



# Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Cherry Orchard pupils, parents and carers,

The festive season is now truly upon us. Many of our children enjoyed one of the COSA Discos last night - the music was ringing in my ears late into the night! It was wonderful to see so many children having fun, including the Little Cherries children who had a sneaky look at the lights and music as it was being set up. Huge thanks to the COSA team and staff volunteers who made it possible. Years 3 and 4 also enjoyed a trip to the pantomime this week at The Swan Theatre and had a super time.

The next couple of weeks will be busy. I am looking forward to the Cathedral Carol Service on Monday and the start of the Nativity performances on Tuesday. Please note that, due to health and safety regulations, all of these events are by ticket only. This also makes sure we have a seat for everyone along with a good view. There will be refreshments available in the school hall prior to each of the Nativity performance so please bring some loose change with you to support COSA, thank you.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. Only two very busy weeks to go!

Karen Banford, Head Teacher

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event
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
Fri 22nd Dec	Non-uniform day—Christmas jumpers
	2024
Mon 8th Jan	INSET Day—teachers only in school
Wed 10th Jan	Young Voices concert (for those involved)
Wed 17th Jan	4O start swimming
Thur 18th Jan	3C class assembly 8:55am in the hall
Thur 25th Jan	3O class assembly 8:55am in the hall

### Weekly attendance:

Whole school: 95.66% (down on last week) 

Best year: Year 3 with 96.58%

Best class: 1R with 98.4% 

### Housepoints:

Severn	285
Avon	307
Teme	303

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

# Advance warning...



## Christmas dates for the diary



Event	Date	Time	Year groups involved
Pantomime. Jack and the Beanstalk at The	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
Christmas fun	21st Dec	9:00am	Little Cherries
Christmas jumper day - non-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.



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# COSA CHRISTMAS REFRESHMENTS & RAFFLE



COSA will be serving refreshments  
before each Christmas performance  
from 9.00-9.30am

Grab a hot drink and mince pie before you sit down  
and enjoy the festivities.

Don't forget your reusable cup!



Tea / Coffee  
Mince pies / Biscuits  
Donations



There will also be a raffle, which will be drawn at the  
end of the performance. Tickets £1 each

**CASH ONLY!** Please bring plenty of change





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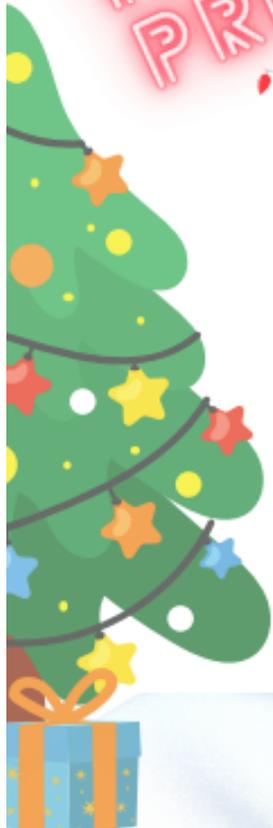
# CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

**MORE  
THAN 15  
PRIZES!**

**TICKETS FOR SALE ON**

**CLASSLIST - £1**

**DRAW ON 17TH DECEMBER**



**SCAN TO BUY  
YOUR TICKETS**





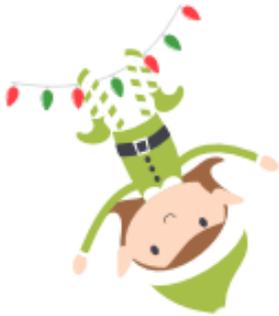
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# CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



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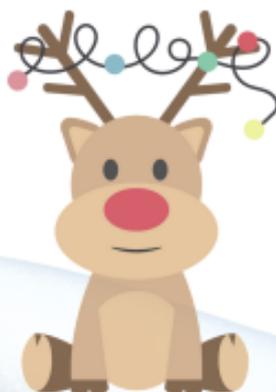
St Peter's Garden Centre



The Photo Expert



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### SCAN TO SEE ALL THE PRIZES AND GET YOUR TICKETS



# This week at Cherry Orchard.....

We have been carrying out our final rehearsals for next week's Carol Service at the Cathedral. The children in 3O, who will be playing their cornets as our parents and guests arrive, are a wonderful example of the quality brass players that we have here at Cherry Orchard.



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# This week at Cherry Orchard.....

*the spotlight is on...*



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## Art at Cherry Orchard



Art, craft and design embody some of the highest forms of human creativity. The study of art enables pupils to understand, appreciate and contribute to a dimension of life that taps into and expresses human innovation, imagination and thought. As teachers of art at Cherry Orchard, we believe that all our children are entitled to a high- quality art and design education. One that engages, inspires, and challenges our pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design.

The Cherry Orchard Art curriculum does exactly that. It allows our children’s creativity and curiosity to flourish. Our art curriculum is designed in a coherent way, ensuring that the carefully chosen content builds from year to year. The progressive and purposeful acquisition of knowledge and skills enables our children to build on their mastery of art and design techniques such as drawing, painting and sculpting, using a range of materials.

At Cherry Orchard, children first encounter art and design in the Early Years Foundation Stage where ‘Expressive Arts and Design’ is a specific area of learning and development. In EYFS, our children engage with the arts regularly and explore a range of materials and media. This helps them to work towards the Early Learning Goals, (such as safely using and exploring a variety of materials, tools and techniques). This high-quality practice in the early years, stimulates our children’s interest and imagination in the materials and media they encounter, and provides them with the necessary foundations for future learning.

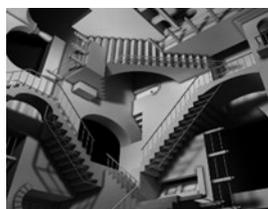
Art lessons in KS1 and KS2 are taught fortnightly and follow a similar format.

Beginning with *Cave Paintings* in Reception and working through to *Modern Art* in Year 6, the children develop an understanding of how art has developed and changed over time.

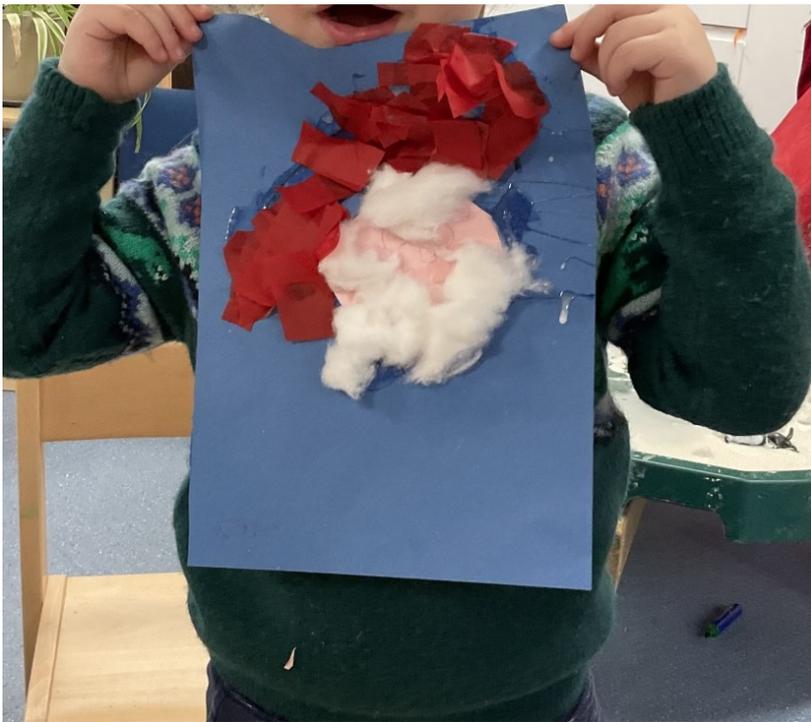
Following high quality discussion regarding a work of art produced by high quality artists, the children are encouraged to interpret this work, develop an opinion upon it and justify their reasoning. Using this as a stimulus, they then look at creating work that is inspired by an aspect of the piece. Through live demonstrations by their teachers, our children are supported step-by-step to build upon their skills as artists. Pupils use a plethora of materials which are recycled and sustainable where possible, as we continue to strive towards our sustainable goals. The whole journey from the research to the final piece is then celebrated.

Our children are proud of their progress and achievement in Art. They enjoy talking about their artwork and are always eager to share and display their work, which is recorded in individual sketch books and displayed in classrooms and/or on Seesaw.

A variety of trips to Art galleries and Museums, across their time at Cherry Orchard, further develop children’s appreciation of art in all of its forms.



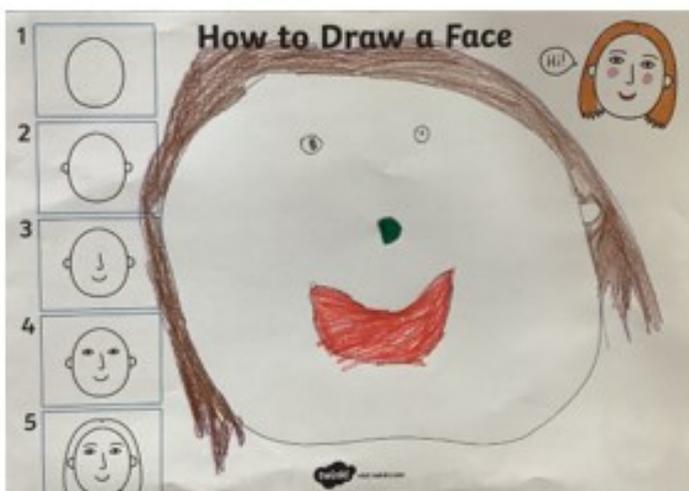
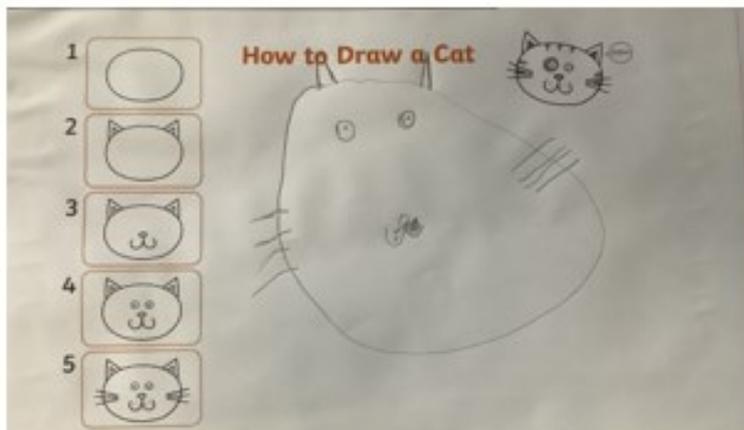
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Our Little Cherries love creating artwork with paint and collage. They are developing their fine motor control and decision making skills.



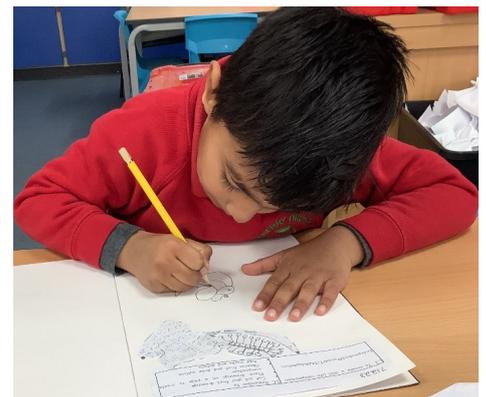
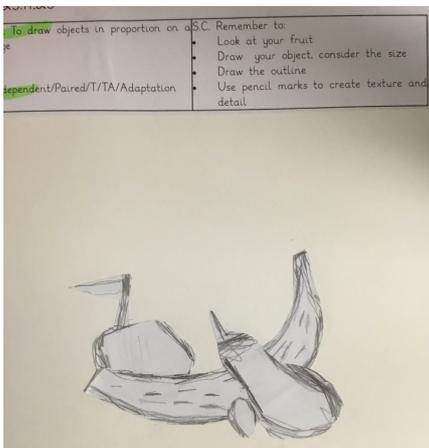
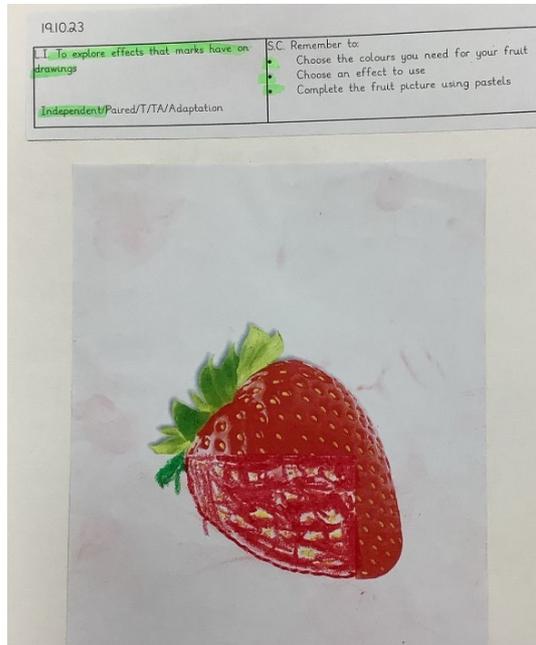
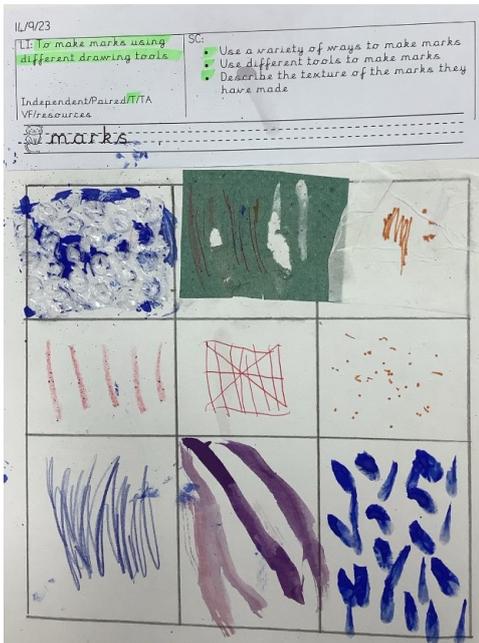
# YEAR R



Examples of the drawing strand in Reception.

# YEAR 1

This Year 1 unit moves begins with mark making and experimenting with a variety of tools. It works towards the children creating a still life drawing from careful observation using lines of differing thickness.

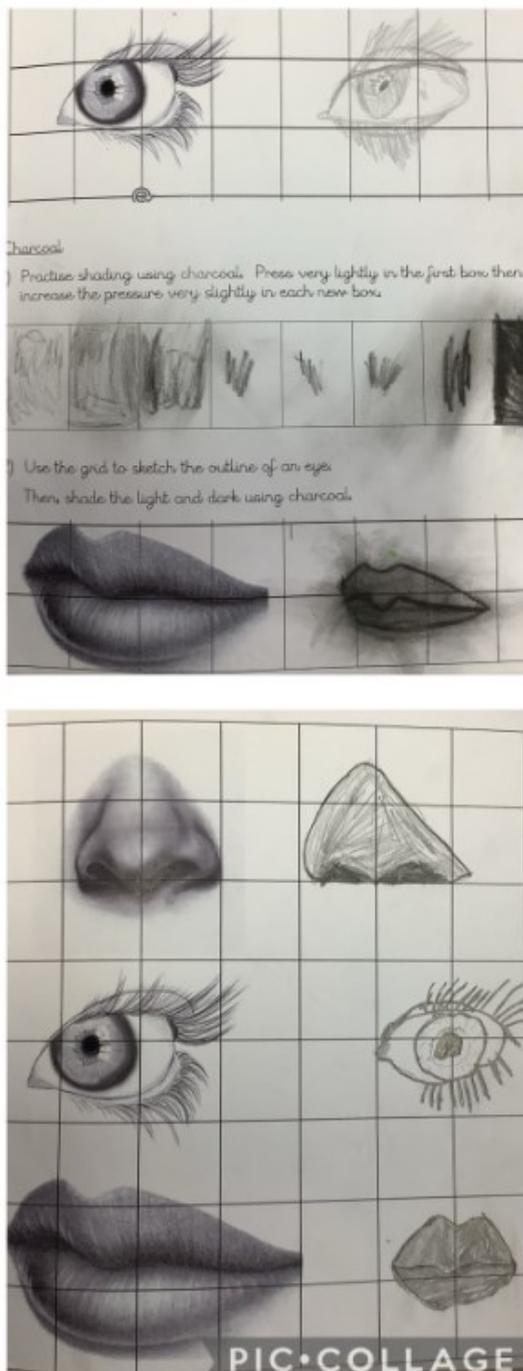


## YEAR 2

During the Autumn Term, Year 2 have been studying the work of Megan Coyle and her use of collage. We have developed our own skills then planned and completed a collage inspired by Megan's work.



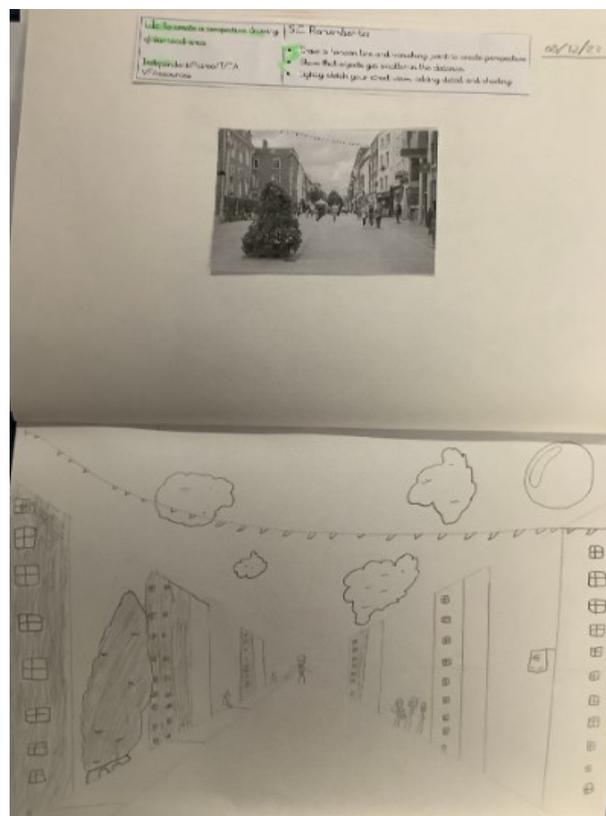
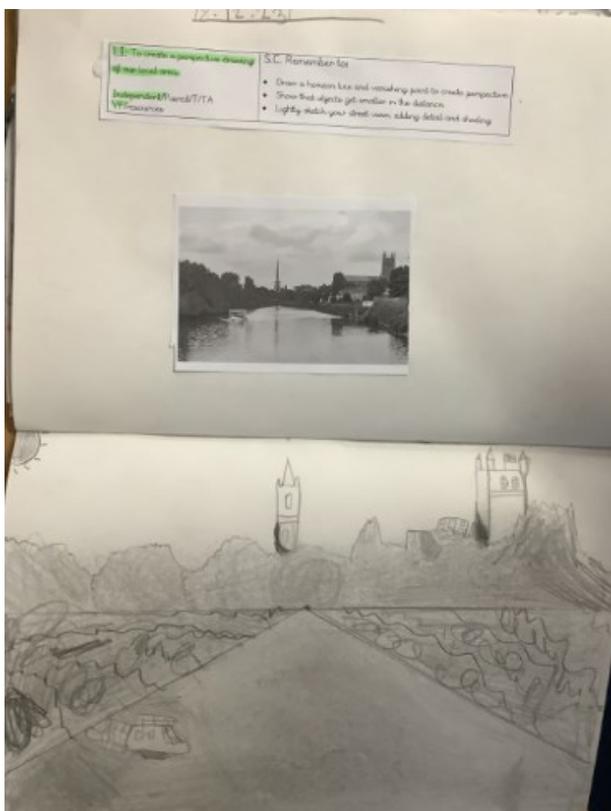
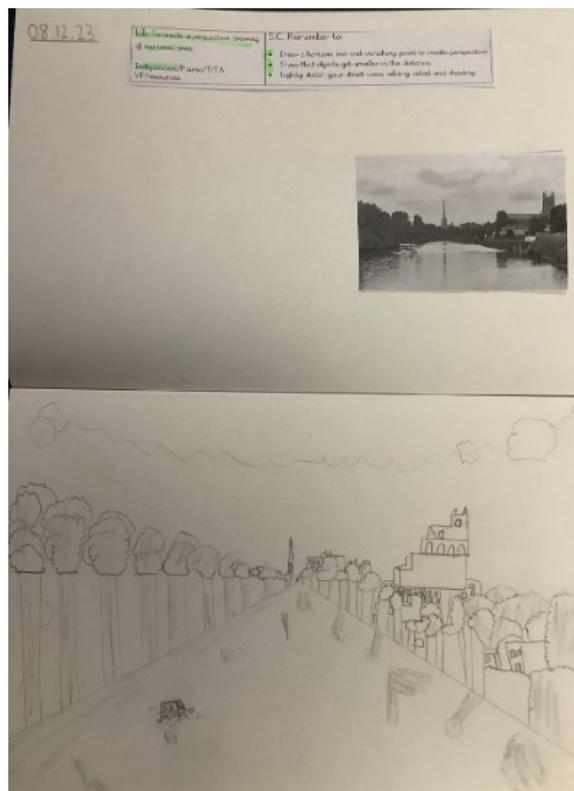
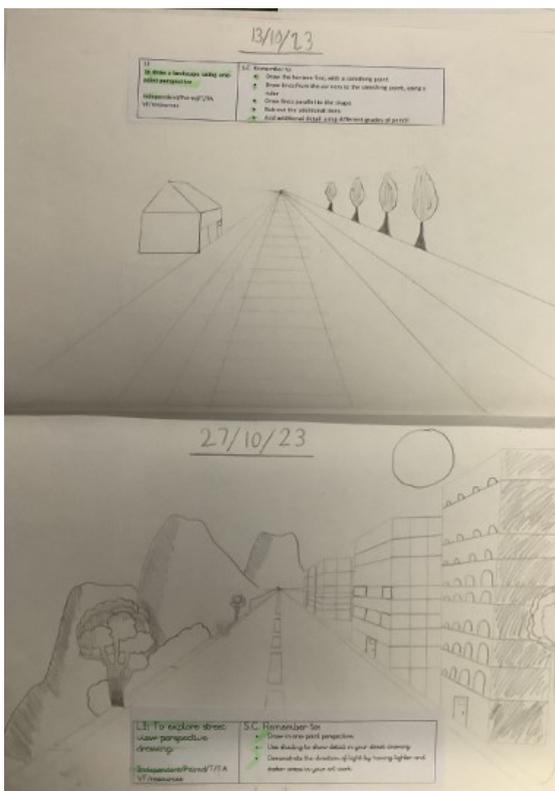
# YEAR 3



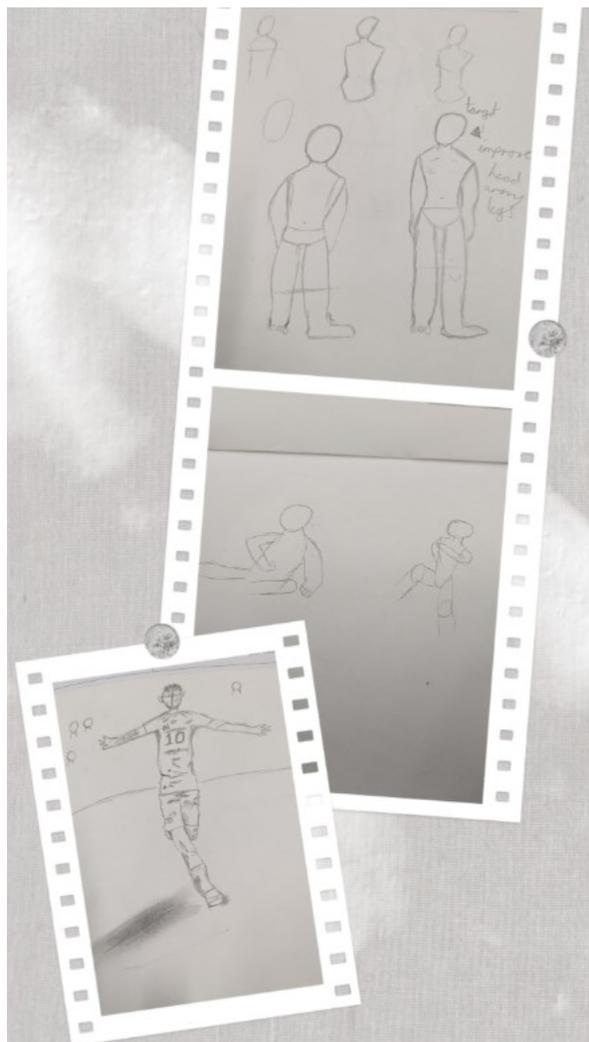
Year 3's drawing strand this term has focused on use of pencils to create light and shade and drawing facial features in proportion.

# YEAR 4

Year 4 art this term is all about learning to draw a landscape in perspective. Their skills have been developed in order to reproduce some local scenes.



# YEAR 5

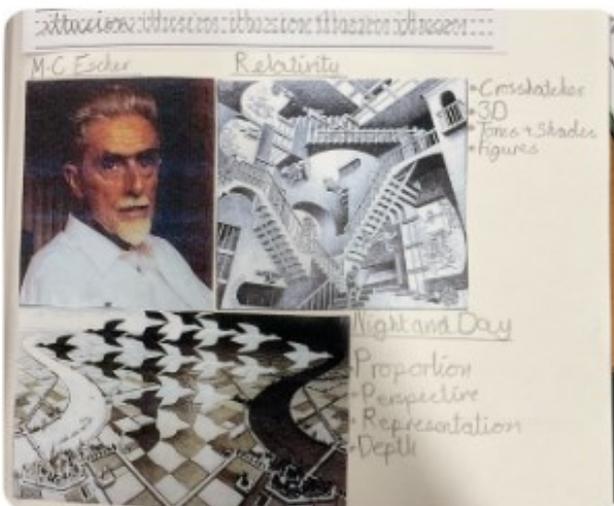
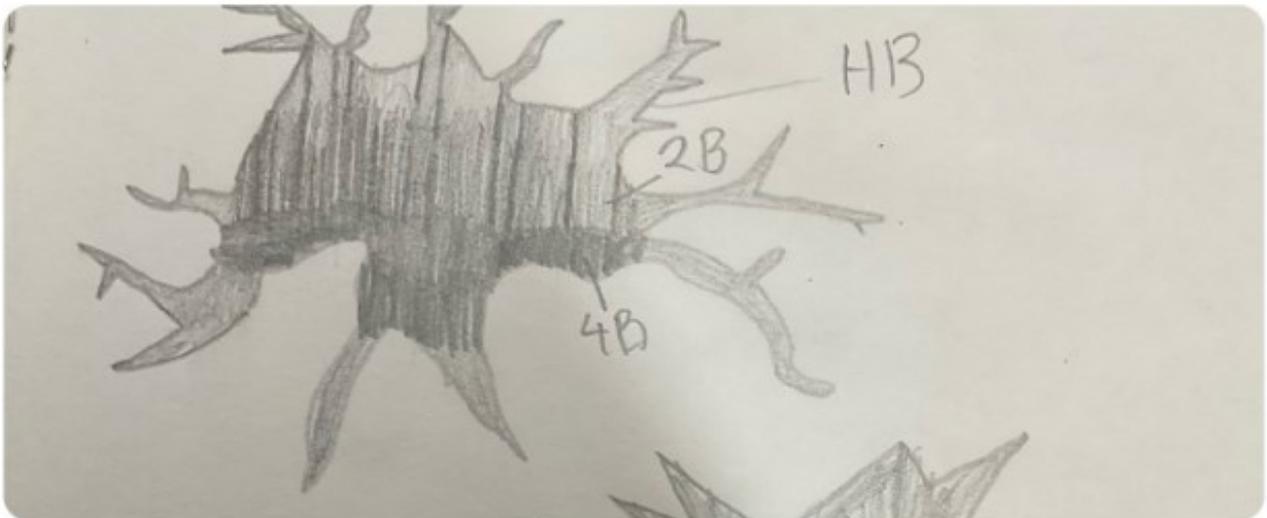
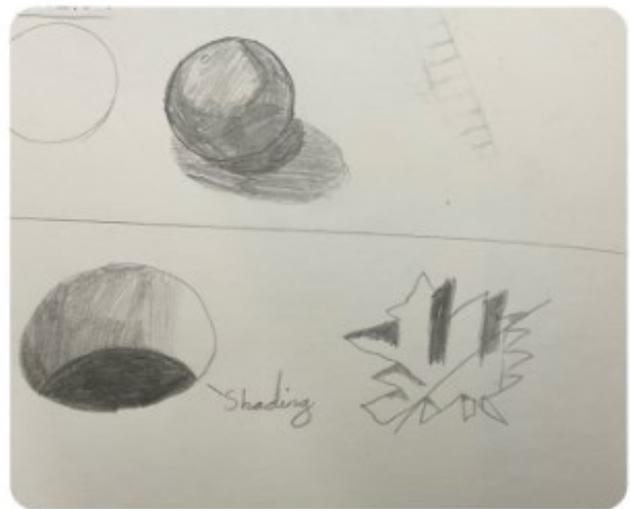
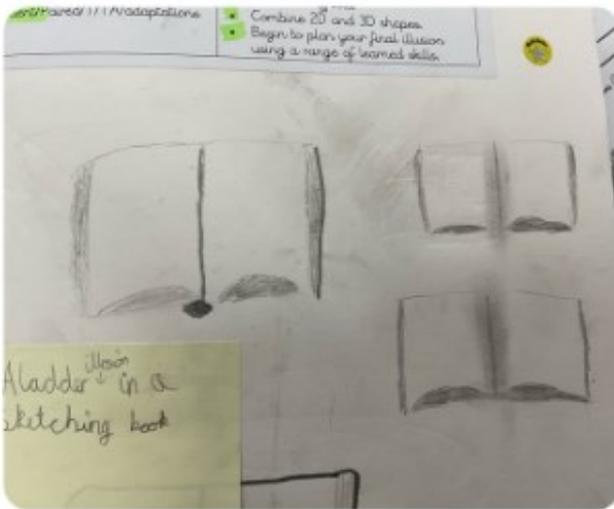


In Year 5 our Art topic this term has been drawing a figure in motion. We started by learning to draw figures in proportion. Next, we drew posed figures; leading to drawing a figure in a range of movements. The final skill was adding detail through shading. Finally, we chose a image and applied all of our skills to create a figure in motion.



This week, we have showcased our art skills as part of immersion into our new English text 'The Lost Words'. Children will write an acrostic poem about an endangered animal. We have experimented with watercolour drawings to go alongside the poem.

# YEAR 6



Year 6 have drawn on the work of M.C. Escher for their drawing this term. They have combined pencil shading techniques, learning about how they can give 2D objects a 3D 'feel'.

# CELEBRATION

<b>Class</b>	<b>Worker of the Week</b>	<b>Star of the Week</b>
<b>RC</b>	Seb	Rukia
<b>RO</b>	Finley	Layla
<b>RR</b>	Huseyin	Ezra
<b>1C</b>	Gabby	Ralphie
<b>1O</b>	Theo	Marcos
<b>1R</b>	George	Karly
<b>2C</b>	Gabe	Ana
<b>2O</b>	Mya	Amina
<b>3C</b>	Peter	Nancy
<b>3O</b>	Lachlan	Molly
<b>3R</b>	Marshal	Neve
<b>4C</b>	Ryan	Oliver
<b>4O</b>	Sonnie	Hugo
<b>4R</b>	Hannah	Harry
<b>5C</b>	Skye	Karley
<b>5O</b>	Olivia	Hattie
<b>5R</b>	Kevin	Teddy
<b>6C</b>	Saif	Monica
<b>6O</b>	Ava	The whole of 6O
<b>6R</b>	Alex	Eshal



# Attendance

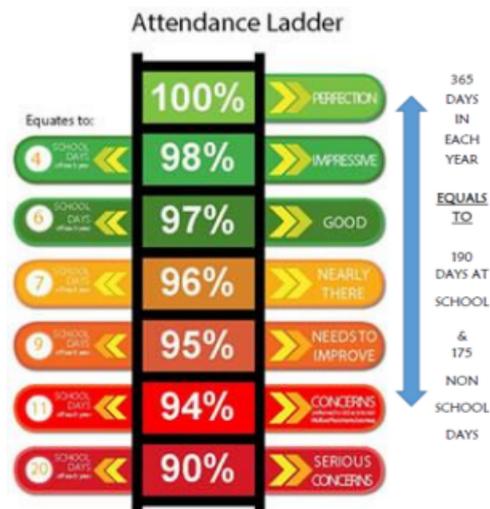
This is a screenshot of the Attendance guidance which is on our website, along with our Attendance Policy. Please help support your child's education by ensuring that they are in school, on time, every day. If your child is absent for any reason, please make the office aware of this as soon as possible,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

# GENERAL MEETING

Everyone is welcome! Come along to chat about the future of COSA and fundraising



Mon 13th Nov



7.30pm - 8.45pm



New atrium area at  
school



**Please RSVP via  
Classlist**

**Don't worry if you haven't been to a COSA meeting before. It's informal and you can just come along to listen.**

**Bring a reusable cup for a hot drink!**



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**WE HOPE YOUR CHILDREN HAD LOTS OF  
FESTIVE FUN AND  
THANK YOU TO ALL THE SCHOOL STAFF  
& COSA VOLUNTEERS WHO ORGANISED  
AND RAN THE DISCOS!**

**\*Final fundraising amount subject to COSA accounting checks**



# COSA Gardening Group



3rd  
Thursday  
every month

Next date  
18TH JAN!

2-3.10pm  
at school

Bring gloves  
& tools if you  
have them

Join in with watering, tidying & planting!



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This week (4th December) on The Wellbeing Hub

December's Theme: Friendships

This week's content:

Blog: Supporting young people through friendship conflicts  
by Dr Amanda Gummer, Child Development Expert and  
Founder of The Good Play Guide.

# Community News

Business &  
IP Centre  
Worcestershire

## 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.



## Diglis Fields junior parkrun

### What is Diglis Fields junior parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds). Nearby Saturday parkrun events can be found [here](#).

### When is it?

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

### Where is it?

The event takes place at Diglis Fields, Diglis Lane, Worcester, WR5 3FB. See [Course page](#) for more details.

### What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but please [register](#) before you first come along. Only ever register with parkrun once and don't forget to bring a [scannable](#) copy of your barcode ([request a reminder](#)). If you forget it, [you won't get a time](#).

### How fast do I have to be?

The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!



### Thanks to this week's volunteers

Aelwen REES • Alison HIGGINS • Ariane MCGRAHAN  
Beatrice CHAMBERLAIN-FRENCH • Cara MCGRAHAN  
Carole RUDOLF • Charlotte CAPEL • Dave WHITTAKER  
Denise BESSANT • Dylan BELL BALDI • Georgia PLANT  
Gerry RUDOLF • Joyce MORRISON • Karen COOPER  
Lisa ROUSE • Liz JAEGER • Lucy CAPEL • Matthew CAPEL  
Nichola Clair ROBINSON • Nicola BROWN • Phil WOOD  
Richard ELWELL • Ross ROBINSON • Sarah FERNIHOUGH  
Sophie BELL • Steve NICOLL

See our [volunteer page](#) for information on how you can get involved.

[home](#) | [Diglis Fields junior parkrun](#) | [Diglis Fields junior parkrun](#)



# Train to Teach Open Event Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

PGCE with QTS one year full time

Call in anytime between 2.30-4pm

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

