



Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Cherry Orchard pupils, parents and carers,

Welcome back. I hope you have had a lovely half-term. The children have started the new half-term with lots of enthusiasm and energy and we were delighted that Pudsey Bear popped into school on Wednesday to say hello and to ask for our help to fund raise for Children In Need next week. We shall be running a Children In Need non-uniform day on Friday with the traditional Pudsey themes (yellow/spotty) alongside this year's specific theme of going superhero style! Payment via the ParentPay link is preferable as it goes straight to the charity or cash. Next week, we shall also be thinking about Anti-Bullying and Respect. On Tuesday, the children can join-in by wearing 'Odd Socks' to mark this national event. So it will be another busy week to come.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the calendar for the end of term Christmas events. KS2 will be singing in the Cathedral on Tuesday 3rd December and the children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will inviting parents/carers to watch their Nativity performances over a number of days in the last two weeks of term. All events will be ticketed so please ensure you look out for emails and further details in the next few weeks.

And finally, for prospective Reception parents, don't forget that the deadline for booking school places in Reception Autumn 2025 is Wednesday 15th January 2025. The school office can help if you have any questions regarding this process or if you wish to book a place on one of our Open Days.

Have a lovely weekend,
Karen Banford,

Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Mon 11th Nov	Y6 Hindu temple visit
Tue 12th Nov	Odd Socks Day—wear your wackiest socks!
Wed 13th Nov	Y2 visit from Samuel Pepys (the History Man)
Thur 14th Nov	OPEN DAY 5C class assembly
Fri 15th Nov	Children In Need—dress up as classic Pudsey or in Superhero style—please donate via this link Children In Need 2024
Monday 18th Nov	SATS meeting for Year 6 parents 5pm in the hall
Fri 22nd Nov	Y5 trip to the cinema
Thur 28th Nov	Bring and Buy booksale (bring in books on Mon and Tues to be bought on Thur)
Wed 4th Dec	Non-uniform day—come in your disco gear!! School discos pm.

Weekly attendance:

Whole school: 96.45%

Year group	Week's attendance %
R	97.8
1	95.5
2	99
3	96
4	96.5
5	94
6	97

Well done to Year 2. Great work!

Best class: 2C and 2O with 99.2 % each. Excellent job!



Also well done to 1O as their attendance was also above 99%.

We will have a new attendance policy out soon, as a MAT. It is based on the updated Government guidance that came into force at the end of August. You can read more about this on our website (here [Cherry Orchard Primary School - Attendance \(cherryorchard-pri.worcs.sch.uk\)](http://cherryorchard-pri.worcs.sch.uk) if you missed the information when it was sent out at the end of last term.

The Department of Education states that the Headteacher may not grant any leave of absence during school term time unless there are very exceptional circumstance. We strongly discourage parents/ carers from taking their children out of school for any leave as it can have a negative impact on a child's learning. Please support us with your child's education by ensuring they are in school every day. If after reading the guidance, you still want to request a leave of absence, it must be in writing on a Leave of Absence form available from the office and be submitted to school 4 weeks in advance.

Housepoints:

Severn	248
Avon	264
Teme	258

Overall winners:	Avon
KS 1 winners:	Severn
KS2 winners:	Avon

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.

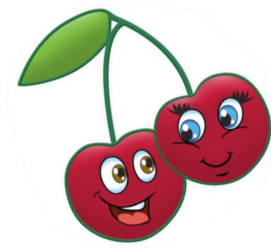
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This survey is to gather parent and carer views on Evergreen (our use of iPads in the classrooms and at home). The survey is live until Friday 15th November.

Thank you.



Chat with your
child....

If you could be any animal for the
day, what would you be and why?

Events coming up....



Odd Socks Day marks the start of the national Anti-Bullying Week and takes place on Tuesday 12th November. Join in by wearing odd socks (in place of school socks or over tights if it's cold) to celebrate us being individuals together in our Cherry Orchard family.



Friday 15th November—Children In Need dress-up day.

The theme this year is Making Life Lighter for children.

We would love everyone to donate whatever you can afford to this amazing charity using the link below.

The dressing-up theme is either classic Pudsey (yellow and spotty) or the *Challenge Yourself* theme of Superhero Style (that the TV Gladiators are supporting).

What will you wear?

[Children In Need 2024](#)

or use this:





Registered charity
no. 1098165

CHRISTMAS DISCOS!

£3 per
child



WED 4TH DEC

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
ParentPay
(incl. drink &
crisps)

**All children are
invited to strut their
stuff in their sparkly
party outfits for a
fabulous day at
school!**

Please check the email from school for the info letter. COSA
needs volunteers for supervision. Sign up through Classlist!

ParentPay link will be available next week.

Christmas events

Monday 2nd December:

Pantomime trip for pupils in Years 3 and 4



Tuesday 3rd December:

Cathedral Carol Service for KS 2 pupils and parents.

Tickets for this will be available from today.

Productions:

All places are ticketed. Tickets will be released soon. Please keep an eye on messages from the office.

Reception Nativity production:

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December at 9:30am.

Year 1 production:

Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December at 9:30am.

Year 2 production:

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December at 9:30am

Little Cherries Christmas fun:

Wednesday 28th December in the morning.

School Christmas lunch: Wednesday 18th December (look as for a normal lunch on SchoolGrid)

Wear a Christmas jumper day: Friday 20th December

Success!

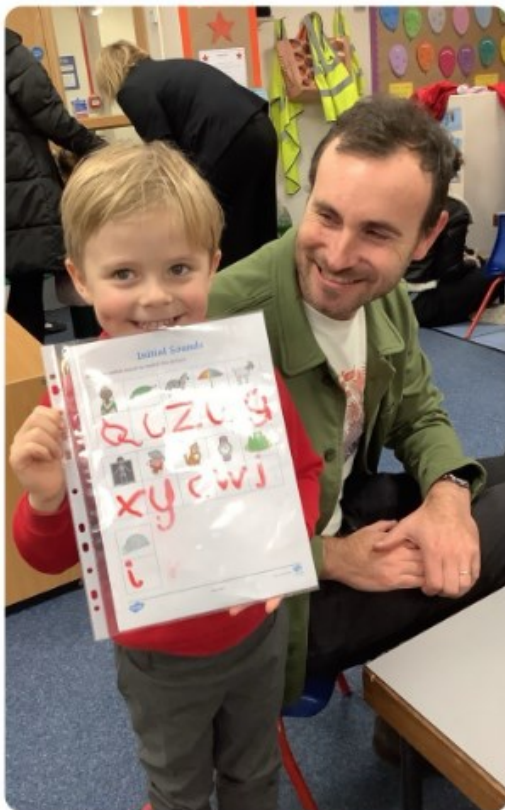
We have just been told that we are to have a new School Crossing Patrol person from Monday! It's great news.



Please could everyone (parents and children) be patient whilst he is being trained and not step out to cross the road until he is ready to cross families over and not to park where his visibility could be blocked. There will be regular checks made as to parking in the area.

This week at Cherry Orchard.....

We welcomed Reception parents into school for a presentation all about phonics. They then had the opportunity to watch the children learn and join in with some phonics activities in the classroom. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us. The children loved having you in their classroom.



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We had a visit from Pudsey as he was doing his tour of schools in Worcester ready for CIN day.



Pudsey had a cheeky bounce on the Reception trampoline and showed off his dance moves during lunch play.

Everyone loved him!



Even the adults love a Pudsey hug!



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Children from Year 5 and Year 6 represented Cherry Orchard at the District Cross Country event yesterday. All of the children ran brilliantly, supported each other passionately and showed respect throughout. A special mention to Jacob, who won the Y6 boys event, and Maryam and Maya, who finished 3rd and 2nd place respectively in their races.

It's onwards and upwards to the next set of trials.



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YEAR R

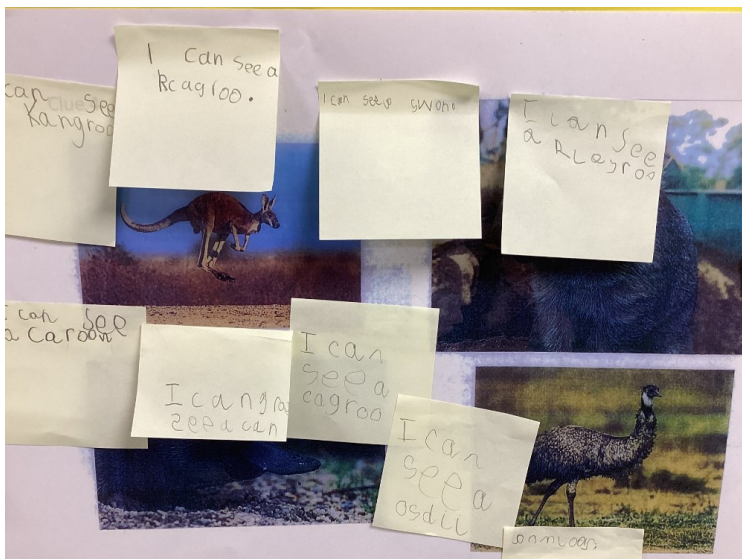
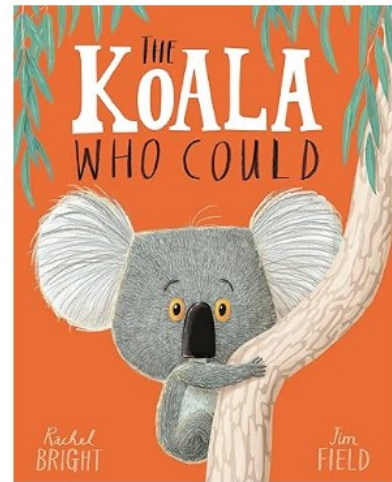
This week in Reception, we have been building on what we know about numbers 1,2 and 3 and have now added 4 and 5 in to our number knowledge. We collected different amounts of objects to match each numeral. Maybe you could try this at home too?



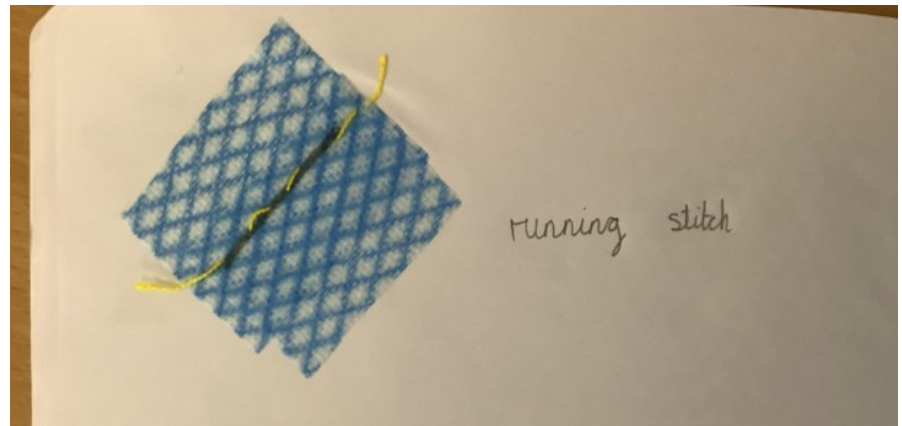
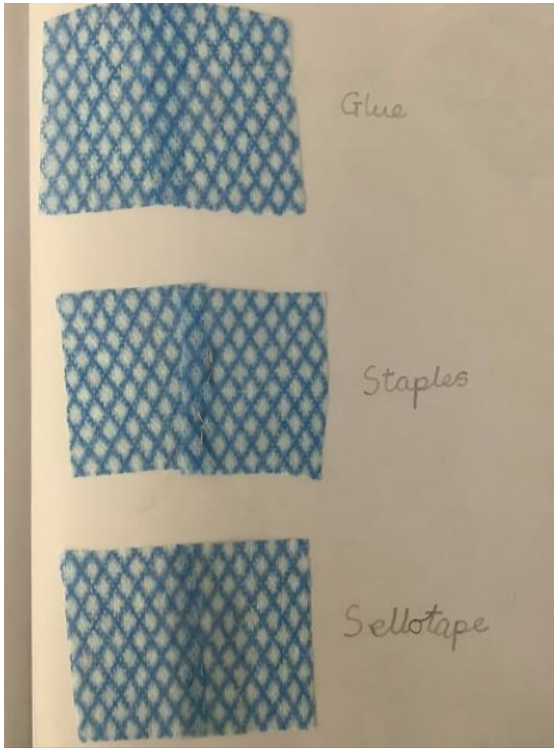
We have also been developing our fine motor skills by using pipettes to squeeze small amounts of primary colours together to make secondary colours. Science, physical development and Art all in one!

YEAR 1

In Year 1 this week, we have introduced our new text in English, 'The Koala Who Could'. The children enjoyed exploring clues about our new text and making predictions. We then read the story and have been using adjectives to describe the setting.



YEAR 2

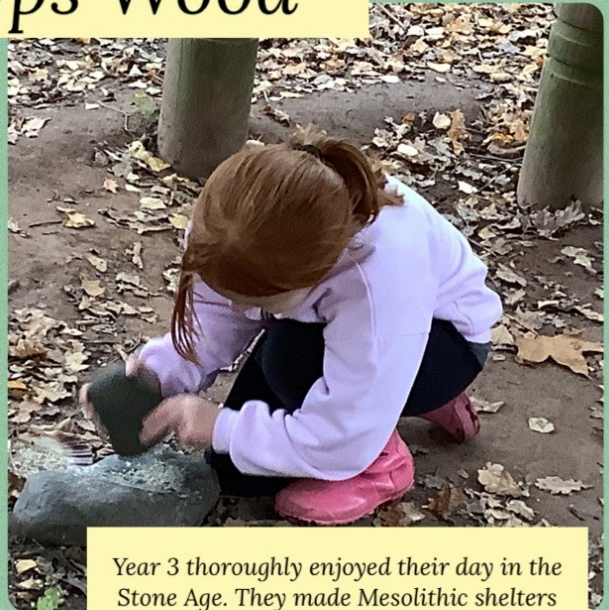


In Year 2, we have been researching different joining techniques for our glove puppets. We tried each one and discussed which technique we would choose and why.





Bishops Wood



Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their day in the Stone Age. They made Mesolithic shelters then became hunter-gatherers and farmers, and even lit a fire using flint!



For more photos, check out our Facebook and X pages!



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YEAR 4

Year 4 have been testing out their fitness levels in PE this week. We sprinted, jumped, balanced, changed direction and ran for distance. We will aim to improve our fitness levels through the coming weeks.



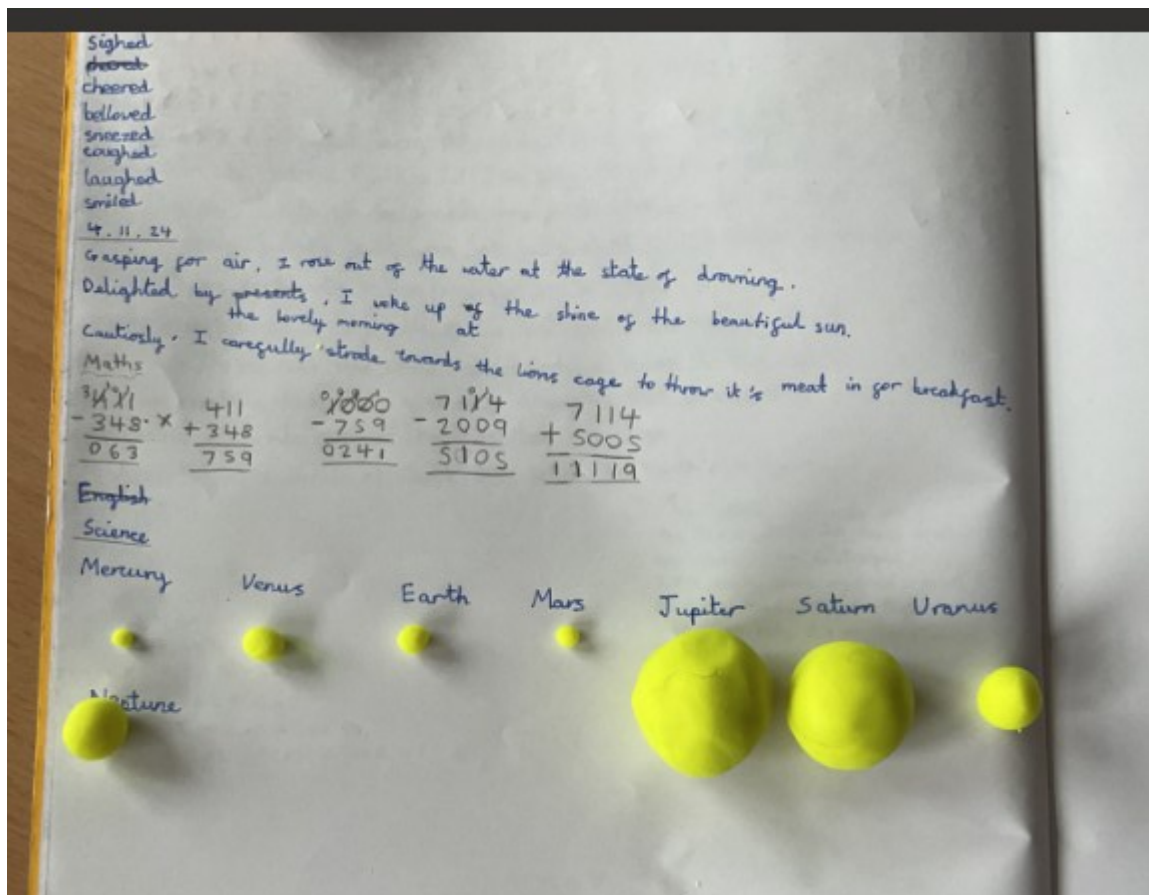
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YEAR 5



This week Year 5 started our Science topic on the Solar System. We used 3D models on the I-pads to explore the solar system and then used play dough to learn about the scale of the planets.



CELEBRATION

Class	Worker of the Week	Star of the Week
RC	Stevie	Isabelle
RO	Daria	Bobby
1C	Israel	Theo
1O	Cali	Brant
1R	Olivia	Dillon
2C	Charlotte	Gillian
2O	Layla	Ola
2R	Ruby	Karly-Rae
3C	Dexter	Nora
3O	Freya	Chloe
4C	Marshal	Tilly
4O	Azan	Holly
4R	Sebastian	Maisie
5C	Freddy	Steven
5O	Isla	Bobby
5R	Jayden	Mya
6C	Loki	Layla
6O	Dorcas	Rewan
6R	Betsy	Abubakr



Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs including our own Cherry Orchard School Association (COSA is a registered charity) have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school/Cherry Orchard Primary School Association and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024



Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to COSA for the benefit of all children at Cherry Orchard. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards
and we will donate **££s** to schools.

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HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2 Choose your primary school
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online?
Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest!
We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.



Selected stores. Minimum spend £20. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt in required.
0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools must register with Parentkind charity 1072833.
Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 30/11/24

Help us
to help
support
our
school.



A colorful poster for the COSA Gardening Group. At the top left is a logo with two cherries and the word 'cosa'. The title 'COSA Gardening Group' is in a large, dark font. Below it, a yellow sun is partially obscured by a cloud. Text in pink clouds says '3rd Thursday every month' and 'Next date Thurs 21st Nov'. Another pink cloud says '2-3.10pm at school'. A third pink cloud says 'Bring gloves & tools if you have them'. At the bottom left are logos for 'CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL' and 'LITTLE CHERRIES PRE-SCHOOL', with 'The Rivers CofE Academy Trust' below them. At the bottom right is a potted plant. A green banner on the right edge says 'Join in with watering, tidying & planting!'. At the bottom center, it says 'COSA is a Registered Charity No. 1098165'.

COSA Gardening Group

3rd Thursday every month

Next date Thurs 21st Nov

2-3.10pm at school

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CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL
LITTLE CHERRIES PRE-SCHOOL
The Rivers CofE Academy Trust

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Join in with watering, tidying & planting!



A red poster for the COSA General Meeting. On the left is a circular photo of three women sitting at a table with a teapot and cups, with Christmas decorations hanging above them. At the top center is a penguin wearing a Santa hat and a garland. The COSA logo is in the top right corner. The text 'COSA' is in a white box, followed by 'GENERAL MEETING' in large white letters. At the bottom left is a red box with white text: 'JOIN US TO PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS!'. To the right of this box is a Santa Claus head. At the bottom center are three icons: a calendar, a clock, and a location pin, each followed by text: 'DATE MON 18TH NOV', 'TIME 7.15-8.45PM', and 'VENUE HARVESTER'. On the bottom right is a cartoon character of a person in a Santa hat hanging upside down.

COSA

GENERAL MEETING

JOIN US TO PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS!

DATE
MON 18TH NOV

TIME
7.15-8.45PM

VENUE
HARVESTER

COSA
cherry orchard school association