



# Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Cherry Orchard pupils, parents and carers,

This has been really productive first week of the term, with many children achieving award certificates this morning – well done all.

I would also like to thank the staff team who took a group of our children to the amazing Young Voices concert in Birmingham on Wednesday night. The children returned buzzing about the show. It was a fantastic chance for our children to be part of the afternoon rehearsals with professional dancers and musicians, after which they took part in the show themselves. I am very grateful to work with a staff team who give their own time so freely to make sure these events can take place: thank you to Mr Rice, Mrs Davies, Mrs Oseman and Mrs Milligan.

For those parents who have children due to start school this September, please don't forget that you will need to submit your online application form by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**. The team at Worcestershire admissions will inform parents of their allocated school in April. Please use our recently upgraded, school website to search for more information about this process or to find out more about life at Cherry Orchard Primary School. You can also leave feedback about the school on the Ofsted Parent View website and other rating tools. Please support the school with your views if you have a few minutes to spare.

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Banford, Head Teacher

## Calendar of Events

| Date                  | Event  |
|-----------------------|--|
|                       | 2024   |
| 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 8:55 in the hall |
| 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 to Hollowford                         |
| Wed 7th Feb           | Parent forum 8:55am in Our Space                         |
| Mon 12th–Fri16th Feb  | Half term holiday  |
| Tues 20th Feb         | Year 6 SATs meeting for parents 8:55am-10am              |
| Fri 23rd Feb          | Reception trip to Little Owl Farm                        |

## Weekly attendance:

Whole school: 96.79%

Best year: Year 4 with 98.39%

Best class: 4O with 99.6%

**Well done.**



Also well done to RC, 2O, 3C with attendance above 99%.

## Housepoints:

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| Severn | 324 |
| Avon   | 378 |
| Teme   | 423 |

**Overall winners:** Teme

**KS 1 winners:** Avon

**KS2 winners:** Teme

# This week at Cherry Orchard.....

On Wednesday night 42 Year 5 and 6 children joined the Young Voices choir of 5,800 children at Resorts World Arena, Birmingham. All their hard work learning the songs and dance moves really paid off. What an amazing experience! Well done, everyone.



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# This week at Cherry Orchard.....

We have a new website!

Our website has been moved over to a different provider so looks slightly different. It still contains all of the important information about our school and is the place to go if you want to find out things like dates of events that are happening, our school policies, class photos etc. but the pages are laid out slightly differently.

[www.cherryorchard-pri.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.cherryorchard-pri.worcs.sch.uk)

Please go and have a look.

Some hints on where to look:

- To look at school dates: you will find the calendar from the *News and Events* tab
- To read our newsletters (and keep up to date with what has happened in school this week): you will find the **Newsletters** from the *News and Events* tab
- To find out about what help is available from school: see our **Supporting families** pages accessed via the *Parents* tab
- To look at information specific to your child's class: use the **Children** tab and click on the relevant year group

There will be more added to this in the near future, including new photos, as we work in the background to make it our own.

# This week at Cherry Orchard.....

the spotlight is on...

Design &  
Technology



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# Design and Technology at Cherry Orchard

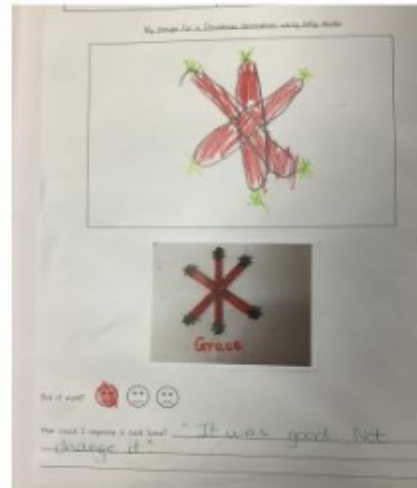
Design and Technology is an inspiring, rigorous and practical subject.

At Cherry Orchard, the children design, make and evaluate products within a real-life context. Through our D&T curriculum, the children combine practical skills with an understanding of aesthetic, social and environmental issues, as well as of functions and industrial practices.

We allocate one afternoon every 2 weeks for our D&T lessons which are practical, using deconstruction and exploration to better understand mechanisms, structures, food, textiles and electronics. Each D&T unit starts with a 'Driving Question' which serves as the design brief. All teaching of D&T follows the design, make and evaluate cycle. Each stage is rooted in technical knowledge and technical vocabulary. We encourage the children to become creative problem-solvers, both as individuals and as part of a team.

D&T inspires our children to make essential future contributions as global citizens in an ever-changing world.

## Year R



Reception have enjoyed lots of activities in the Expressive Arts and Design part of the curriculum. We have designed and decorated doughnuts and made bread hedgehogs in a cooking session. In COOL time we have used play dough and other materials to make Incey, Wincey spider and the mouse who ran up the clock. We also designed, created, adapted and evaluated a Christmas decoration using lolly sticks.

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## Year 1

Year 1 started the year by looking at fruit in our DT lessons. We tried lots of different fruits to research which ones we liked best, practised chopping and preparing food and finally designed and made our own fruit kebabs to eat. They were delicious!



Year 2

Following around the process of DT, from research, through practical activities, planning, making and evaluating.

Year 2's Autumn unit was on making a puppet. They had to sew the fabric together and embellish it to create an animal puppet. They were great!



## Year 3

Last term in DT, we were learning about pneumatic systems. This is where compressed air is used to create movement.



Next, we used tubing and syringes to make our levers move, using compressed air.



Firstly, we made a range of levers and linkages and explored how they moved.



We learned how to measure lengths of wood accurately and to saw safely to create a strong base for our project. As saw partners, we made sure our partners were working safely and protected them from being knocked by others.



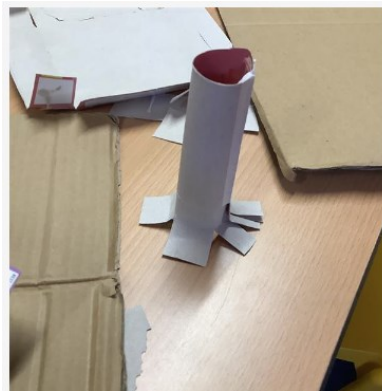
### Our final project

We created a pneumatic system to remove plastic from the oceans using a lever controlled by compressed air.

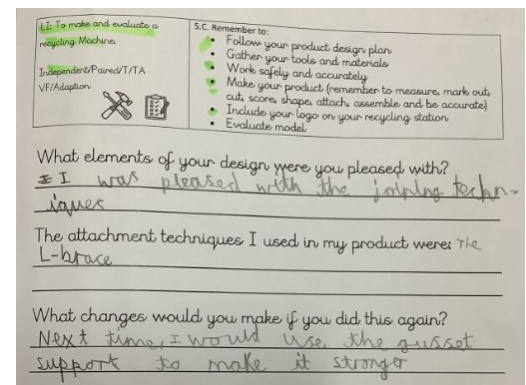
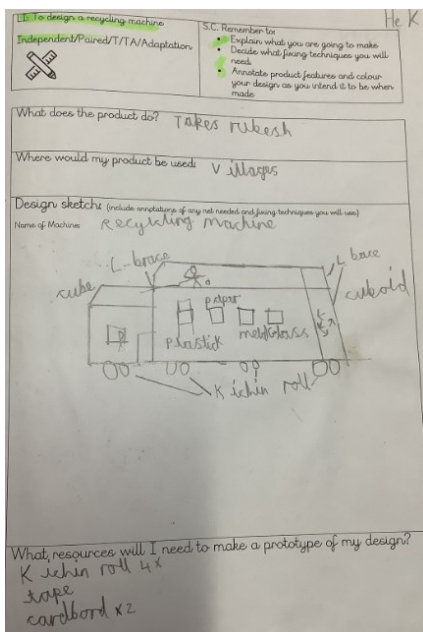


## YEAR 4

For our Autumn unit, Year 4 designed, made and evaluated a recycling vehicle or station out of recycled materials. During the unit, we visited the local recycling centre, EnviroSort, as part of our research phase. After this, we explored a range of attachment techniques before designing, making and evaluating our products.

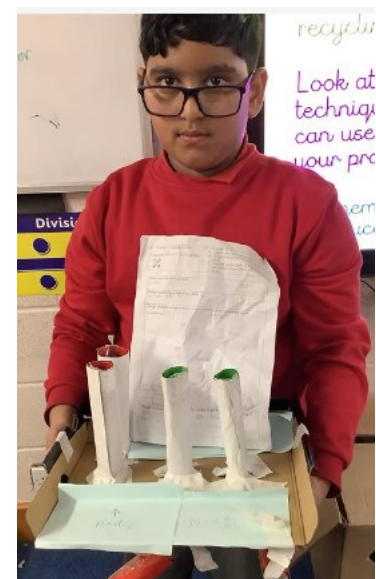


Focused practical tasks—learning methods to join materials together



Evaluation

Design



Our recycling centres made from recycled materials

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## YEAR 5



## Year 6

Year 6 spent time researching meat free meals and then designed some of their own as part of their Autumn DT Food unit. They used a variety of cooking skills to create meat-free meals and present them to parents and carers. After the tasting event, children looked at surveys that had been completed and evaluated the success of their meals.



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# CELEBRATION

| <b>Class</b> | <b>Worker of the Week</b> | <b>Star of the Week</b> |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>RC</b>    | Bill                      | Jude                    |
| <b>RO</b>    | Darius                    | Willow                  |
| <b>RR</b>    | Emman                     | Darcey                  |
| <b>1C</b>    | Polly                     | Ezra                    |
| <b>1O</b>    | George                    | Sanuli                  |
| <b>1R</b>    | Laciee                    | Karly                   |
| <b>2C</b>    | Tom                       | Freddie                 |
| <b>2O</b>    | Darcey                    | Benjamin                |
| <b>3C</b>    | Ella                      | Simeon                  |
| <b>3O</b>    | Tommy                     | Paige                   |
| <b>3R</b>    | Dot                       | Will                    |
| <b>4C</b>    | Huzaifa                   | Daniel                  |
| <b>4O</b>    | Austin                    | Gabby                   |
| <b>4R</b>    | Peter                     | Oscar                   |
| <b>5C</b>    | Abubakr                   | Usman                   |
| <b>5O</b>    | Tristan                   | Aisha                   |
| <b>5R</b>    | Lucas                     | Max                     |
| <b>6C</b>    | James                     | Paul                    |
| <b>6O</b>    | Amelia                    | Jakub                   |
| <b>6R</b>    | Mia                       | Zoya                    |



## 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.

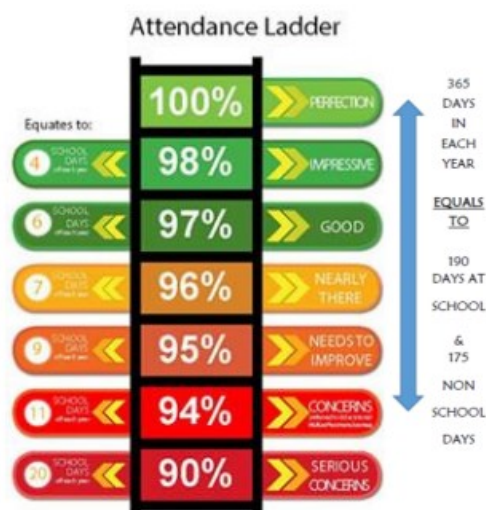
### Cherry Orchard Primary School

#### 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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### Spring term 2023-24 clubs

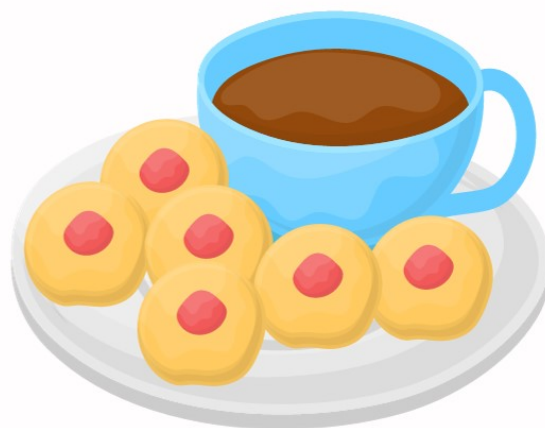
| Year group | Clubs  | Day   | Time   |
|------------|--|---|--|
| Reception  | Choir<br>Games   | Tuesday<br>Monday   | 3:15-4:00 pm<br>lunchtime  |
| 1          | Computing<br>Colouring and craft<br>Lego<br>Choir                                    | Monday<br>Monday<br><br>Monday<br>Tuesday                     | 3:15-4:00 pm<br>3:15-4:00 pm<br><br>3:15-4:00 pm<br>3:15-4:00 pm               |
| 2          | Book club<br>Colouring and craft<br>Lego<br>Choir                                    | Monda<br>Monday<br><br>Monday<br>Tuesday                      | Lunchtime<br>3:15-4:00 pm<br><br>3:15-4:00 pm<br>3:15-4:00 pm                  |
| 3          | Scratch (coding club)<br>Maths games and puzzles<br>Choir<br>Homework<br>Art         | Monday<br><br>Tuesday<br><br>Tuesday<br>Wednesday<br>Thursday | 3:15-4:15 pm<br><br>Lunchtime<br><br>3:15-4:00 pm<br>Lunchtime<br>3:15-4:15 pm |
| 4          | Times tables<br>Scratch (coding club)<br>Running<br>Maths games and puzzles<br>Choir | Monday<br>Monday<br><br>Monday<br>Tuesday<br><br>Tuesday      | Lunchtime<br>3:15-4:15 pm<br><br>3:15-4:15 pm<br>Lunchtime<br><br>3:15-4:00 pm |
| 5          | Running<br>Science<br>Indoor games<br>Maths games and puzzles<br>Choir               | Monday<br>Monday<br>Monday<br>Tuesday<br><br>Tuesday          | 3:15-4:15 pm<br>3:15-4:15 pm<br>3:15-4:00 pm<br>Lunchtime<br><br>3:15-4:00 pm  |
| 6          | Running<br>Science<br>Indoor games<br>Choir  | Monday<br>Monday<br>Monday<br>Tuesday                         | 3:15-4:15 pm<br>3:15-4:15 pm<br>3:15-4:00 pm<br>3:15-4:00 pm                   |

Orchestra will continue to run on a Friday after school for those who are already members.

Photography club is an externally provided club on Tuesdays.



# GENERAL MEETING



Hot drinks &  
biscuits!

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!**



# 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





— The —  
**Wellbeing  
Hub**  
— from Teen Tips —



This week's content (15th January):

[Video: How to Quit Gaming in 60 Seconds](#)  
by Cam Adair, Leading expert on game addiction and  
Founder of Game Quitters

[HANDi App :: Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System \(hwics.org.uk\)](http://hwics.org.uk)

This is the website address for the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System HANDi App information.



# 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/>

