



# NEWSLETTER

28TH MARCH 2024

## WELCOME

We've had a truly wonderful and fruitful half term, even though it has felt very short!

We have been to Downing Street twice, competed at a national music competition, we've visited London on multiple trips, had lots of FuN lunches, raised money and we've certainly aimed high! Thank you to our children who have worked so hard this term and to you, our parents, for supporting them every step of the way.

This week we have been celebrating Neurodiversity and our children have been incredibly sensible and celebratory in the activities they have completed. Please have a look at our ['X' pages \(Twitter\)](#) for some of the great learning that has taken place.

For now, have a lovely Easter break and we very much look forward to seeing you back on Monday 15th April.

Cheska Tyler  
Headteacher

## YOUTH CHAMPS 2024

'Cherry Tree you're going to make a difference, you're the trailblazers!' This was the high praise our Year 5 children received from the adjudicators in their Brass Band England competition in Cheltenham. We put on an 'upbeat show of bluesy brilliance that had everyone in the hall 'Feelin' Good!' Showcasing, not only our confident brass playing, but also choreography, show stopping smiles and our Cherry Tree values in abundance.

Thank you to everyone who made this wonderful day happen especially Mr Fisher, Miss Byrne, Miss McCafferty and Miss Watrasiewicz who dedicated their Saturday to providing this fabulous opportunity for our pupils.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 15th April - First day of Summer 1 Term
- Wednesday 17th April - Year 2 Mosque Visit
- Monday 22nd April - Year 1 Drumming Workshop
- Tuesday 23rd April - FuN LuNcH
- Wednesday 24th April - Year 6 trip to Christ Church
- Friday 26th April - EYFS Archaeology Workshop
- Friday 24th of May - Last Day of half term (School closes at 3.15pm)
- Monday 3rd of June - First Day of Summer 2 Term
- Monday 17th June - Whole Class Photographs
- Friday 21st June - Occasional Day School Closed
- Friday 28th June - Trust Olympics
- Friday 19th July - Last Day of School - finish 1.30pm
- Wednesday 4th September - Start of new year

## TRIP TO NUMBER 10 DOWNING STREET

Sixteen very lucky Year 5 & 6 children had the amazing opportunity to visit Number 10 for a special 'Lesson at 10', hosted by Mrs Murty, the Prime Minister's wife. This incredible opportunity allowed the pupils to see what goes on behind the scenes of the famous black door of 10 Downing Street.



In celebration of Red Nose Day, the theme for this session revolved around supporting charitable causes. [Waves Music Therapy](#), supported by [Comic Relief](#), delivered a session from their rapper in residence project. The children were wowed by his freestyle rapping and then had a go at creating a rap themselves! This project helps children to express themselves through music and to build confidence and enjoyment. You can read the Government's press article [at this link](#).

Thank you to all involved including local MP, Dean Russell who met our children there.

**We are kind, we aim high, we  
are brave!**

## EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Every year on 22 April, Earth Day is celebrated around the world in over 192 countries. This annual event is much more than a celebration – it's an important day to raise awareness about looking after the environment. On this theme, we have two school competitions that you can use to keep the children amused this Easter break.



**Help us celebrate**  
**Earth Day**  
April 22

**Reuse Plastic Competition:**  
Create a useful product out of a used plastic bottle. This could be something we could use at school or at home.  
Closing Date Wed 17th April  
EYFS/KS 1 & KS2 Winners to be announced on Earth Day  
Book Prizes

**Lunch Box – Zero Packaging Challenge Competition**  
How sustainable can you make your pack lunch?  
Reduce your packaging and think about food sources on 22nd April

Children will be completing lots of other sustainable activities on this special day such as planting sunflowers. Help your children become change-makers!

## FAMILY FILM NIGHT

Our friends at the Watford Salvation Army have started running family film events.

The next one is on Friday the 5th of April from 4:30 - 6:30pm. Entry is free but please

[use the this link](#) to book your tickets and children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors and tuck shop open at 4:30pm (but you can bring your own snacks) and the movie starts at 5:00pm. All are welcome.




## KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

The Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) has been set up so that all agencies and organisations who work with children and young people can work together to keep children safe. Call 0300 123 4043 at anytime if you are a child or young person being abused or mistreated; or if you are an adult worried about a young person. Call 999 if you're in immediate danger or a crime is being committed.

## EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

This holiday, LPS Coaching are back to run their very popular holiday camp here at Cherry Tree. Their course is sports and activities based with football running all day and a choice of activities such as dodgeball, gymnastics or cricket on demand. If you are still looking for childcare options over Easter you can find more information [by clicking this link](#).



**Venue:** Cherry Tree primary school, Berry Ave, Watford. WD24 6ST

<b>Easter Sports camp</b>	Normal hours 9am-4pm: £25 per day or £45 for 2 siblings, £65 for 3 siblings
<b>Week 1- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>-Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Extended hours 8.30-5pm: £30 per day or £55 for 2 siblings, £80 for 3 Siblings
<b>Week 2- Monday 8<sup>th</sup>-Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April*</b>	

\*FREE Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April if you book all Week 2

**Daily Sports include Football all day, Gymnastics and Dodgeball**

**Other Sports include** Basketball, Cricket, Tennis, Kick-Cricket, Hockey, Volleyball, Handball, Tag Rugby & Rounders.

**Activities include** Yoga, Dance games, Arts & crafts, Films (watched during breaks/rain days) Parachute, Team Games & Creative play.

**Football Coaching & Tournaments:** Watford Leisure centre, Woodside Garston

Football Coaching & Tournaments	
Friday 4pm- Reception & year 1 & 2	Saturday 10.30am- Years 3-6
Friday 4.45pm- Tournaments years 3- 6	Sunday 9am- Ages 3-4
Saturday 9am- Ages 2-4	Sunday 9.30am Reception & year 1
Saturday 9.30am- Reception & Year 1 & 2	Sunday 10.15am years 1,2 & 3

LPS Coaching is a pathway to our successful football team Bram Fc Youth in the Excel Sunday league.

Facebook: LPS Coaching 2023 Instagram: Ipscoaching  
Mobile: 07857 840894 Many thanks: Coach Glynn

## ASK A NURSE A QUESTION

The Hertfordshire School Nurses have had a growing presence on social media for some time and will be running a live Instagram Q&A on Wednesday the 10th April 2024. Two school nurses will host the session and will be able to answer questions submitted on the day. The session is aimed at parents, children and young people who have questions about their service or health and wellbeing. You can find them on Instagram [@hct\\_schoolnursing](#).

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

In a previous newsletter we announced that Hertfordshire County Council had decided that they would not continue to provide digital Supermarket vouchers to children entitled to benefit related free school meals in school holidays. However, the Chancellor announced in the March Budget an extension to the Household Support Fund. As a result, a £30 supermarket voucher will be issued for all children who are entitled to benefit related free school meals. This voucher has now been emailed to those who are entitled.

You can check your entitlement to free school meals by [clicking this link](#) - it only takes a few minutes.