school who has won a Unison 'Stars in Our Schools' award for her amazing contribution to pre-school education. We are thrilled that Mrs Smith's dedication and achievements with Little Cherries Pre-school has been marked in this fantastic way – well done.

Next week, we are looking forward to KS2 parents and carers joining us for our Maths workshop on Monday morning. Please join us in the hall at 9:00am if you would like to find out more about how we teach maths at Cherry Orchard.

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Karen Banford, Head Teacher

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Weds until 22nd Nov	4C swimming
Mon 27th Nov	KS2 Maths workshop for parents
	LAST WEEK OF CLUBS (beginning 4th Dec)
Mon 4th Dec	E-safety webinar (see poster later on)
Tues 5th DEC	Y3 and 4 trip to the pantomime
Wed 6th Dec	Parent forum meeting 8:45-10am in school
Thur 7th DEC	6O class assembly 8:55am in the hall
	School discos (see poster later on)
Mon 11th DEC	KS2 Cathedral Carol Service 1pm
	See Christmas events page later on
Fri 15th Dec	Y6 parents in to taste meals 2:30pm
Wed 20th Dec	Y5 parents in for work share 2:30pm

### Weekly attendance:

Whole school:

95.13% (**down** on last week)

Best year: Year 5 with 98.8 %

Best class: 3R **with 100%**



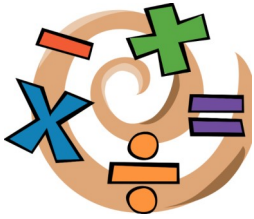
Also Well done to 3C, 6C, 5R with 99+%.

### Housepoints:

Severn	403
Avon	355
Teme	358

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

**Coming soon.....**



## **Maths workshop for parents of children in Years 3-6**

Are you interested in finding out how your child learns maths 'these days'?  
Would you like to know more about the calculation methods that we use now so that you can help with homework?

Could some hints and tips (and activities) help you to feel more confident in supporting your child at home with their maths?

**Then please come along to our KS2 maths workshop from 8:45am on Monday 27th November.**

**The start time was decided based on the replies to the survey sent out by Mrs Whitehead (our maths lead), so we hope to see lots of people there. Mrs Whitehead will send out an invitation next week, so keep a look out for the link.**



## **Parent Forum meeting for all parents/carers**

Please come along to our first Parent Forum meeting for this year on Wednesday 6th December, from 8:45am.

We will meet in Our Space (what we have called the new area when you enter school) for coffee and tea from 8:45am, with the meeting from about 9am for about an hour.

This is an informal meeting, more of a coffee and chat where we can talk about general school-related items. During this meeting, we would like to share our new experiences trail, and explain all about the trips and events we are organising this year. Please come along if you can.

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# Advance warning...



## Christmas dates for the diary



Event	Date	Time	Year groups involved
Pantomime. Jack and the Beanstalk at The Swan Theatre	5th Dec	am	Years 3 and 4
Cathedral Carol Service	11th Dec	1pm-2:30pm	All of KS2 (Y3-6) Parents invited
Christmas performances (parents and carers invited to all performances)	12th Dec	9:30am	Reception
	13th Dec	9:30am	Reception
	14th Dec	9:30am	Year 1
	15th Dec	9:30am	Year 1
	18th Dec	9:30am	Year 2
	19th Dec	9:30am	Year 2
	21st Dec	9:30am	Little Cherries
Christmas jumper day (to wear with uniform)	22nd Dec	All day	All children

NB Christmas parties will be held in year groups at a time that suits each group and parents and children will be informed of these closer to the time.



# CHRISTMAS DISCOS!



**£2.50  
per  
child**

**7TH DECEMBER**

**3-6.30pm (time slots below)**

Reception, Yrs 1 & 2 disco 3-4pm  
Yrs 3 & 4 disco 4.15-5.15pm  
Yrs 5 & 6 disco 5.30-6.30pm

PLEASE PAY BY  
5/12/23 via  
Parent Pay  
(incl. drink &  
crisps)

**All children can  
come to school for  
the day wearing  
their festive party  
clothes!**

**PLEASE SEE INFO LETTER ON EMAIL FROM SCHOOL  
COSA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SUPERVISE  
PLEASE SIGN UP VIA CLASSLIST!**





cherry orchard  
school association

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# CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



**MORE  
THAN 15  
PRIZES!**

**TICKETS FOR SALE ON**

**CLASSLIST - £1**

**DRAW ON 17TH DECEMBER**



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YOUR TICKETS**





# CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



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THE PRIZES AND  
GET YOUR TICKETS





# This week at Cherry Orchard.....



This week in Little Cherries, we have been practicing our fine motor skills using various tools, tweezers, scissors and pencils.

Why not have a go at some of these activities at home with your child?



"Who will help me?" asked the Little Red Hen.

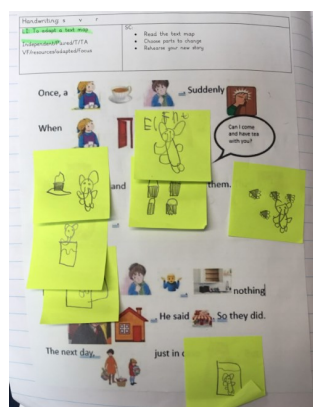
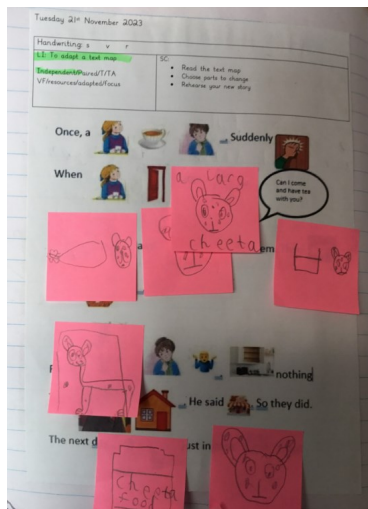
"We will!" replied our Reception children.

After reading the story and learning about wheat and bread, Reception children worked together to make bread hedgehogs. They were very cute and very delicious!

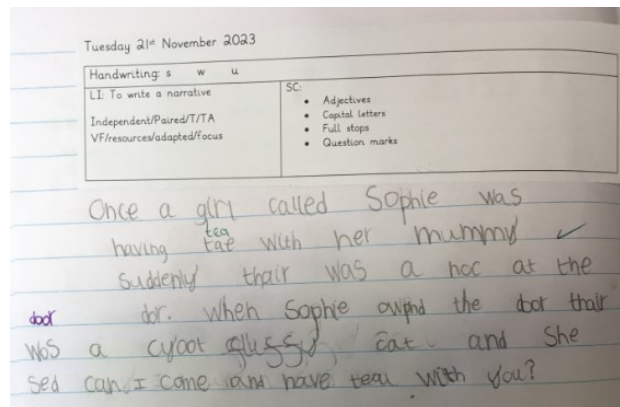
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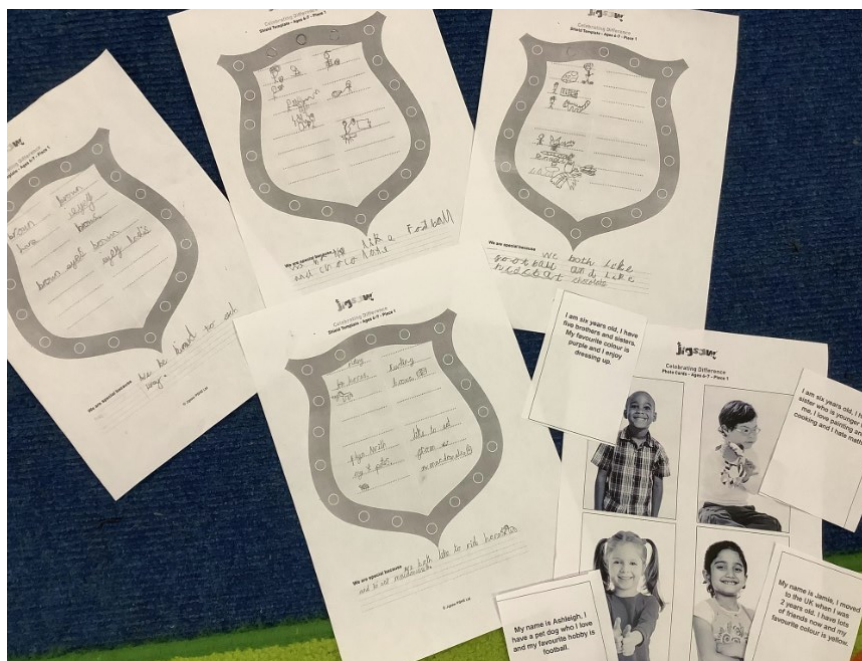
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Year 1 began writing their narrative based on *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* this week. We learnt a text map, adapted it and began writing our own version of the story.



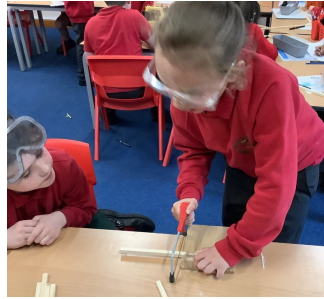
Once a girl called Sophie was having tea with her mummy. Suddenly there was a noc at the door. When Sophie opened the door there was a cyoot glasses, cat and she sed can I come and have tea with you?



In year 2, we have been celebrating differences in PSHE and starting to think about gender stereotypes. This week, we worked in pairs to think about our similarities and differences.

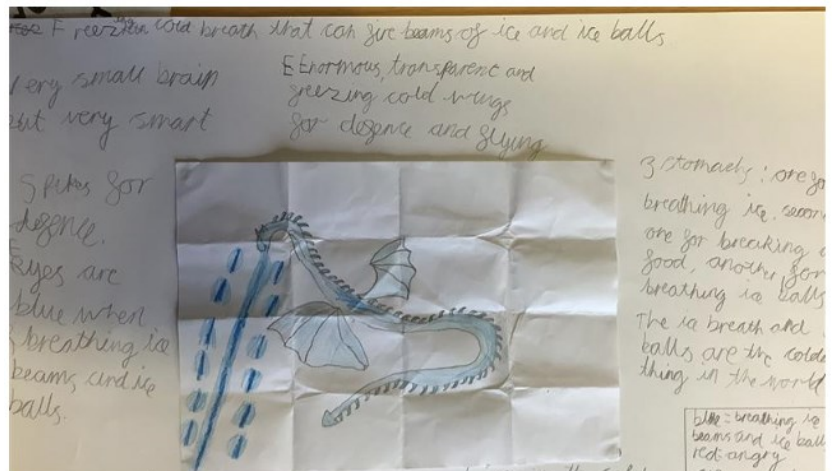
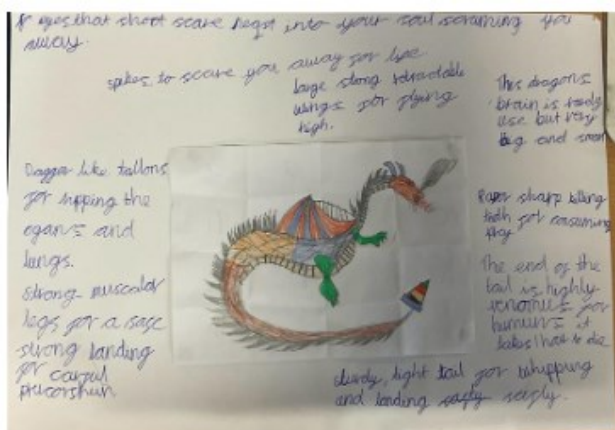


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We really do teach it all here!

Part of our DT learning involves the safe use of tools. Year 3 have been learning how to saw safely this week as a pre-cursor to their design project, making a machine to remove plastic from water.



In English lessons, Year 4 have been creating their own dragons. Next week, they will be writing their own explanation texts all about their own dragon. Keep your eyes peeled!



We progressed to passing this week in basketball. The children in Year 4 were introduced to the chest pass and the bounce pass. After practising the skills, they played possession based games using both types of pass and selecting the most appropriate depending on the scenario.

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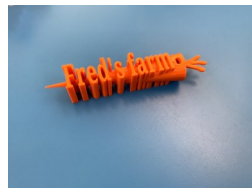
Year 6 were very excited to have Mr Hall from Malvern Panalytical visit us today.



Thank you to Malvern Panalytical.

[www.malvernpanalytical.com](http://www.malvernpanalytical.com)

In our Computing lessons, Year 6 used Tinkercad to design keyrings. Mr Hall looked at all of the designs and chose a winner from each class.



The winners had their designs 3D printed and have taken their keyrings home!



Cherry Orchard Primary  
School - Timberdine Close,

# CELEBRATION

<b>Class</b>	<b>Worker of the Week</b>	<b>Star of the Week</b>
<b>RC</b>	Olive	Grace
<b>RO</b>	Freya	Joanna
<b>RR</b>	Tommy	Ellie
<b>1C</b>	Hamza	Patrik
<b>1O</b>	Rowan	Layla
<b>1R</b>	Zayn	Leia
<b>2C</b>	Buddy	Dennis
<b>2O</b>	Ava	Liwia
<b>3C</b>	Reuben	Tommy
<b>3O</b>	Lucas	Georgina
<b>3R</b>	Erin	Albert
<b>4C</b>	Florence	Archie
<b>4O</b>	Jamie	Isaac
<b>4R</b>	Freddie	Marwa
<b>5C</b>	Jacob	Ilithyia
<b>5O</b>	Loki	Matthew
<b>5R</b>	Amelia	Myles
<b>6C</b>	Aimee	Ayaan
<b>6O</b>	Jessica-Mae	Max
<b>6R</b>	Isabelle	Carlie





## 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.

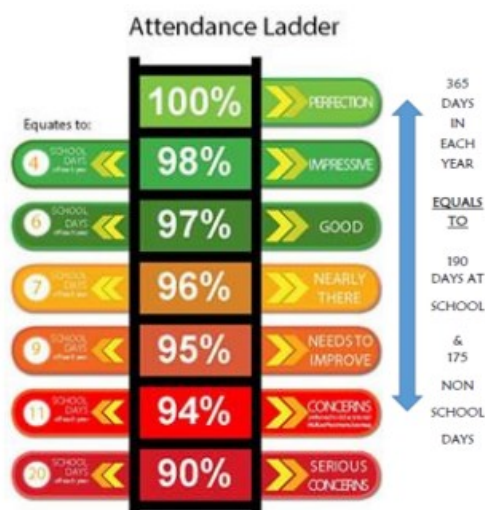
### Cherry Orchard Primary School

#### 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.



## 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 try to discourage the bringing of toys/non-school items into school. They can go missing or get broken, meaning the children can get upset. Please keep them for home.



**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.

On Monday 4th December from 7:30pm - 8:15pm, we are hosting our annual Rivers e-safety webinar for parents and carers across The Rivers CofE Academy. This webinar will cover: what e-safety is, what we cover in the curriculum and top tips for talking about e-safety at home. This webinar **will be recorded** and available for all parents and carers after the event.



# E-SAFETY FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Monday 4th December  
7:30pm - 8:15pm

Come and find out how to keep your children safe online, the latest trends and how to setup parental settings on home devices.

**Sign up**

<https://bit.ly/riversesafety>

SCAN ME



**Scan or click  
the link above  
to sign up**



A healthy start for  
a brighter future

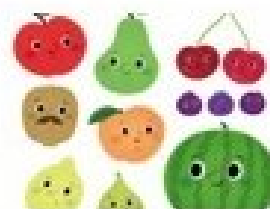
Are mealtimes  
stressful?



Is your child's fussy eating taking its  
toll? Would you like to have more fun  
and less nagging?

If you answer yes to this, would you like to...

- Feel more confident as a parent?
- Reduce mealtime stress?
- Encourage your family to be more active/healthy?
- Help reduce screen time?



Come along to our free group for parents/carers...

Where: Sunshine Family Hub, WR14 3SW

When: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 for 8 weeks (excluding half term)

Time: 9.30-11.30am

For more information or to book a place please contact Louise Moriarty on 07793803501

Or [louise.moriarty@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:louise.moriarty@actionforchildren.org.uk)



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& SLOW COOKER



EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE



**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/>





# COSA Gardening Group

3rd  
Thursday  
every month

Next date  
19th October

2-3.10pm  
at school

Bring gloves  
& tools if you  
have them

Join in with watering, tidying & planting!

COSA is a Registered Charity No. 1098165



# Community News

The Worcester Gilbert & Sullivan Society  
Proudly Presents

## A SEASONAL CONCERT

of songs and carols (with audience participation)

A fully costumed & staged performance of

## THE GILBERT & SULLIVAN NATIVITY

Using words & music from familiar operas,  
The Story of the Nativity of Christ is told  
sensitively (and often amusingly)

on Friday, 1 December at 7.30pm

in

**St Mark's Church, Orchard St,  
Worcester WR5 3DW**

**Tickets: £10 (adults) £5 students/children**

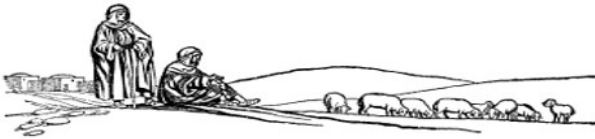
(TICKET PRICE INCLUDES FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS)

Available from:

[gasworcsnativity@hotmail.com](mailto:gasworcsnativity@hotmail.com)

or [janvale810@gmail.com](mailto:janvale810@gmail.com) 01905 351392

or call in at 10.45am after 9.30 Sunday Service



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## Christmas Fayre

at The Hive

**FREE ENTRY**

Saturday 9th December

10:00am - 3:00pm

A day of festive activities with a local  
Christmas Market, children's activities,  
Christmas lanterns and Father  
Christmas.

The Hive

Worcester City Council