



# Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Cherry Orchard pupils, parents and carers,

We have had a lovely final week and I would like to thank everyone for your support this Autumn term. It was wonderful to watch the final nativity performances, and to be able to welcome so many guests to the Little Cherries festive morning. We are really privileged to have so many family members who spare their time to support our events. I would also like to thank the amazing staff team at Cherry Orchard. They really are the most amazing group of super-talented staff who always put the children at Cherry Orchard first. On their behalf, I thank you all for the wonderful gifts you have given to the team this Christmas; it is very much appreciated. I would also like to thank the team of COSA helpers who made the nativity refreshments possible and for the successful Christmas Disco and raffle.

Please have a lovely Christmas break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Happy New Year.

With very best wishes,

Karen Banford, Head Teacher

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event
	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
Tues 23rd Jan	Parent workshop for phonics and reading
Thur 25th Jan	3O class assembly 8:55am in the hall
Thur 1st Feb	3R class assembly 8:55am in the hall
Tues 6th –Fri 9th Feb	Year 6 residential
Wed 7th Feb	Parent forum meeting
Mon 12th—Fri 16th	Half term holiday

## Weekly attendance:

Whole school:  
95.22% (up on last week)



Best year: Year 2 with 98.25%

Best class: 2C with 99.31%



**Congratulations to RC, 1R, 3R and 6C who have won this term's attendance rewards. They will have their treats in the new year.**

## Housepoints: (for the term)

Severn	4617
Avon	4416
Teme	4316

# This week at Cherry Orchard.....

Our final nativity performances saw our Year 2 children rockin' the road to Bethlehem! They were amazing!



Hey Ewe!  
Year 2 smashed their Nativity  
performance.



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# This week at Cherry Orchard.....

We would like you to design either a '**Keeping Safe Around Electricity**,' poster or a '**How to Save Electricity**' poster. This can be drawn, painted, a collage, or computer-generated.

It can be 2-D or 3-D.

Science  
Competition  
Winners

KS1  
winner



KS2 winner

Raffle draw  
winner



We would like you to show your knowledge of a simple electrical circuit by designing **OR** making one of the following products:

- A child's toy
- A board game
- A decoration to be used for a celebration, e.g. Christmas, Diwali, New Year, a Saint's Day – e.g. St George/St Patrick
- A solar garden decoration

Whichever product you choose, it must have at least 1 of the following features: a part that lights up; a moving part, or a buzzer.

We would also like you to either write or record a set of instructions to explain how your product works.

These are the deserving winners of the Cherry Orchard entries into our MAT Science competition.

Thank you to everyone who entered. We hoped that you enjoyed making your posters and circuit toys. They are all displayed in the corridor and show a wide range of talents and imagination.

Keep thinking scientifically—so many careers are built on the ideas that science can teach us. Welcome to the future, all!

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## 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.

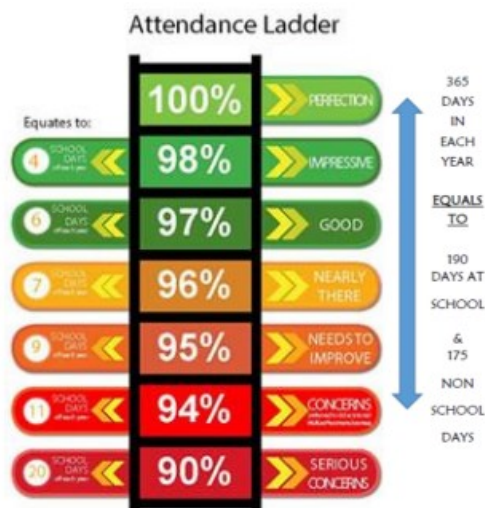
### Cherry Orchard Primary School

#### 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

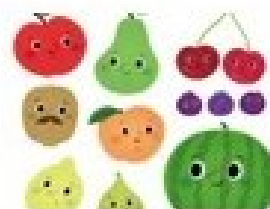
Are mealtimes  
stressful?



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)



FREE PANTRY PACK  
& SLOW COOKER



EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE



# Merry Christmas


**& happy New Year!**

**Thank you for your continued support  
to raise funds for Cherry children  
From Lynne, Siân and Kate  
COSA Committee Members**






# Over the festive period you have.....



Enjoyed a  
festive coffee  
morning!




Raised £536 at  
the Christmas  
performances




Made £1004  
through disco  
ticket sales



Donated to the  
COSA Cathedral  
collection



Raised £447 in  
Christmas card  
commission



Raised £343  
in Christmas Raffle  
ticket sales

**Thank you to everyone who has  
taken part and volunteered!**



(figures subject to final  
accounting checks)

**Cherry Orchard School Association**

Registered Charity: 1098165

**Address:**

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**E-mail:** [cosawr5@gmail.com](mailto:cosawr5@gmail.com)





Hot drinks &  
biscuits!

# GENERAL MEETING

Everyone is welcome! Come along to chat about fundraising events and how to get involved



Mon 29th January



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!**



# 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!

COSA is a Registered Charity No. 1098165





# Community News

## 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](#)

**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/>

