



Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Cherry Orchard pupils, parents and carers,

What a fantastic week. The children have all been emersed in poetry to celebrate National Poetry Day,. In assembly today, we were able to watch performances from many of the classes – it was absolutely brilliant. Look out for some videos on Face-book. We also had a very positive first visit from our new CEO Mr Meckin – he was blown away by the welcome he received. One of our Learning Ambassadors was also commended by Mr Meckin for offering some hugely insightful advice to him—our pupil said *'he should make decisions as if he was making decisions for his own children.'* I'm sure this advice will stand Mr Meckin in good stead. Year 4 have been out on visits to the Recycling Centre this week. I'm sure they will be checking our bins to make sure we are putting the right things in the right place – so watch out!

Next week, we shall be celebrating Harvest. Please join us by donating items for Worcester's Food Bank,. We would love to gather a total of 1000 items by the end of the week.

Karen Banford, Head Teacher

Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Weds until 22nd Nov	4C swimming
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
24th-27th Oct	Book Boxes in school (buy a book time!)
25th and 26th Oct	Parent consultation meetings after 3:30-7pm
28t Oct-5th Nov	Half term holiday
MON 6th Nov	TEd day so school shut to children
Fri 10th Nov	Flu vaccines
Thur 16th Nov	6R class assembly 8:55am in the hall

Weekly attendance:

Whole school:

97.69% (a bit up on last week)

Best year group:

Year 4 with 99.14%

Best class/classes:

4R with 100%



Also Well done to 1O, RR, RO,1R, 2O for 99+% attendance this week.

Housepoints:

Severn 328

Avon 332

Teme 326

Overall winners: Avon

KS 1 winners: Severn

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.

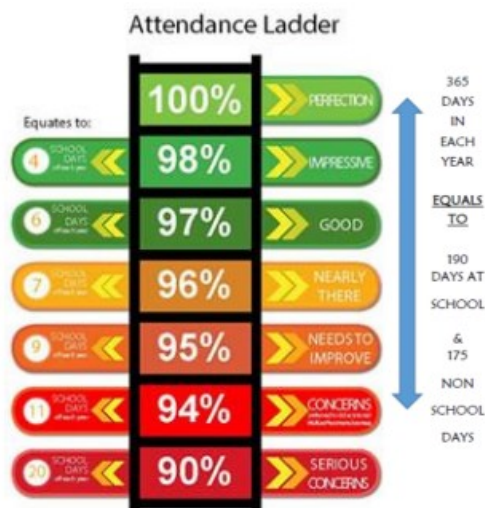
Cherry Orchard Primary School

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.

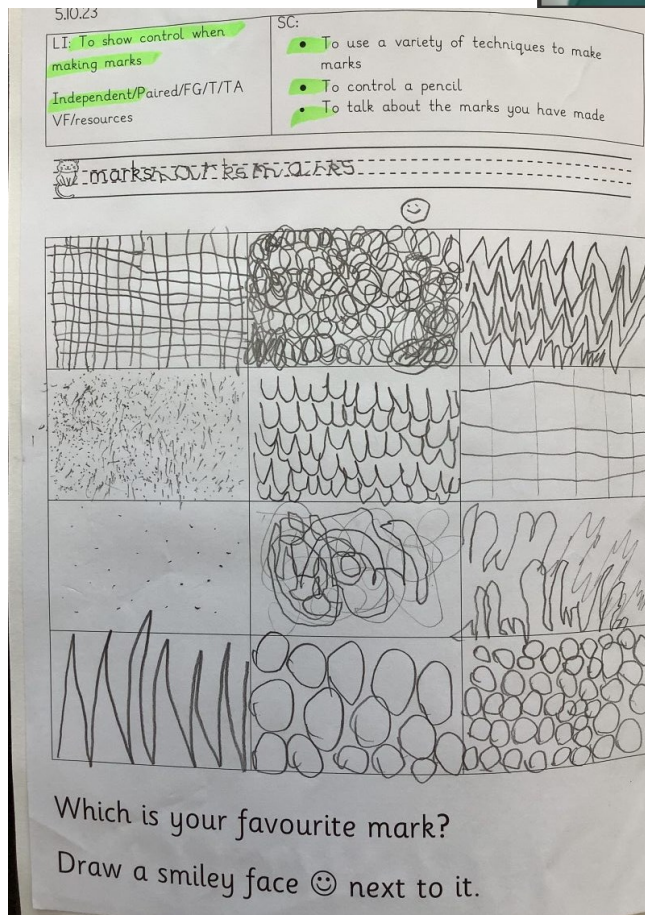
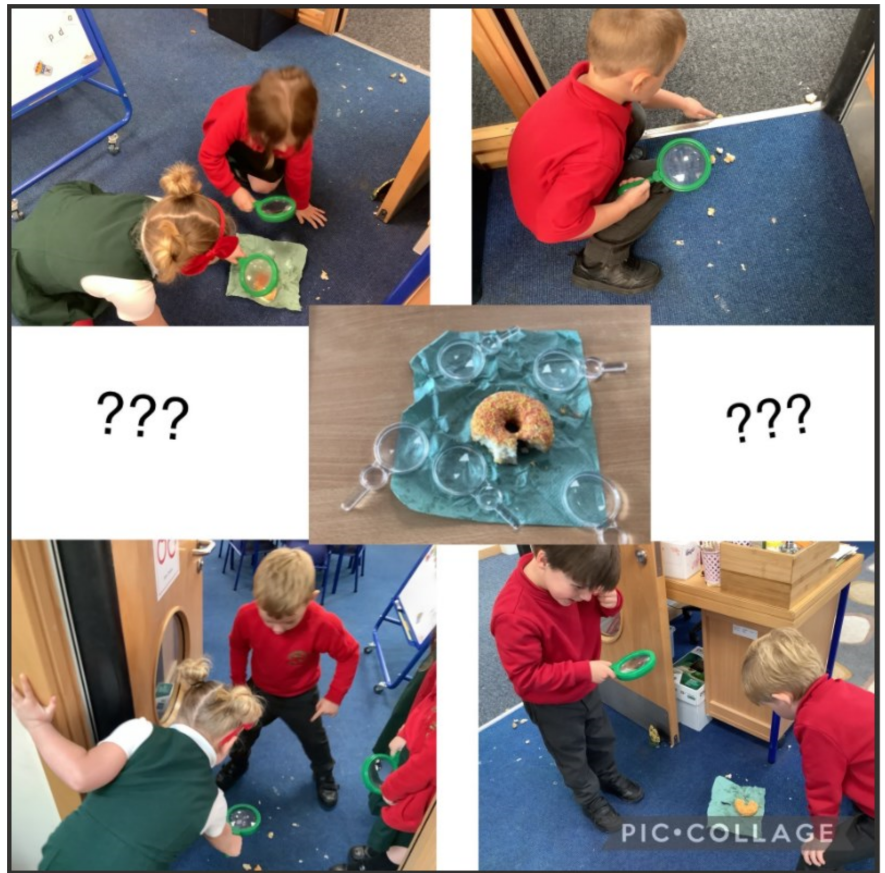
This week at Cherry Orchard.....

Something strange has gone on in Reception this week....

The children had to turn detectives when a doughnut was found in the classroom!

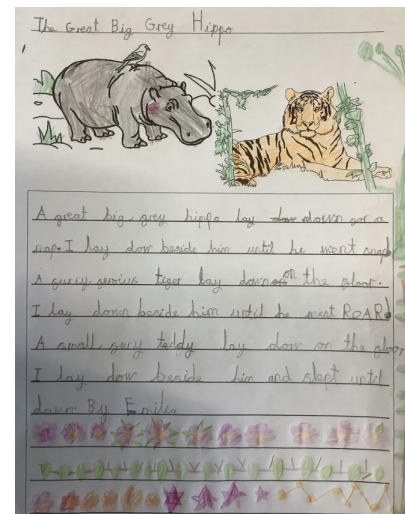
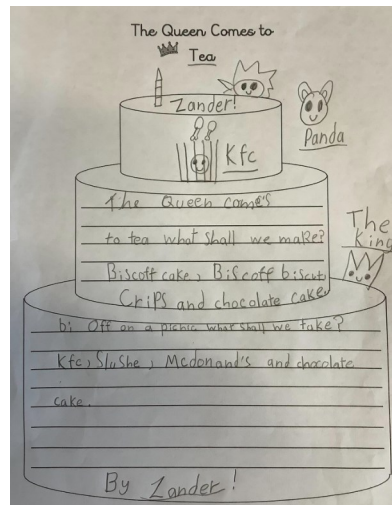
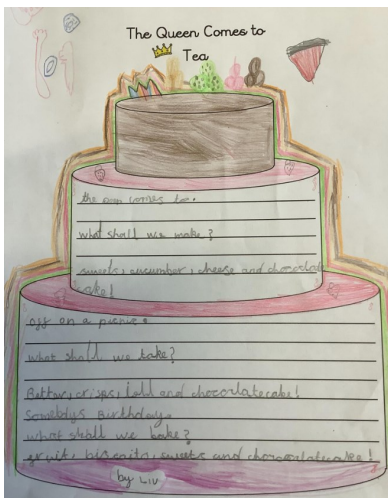
Where had it come from?
Who had left it there? Who had been eating it and left such a mess?

It was exciting start to their next text: 'Please, Mr Panda'.



Year 1 have been exploring sketching techniques this week in art. Hatching, scribbling, dotting and zig-zags were all used to create different effects and textures in our work. Ask your child which patterns they enjoyed making.

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After lots of reading and performing of various poems, our Year 2 children published their favourite poems today. We are so proud of the care they took over these. A real sense of pride in their efforts!

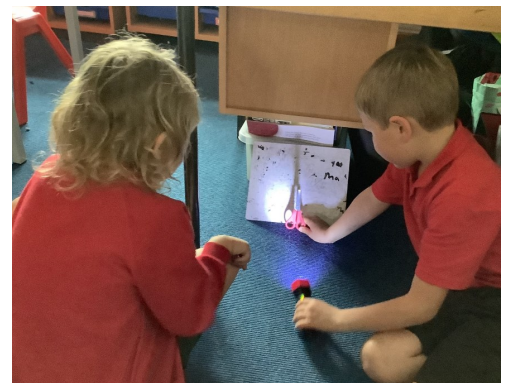


In D&T this week, they have begun to explore different pneumatics.

Year 3



In science, they have been learning about how light is reflected and how shadows are created.



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It was National Poetry Day yesterday so all week we have been learning poems off by heart, with actions to help us perform them. 4C's poems was about recycling and was spot-on in supporting the messages that we are trying to teach children about how to help our planet.



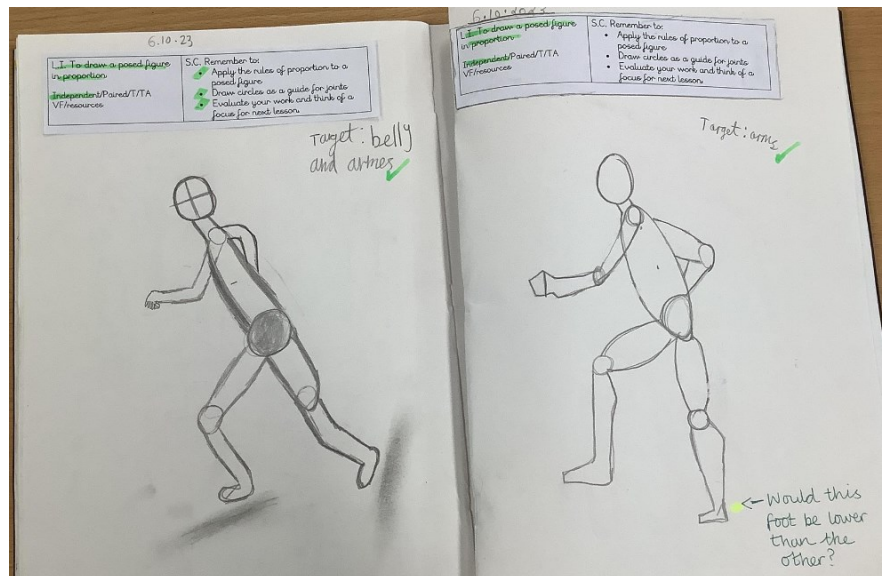
Each of our Year 4 classes enjoyed a trip to EnviroSort this week, where they learnt a LOT about which items/materials can be recycled and which ones SHOULDN'T be put into our green bins (some of which were surprising). It was an interesting (but a bit smelly!) trip.

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Year 5 have been developing their art skills. This weeks focus was drawing posed figures in proportion:



6C were very lucky to try out some Vegan snacks brought in by Darci. They have inspired us to make our Vegan meals as tasty as possible!



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CELEBRATION

Class	Worker of the Week	Star of the Week
RC	Jude	Bynad
RO	Josie	Olivia
RR	Teddy-James	Florence
1C	Ruby	Lenni
1O	Tilly	Sophie
1R	Sidney	Noah
2C	Lilia	Ella-Rose
2O	Zander	Ruby
3C	Morgan	Edith
3O	Leo	Laylan
3R	David	Max
4C	Eliza	Aiden
4O	Isabelle	Darcie
4R	Sofia	Poppy
5C	Amelia	Usman
5O	Bridget	April
5R	Ella	Summer
6C	Ted	Joey
6O	Dante	Shayla
6R	Jack	Mildred



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.

There have been some incidents of dog's off their leads running up to our children and jumping up at them this week, as well as fouling the footpaths near to the back of school. Please be vigilant and if you own a dog, help promote the right responsibilities for us.



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 will be celebrating World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October with some activities and thinking opportunities. Why not spend some time talking with your child about it this weekend.

9 MENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILDREN



WORRY TIME



- Set aside a time each day for your child worry. Discuss with your child how long the worry time will be for. In this time your child can write down their worries, discuss them with you or problem solve to overcome them

THOUGHT CHALLENGING

- Help your child to write down any unhelpful thoughts they that experience. Try to challenge them with your child and come up with more realistic and helpful ones

ACTIVITY PLANNING



- Create an activity diary with your child and help them to schedule in some pleasurable and achievement related activities

TALKING ABOUT FEELINGS

- Why not create a time each week where your child can speak to you about their thoughts and feelings



WELLBEING



- Support your child to look after their wellbeing. Cook healthy meals with them, exercise or play sport with them and make sure they are getting enough sleep

3 GOOD THINGS



- Before bed spend some time with your child to identify and write down three good things they achieved from the day

IMAGERY

- Work with your child to imagine themselves in an imaginary future where everything has turned out in a positive way

BEING PRESENT



- Help your child to be present and live in the moment. Go for a walk and see how many different things you can both take in with all your senses

THOUGHT TESTING

- Try setting out some simple activities to help your child test out the validity of a thought.





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Starting Well Partnership
EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE

Healthy Families Growing Up

Join
us!



“This was the best thing
I could have done to help
me be a better parent”

**Free slow cooker and pantry
goods for those attending the
Henry programme***

*Subject to course completion



Free face to face group

at St Josephs Primary School

Wednesday 11th October 2023

Between 9.15 – 11.15am

Your local family Hub details can be found
here:

<https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/contactus>

Or click on the QR code to book a place



WE NEED YOU!



WE ARE HIRING

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS

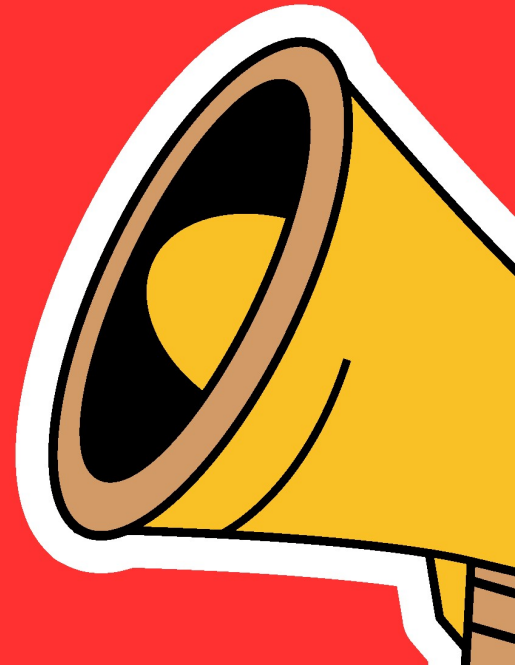
- MONDAY - FRIDAY
- TERM TIME ONLY
- 1.25 HOURS PER DAY
- PERMANENT CONTRACT

**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/>



Our Safer Schools PCSO has asked us to share this information/posters with you in the run up to Halloween. Please remember that not everyone enjoys this time of year but that if you are taking part, you take part safely—for everyone's sake.



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Have a safe Halloween

- 👤 Adults should always accompany children when trick or treating. Young people should never go trick or treating alone.
- 👤 Do not knock on the doors of strangers - only go to people you know. Never go into a stranger's house.
- 👤 Always keep to well-lit areas. Wear bright clothing and always carry a torch. Remember road safety.
- 👤 Unless pre-arranged, do not visit elderly members of the community. Be careful not to frighten vulnerable people.
- 👤 Keep your tricks within the law - anything that results in damage is an offence and will be dealt with as such.
- 👤 Please do not knock on doors where there is a 'No trick or treat sign'.

Halloween Safety Messages

Members of the community may not want to join in with Halloween because:

- They can be scary/frightening for some people.
- People can be scared of answering the door at night.
- Might struggle to get to the door.
- Might be poorly.
- Respect the fact some of your neighbours may not want to join in the fun.

Safety Messages

- Plan your route.
- Keep visible - stay in areas that are well lit.
- Don't talk to strangers on the street.
- NEVER accept an invitation to go inside a strangers' home.
- Be careful crossing the road.
- Unless pre-arranged, DO NOT visit elderly or vulnerable members of your community.
- Don't knock on doors displaying a 'No trick or Treat' sign. (signs above).

Consequences:

- If you cause criminal damage, you could get a visit from the police.
- If you cause anti social behaviour, you will be taken home and your parents will also receive a letter from the police.
- If you are caught asking for money, then you could get arrested for begging.



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Think of the consequences before you act!