



# Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Cherry Orchard pupils, parents and carers,

This week has been a hugely successful one for the school. On Thursday, we hosted another Open Day for prospective parents/carers. The visitors were blown away by the range of high quality learning activities taking place. The feedback forms were very positive with one visitor writing this comment, **'We were very impressed with your school and how calm it was.'** This is a huge credit to the team at Cherry Orchard—we have amazing children, staff and families who make this the most tremendous school to be a part of.

Huge thanks for your support with the Children In Need fundraising today. Many families donated directly to Children in Need website and on top of that we also directly received over £450 – so thank you all.

Next week, on Monday, we are looking forward to Y6 parents and carers joining us for our Y6 SATS briefing at 5:00pm in the school hall. Please join us if you can.

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Banford, Headteacher

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event
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)
Mon 2nd Dec	Y3 and 4 trip to the pantomime am ( <b>leaving</b> school at 8:45am)
Tues 3rd Dec	KS2 Cathedral Carol Service 1pm start. Back at school for end of day
Wed 4th Dec	Non-uniform day—come in your disco gear!! School discos pm. 6C class assembly. Parents welcome. 8:55am in the hall.
Thur 5th Dec	6O class assembly. Parents welcome. 8:55am in the hall.
Fri 6th Dec	OPEN DAY. Please pass this onto other parents that might need it. Time To Talk parents meeting. 8:45am. Come to the office.
Mon 9th Dec	Y6 parents in to taste food!! From 2:45pm

### Weekly attendance:

Whole school: 96%

Year group	Week's attendance %
R	95.4
1	96.5
2	92.8
3	98.5
4	94.6
5	98
6	96.4

Well done to Year 3. Great work! And close behind, was Year 5.

Best class: 3O with 100%. Excellent job!



Also well done to 5C and 5R 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	308
Avon	326
Teme	280

<b>Overall winners:</b>	<b>Avon</b>
<b>KS 1 winners:</b>	<b>Severn</b>
<b>KS2 winners:</b>	<b>Teme</b>

## 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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*Chat with  
your child...*

What pretend place  
would you like to visit?



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

# This week at Cherry Orchard.....



We celebrated our uniqueness by wearing Odd Socks on Tuesday. There were a great range of socks on show! This photo shows how we can all be different but come together as a big family.

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Celebrating Children In Need day 2024.

Thank you to everyone that has helped us raise over £450 so far.



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## YEAR R

Reception children have been busy this week building on their knowledge of nursery rhymes. We thought carefully about Humpty Dumpty and how we wanted to help protect him as he just keeps falling off the wall! So, we became scientists and tested different materials to see which would stop him from cracking. With real eggs, we covered them with the different materials and tested him falling off a wall. Ask your children to tell you which material was the best.



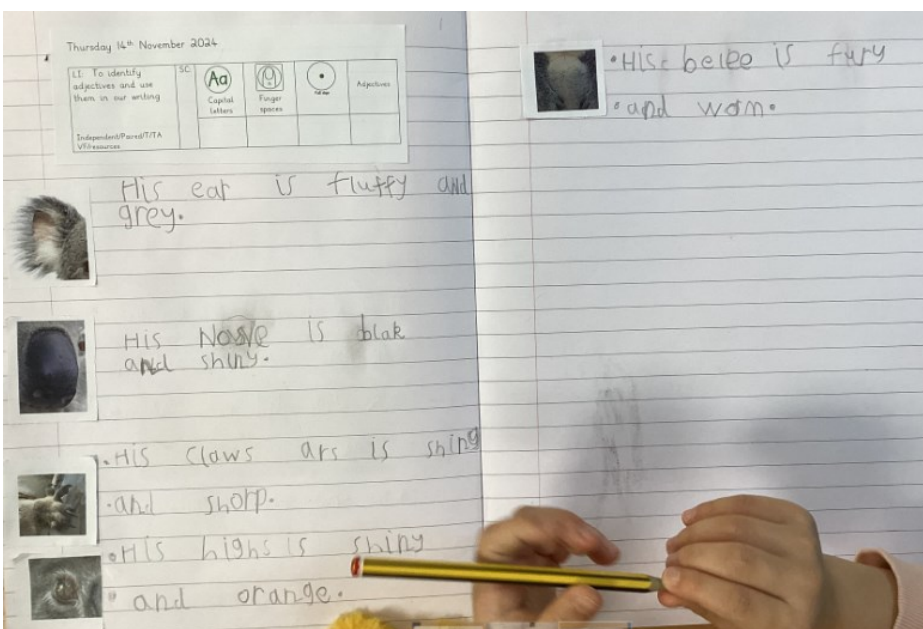
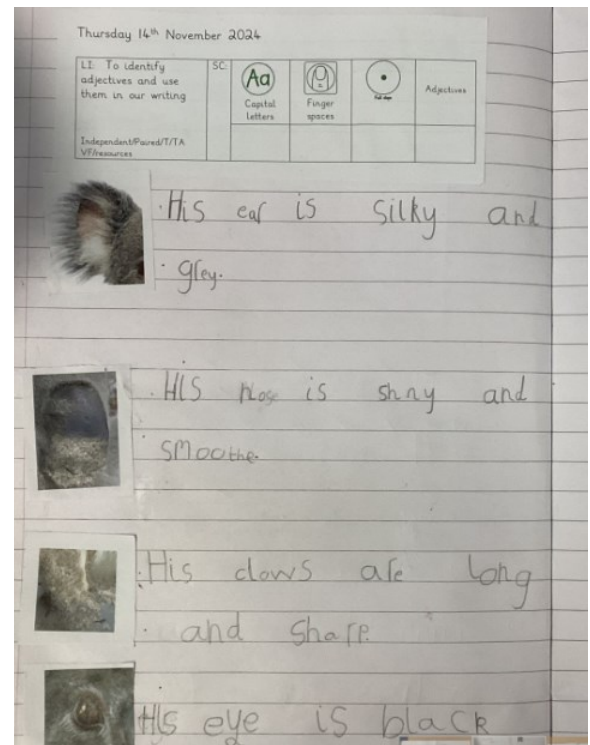
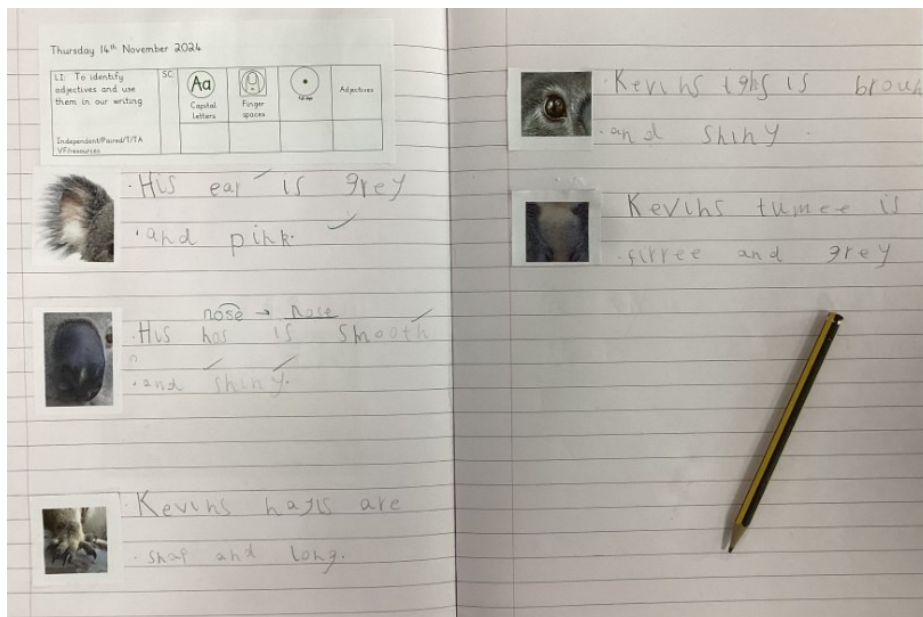
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# YEAR 1

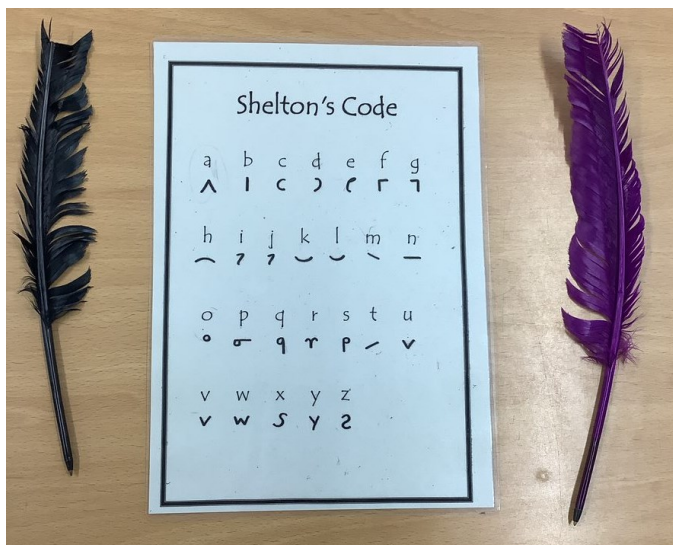
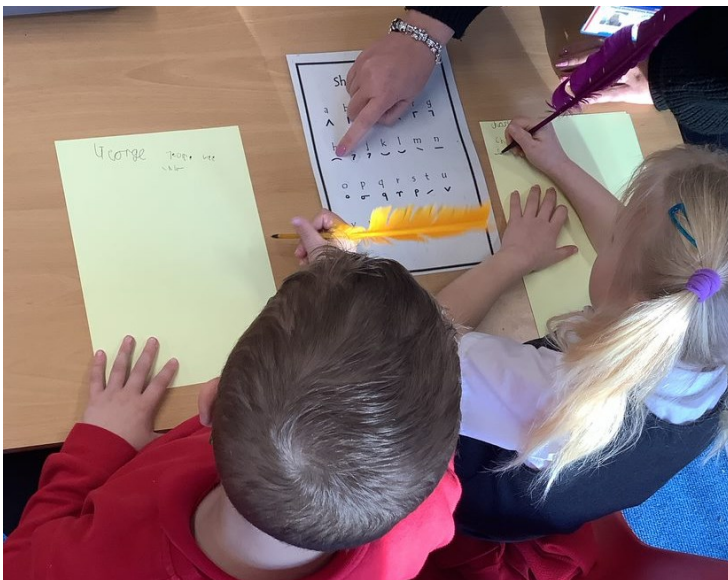
Year 1 have done some amazing sentence writing based on their text, 'The Koala Who Could'. We have been focusing on using adjectives, capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.





## YEAR 2

In Year 2 this week we had a very special guest. Samuel Pepys came to talk to us about life during the Great Fire of London and we did some experiments involving fire. We all learned lots, had great fun and a brilliant day.



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This week, year 3 have been learning new skills in our DT lesson.



We learnt to measure pieces of wood accurately, carefully cut them using a hacksaw, and then joined them using glue guns.



As Saw Partners, we watched our friends carefully and kept them safe whilst they cut their wood.



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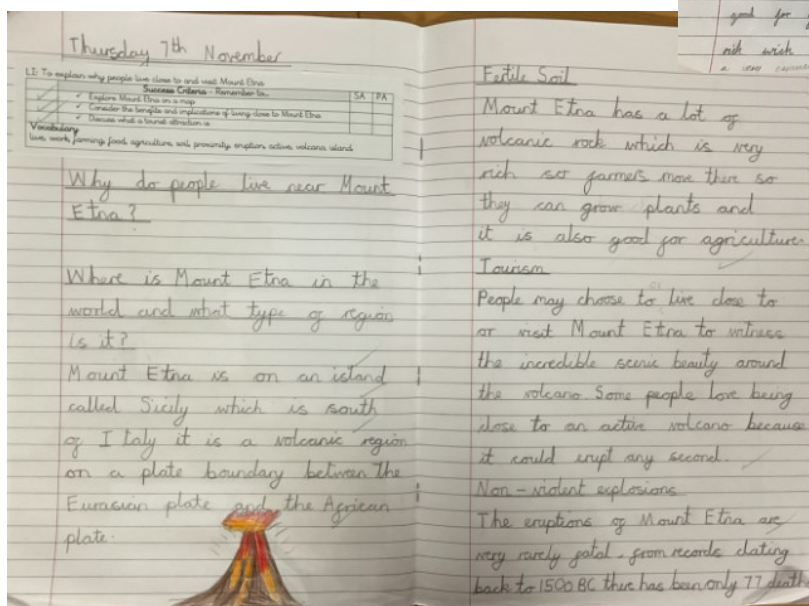
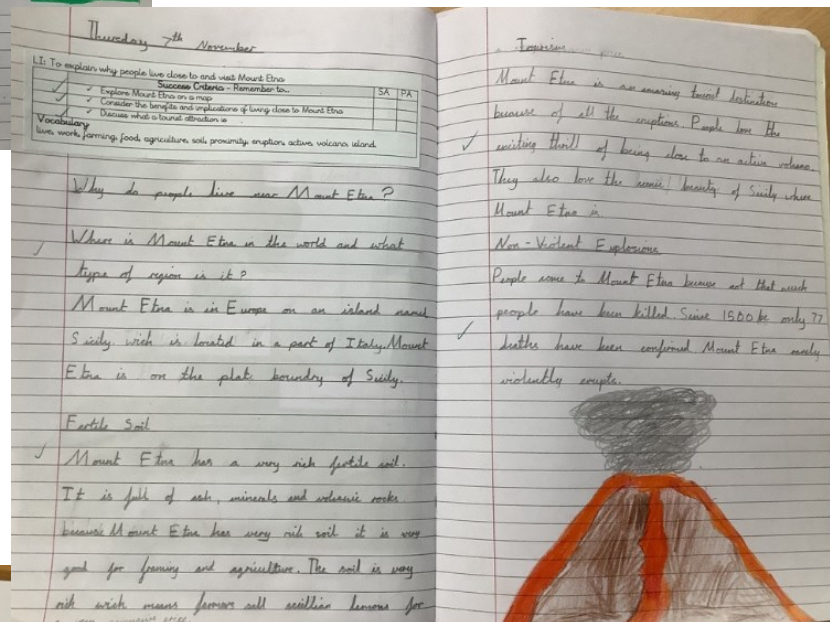
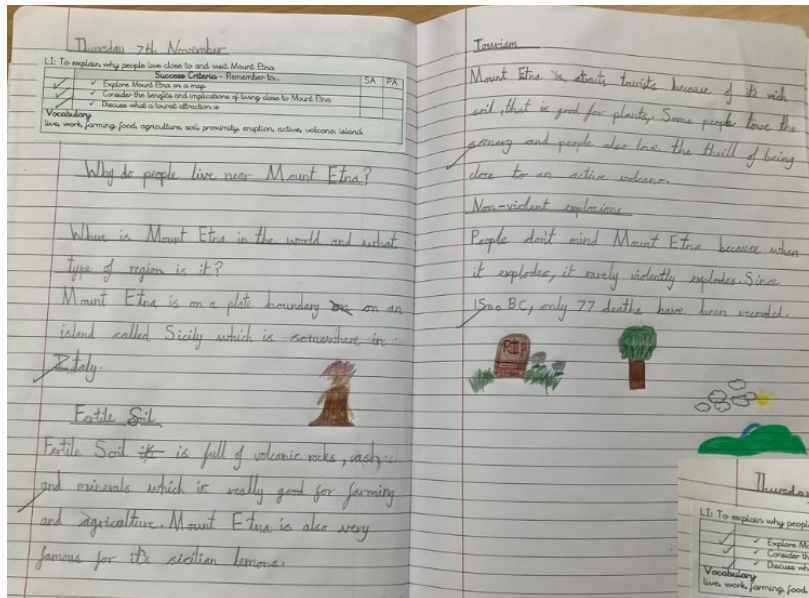
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# YEAR 4

As part of a Geography unit, Year 4 have been exploring life in a volcanic region. This week, we have identified the positives of living near an active volcano. Believe it or not, there are a few. Ask your child to see what they can remember.



## YEAR 5

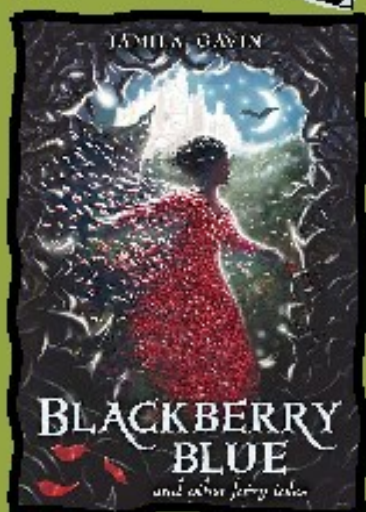
This week in DT, Year 5 started to sew their Fidget Blankets. Staff were very impressed with the independence and perseverance shown!







Y 6



This week, Year 6 headed into the forest to introduce their new English text, 'Blackberry Blue'. Whilst beneath the foliage, along with a plethora of colour from the fallen leaves, the children discovered a small baby, nestled amongst the brambles. The children had all sorts of questions about what they thought was happening and have made some brilliant predictions about what they think the text will be about. Only time will tell if their predictions were correct!





# CELEBRATION

<b>Class</b>	<b>Worker of the Week</b>	<b>Star of the Week</b>
<b>RC</b>	Milo	Katlyn
<b>RO</b>	Lucas	Zakariya
<b>1C</b>	Amelie	Ava
<b>1O</b>	Noah	Finley
<b>1R</b>	Joshua	Sasha
<b>2C</b>	Ralphie	Freddie
<b>2O</b>	Zach	Freddie
<b>2R</b>	Alice	Laciee
<b>3C</b>	Lilia	Van
<b>3O</b>	Amina	Zander
<b>4C</b>	David	William
<b>4O</b>	Edith	Morgan
<b>4R</b>	Georgina	Beau S
<b>5C</b>	Poppy	Millie
<b>5O</b>	Jamie	Lewis
<b>5R</b>	Jamie	Phoebe
<b>6C</b>	Ava	Olivia
<b>6O</b>	Amelia	Suki-Mae
<b>6R</b>	Tiara	William



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 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CASHPOT  
FOR  
SCHOOLS**



With  
**Parentkind**

## 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.



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# Christmas Raffle

STARTS  
NOVEMBER  
22nd

Tickets £1



Help us  
to help  
support  
our  
school.



A colorful poster for the COSA Gardening Group. At the top is the COSA logo (a green square with two red cherries and the word 'cosa' in white). Below it, the title 'COSA Gardening Group' is written in a dark brown, slightly irregular font. To the left of the title is a yellow sun with rays and a blue cloud. In the center, a pink cloud contains the text '3rd Thursday every month'. To the right, another pink cloud says 'Next date Thurs 21st Nov'. Below these, a pink cloud contains '2-3.10pm at school'. To the right of that, a pink cloud says 'Bring gloves & tools if you have them'. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a yellow tree, a red tree, a green bush, and a potted plant with green leaves. In the bottom left corner, there are two logos: 'CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL' and 'LITTLE CHERRIES PRE-SCHOOL', both featuring a red cherry. Below these is 'The Rivers CofE Academy Trust' logo. At the bottom center, it says 'COSA is a Registered Charity No. 1098165'. On the right edge, there is a green vertical banner with white text that reads 'Join in with watering, tidying & planting!'.

**COSA**

**COSA Gardening Group**

3rd Thursday every month

Next date Thurs 21st Nov

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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. At the top left is a circular inset photo of three women sitting around a table, drinking coffee and talking. Above them are three Christmas ornaments: a red one with white stars, a green one with white stripes, and a green one with a white snowflake. To the right of the photo is a penguin wearing a Santa hat and a string of lights. In the top right corner is the COSA logo (a green square with two red cherries and the word 'cosa' in white). Below the penguin, the word 'COSA' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below that, 'GENERAL MEETING' is written in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom, there is a table with information. The first column has icons: a calendar, a clock, and a location pin. The second column has the text: 'DATE MON 18TH NOV', 'TIME 7.15-8.45PM', and 'VENUE HARVESTER'. At the bottom left, there is a red banner with white text that reads 'JOIN US TO PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS!'. To the right of the banner is a cartoon illustration of Santa Claus. At the bottom right, there is a cartoon illustration of a girl in a red Santa suit and hat, holding a red string.

**COSA**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**JOIN US TO PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS!**

**DATE**  
MON 18TH NOV

**TIME**  
7.15-8.45PM

**VENUE**  
HARVESTER