



# NEWSLETTER

13TH SEPTEMBER 2024

## WELCOME

Our first newsletter of the year! Welcome back, to our Cherry Tree Family. It's been an absolute pleasure to feel the school alive again with learning. Our children have settled in beautifully, and I would particularly like to mention our new Reception classes: Acorns and Conkers. Our newest classes are calm, settled and enjoying their days at Cherry Tree. It is a delight to see!

We are looking forward to making some changes to our next newsletter in response to the parent survey completed last year. You will see a parent page outlining what your children will be learning in the following two weeks so that you are able to support your children at home and engage them in familiar conversations. This page will also include reminders for parent networking sessions, workshops and changes in the school that you have requested. Please remember that feedback is always welcome as we continue to work on improvements.

I'd like to remind parents that we have officially opened our NEW Sunrise (formerly Red & Ready) and Sunset morning and after-school clubs. We have made a hugely successful start and look forward to this provision growing. Please speak to Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Wickham if you are interested in signing your child up for our wraparound care. Thank you.

Cheska Tyler  
Headteacher

## OUR ALLOTMENT PROJECT

We are pleased to announce that the allotment project run by our friends at Watford Salvation Army has been shortlisted for the 2024 Green Church Awards. You can [click this link](#) to read all about it.

If you would like to support this fabulous project by volunteering your time, please do speak to one of our Year 3 teachers to find out more. The children work on the allotment every Tuesday morning from 17th September 2024 to 22nd October 2024. We will then take a break until the 25th of February 2024, when the Spring planting starts.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 16/09/24 - 11:10 and 14:50 Nursery Meet the Teacher
- 17-20/09/24 - Year 6 Oak Residential
- 18/09/24 - Reception Meet the Teacher
- 24-27/09/24 - Year 6 Elm Residential
- 26/09/24 - Reception Parents Phonics Workshop
- 27/09/24 - Year 4 St. Albans Abbey trip
- 30/09/24 - Electric Umbrella visit to school
- 01/10/24 - Year 1 local area walk
- 09/10/24 - Year 3 RAF Hendon trip
- 11/10/24 - Harvest Celebration in school
- Wk Comm 14/10/24 - Hello Yellow Week
- 22/10/24 - 3:30 - 18:30 Open Classroom Evening for Parents
- 25/10/24 - SEND Coffee Morning
- 25/10/24 - Last Day of Term - 3.15pm
- 04/11/24 - First Day of Autumn 2 Term

## ASDA REWARDS

We are excited to announce our school's participation in Asda's "Cash for Schools" program - an easy way to support our school with your everyday shopping at Asda stores or online between the 2nd of September and 30th November 2024.

Here's how it works:

1. Download and sign up to the Asda awards app.
2. Opt into the 'Cashpot for School campaign' and select Cherry Tree Primary School (WD24 6ST).
3. Shop in store or online and Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

The money raised will be donated to our school to spend on what our children need the most. This won't affect your own cashpot earnings.

Thank you for your continued support! Let's work together to enhance our children's learning experience.



**you scan,  
we donate  
££s TO  
SCHOOLS.**

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

## BOOK CORNER

Hello All,

How many books did you read over the summer holidays?

Did you complete the Library Reading Challenge? We can't wait to hear what new fun facts you discovered or which magical lands and faraway adventures you went to, through the pages of your books. Did you find a new favourite author?



I got lost in several mystery and suspense stories and had fun trying to guess who committed the crime!



We would love to see some photographs of you reading in your favourite places so either send them in via email or give them to me in 2 Willow.

Keep reading and don't forget to recommend good books to your friends.

Emma Hill  
Reading Leader

## AUTUMN TERM MENU

You can see our Autumn term lunch menu by [clicking this link](#). Meals cost £2.65 per day for children in Year 3 and above but are free for Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.



Please pay for lunches by logging into your child's Arbor account. We ask that you keep the lunch account topped up so that your child's account does not fall into a debit situation.

## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Please be aware of our designated safeguarding team here at Cherry Tree.

If you ever have a concern about a child, family or staff member in our school, please contact one of these members of staff: Cheska Tyler (Headteacher), Emma Hibberd (Assistant Headteacher), Katy Wolstencroft (Deputy Safeguarding Lead) Vicky Carrack (Inclusion Leader & SENDCo), Emma Birdsall (EYFS & KS1 Lead) or Emma Penfold (KS2 Lead).



PLEASE STOP



SPEAK OUT



DON'T TOUCH

## HEALTHY HABITS

Beezee  
FAMILIES

A colorful poster for 'Beezee Families' featuring a young girl smiling. The text says 'We're here to help your family make healthy habits fun'. It provides details for a free 12-week program on Wednesday 25 Sept 2024 at Leavesden Green Community Hub. It includes a QR code, contact email (BZBinfo@maximusuk.co.uk), and phone number (01707 248 648).

Join our **FREE**, 12-week healthy lifestyle programme to help your family build habits around food and physical activity. Our in-person group sessions start on:

**Date:** Wednesday 25 Sept 2024 **Time:** 17:30 - 19:30

**Venue:** Leavesden Green Community Hub, Watford, WD25 0BW

Or you can join us online!

Sign up for your **FREE PLACE** today

[BZBinfo@maximusuk.co.uk](mailto:BZBinfo@maximusuk.co.uk)

[01707 248 648](tel:01707248648)

[hrt.maximusuk.co.uk](http://hrt.maximusuk.co.uk)

Hertfordshire

Our programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information. 24-0814

## STEM HERO OF THE MONTH - JOHN LEE LOVE

In Science, we will be introducing a monthly STEM hero to our children aiming to spark an interest in the world of STEM and prominent figures in the field of STEM, their contributions to society, and why they are important in the world of science and technology. By sharing stories and achievements of these STEM heroes, we hope to help children understand the relevance of STEM subjects in everyday life and foster a curiosity and passion for exploring the world around them.

This month, the children have been learning about John Lee Love who invented the portable pencil sharpener, known as the 'Love Sharpener'. Please do speak with your children about John Lee Love and his indispensable invention.



## WRAP AROUND CARE & CLUBS

In addition to launching our NEW Sunrise (formerly Red & Ready) and Sunset morning and after-school clubs, we are excited to announce some new after-school club providers. This includes the return of Gym Jam Gymnastics and the introduction of an exciting new tech club. Apart from football (which is fully booked), there are still some places available. [More information, click this link.](#)

## Miss Butt – Year 5 Fir Class Teacher



Miss Butt has just completed her PGCE at Bath Spa University and has a specialism in SEND. She was born and raised in Watford and has worked at other schools within our Trust. She enjoys teaching Maths and RE. In her free time, Miss Butt enjoys going for walks, listening to music and trying different foods. In particular, she really enjoys swimming and has done so since she was a child.

## Mr Chauhan – HLTA



Mr. Chauhan has joined us at Cherry Tree this year working as an HLTA across the school. He is looking forward to building positive relationships with the children and staff. Mr. Chauhan is passionate about music, drawing, travelling and playing sports.

## Miss Danks – SEND Teaching Assistant



Miss Danks has joined us from an award winning local nursery, where she worked closely with the SENCO to support children with additional needs. She enjoys helping children grow into bright and confident young people and celebrating their achievements with them. In her free time, she enjoys watching TV programmes and films. Miss Danks has a boxer dog called Luna, who is very energetic and loves a hug at the end of the day.

## Miss Holden – Teaching Assistant



Miss Holden joins us with over ten years of experience working within pre-schools and day nurseries in various roles including managerial positions such as SENCO and in wrap-around care. She has a passion for sports, arts and music. In her spare time, Miss Holden enjoys playing & watching football, going to the gym and attending concerts & festivals.

## Mrs Kechekoul – SEND Teaching Assistant



Mrs. Kechekoul started her career as a French teacher before moving to the United Kingdom. Prior to joining Cherry Tree, she was as Midday Supervisor at Laurance Haines school. She believes each child can succeed and her goal is to create a safe, supportive and inclusive learning environment where children feel valued and empowered. Outside of work, she loves spending time with her family and enjoys travelling and listening to music, as both are excellent ways to reduce stress.

## Miss Marshall – Year 4 Ash Class Teacher



Miss Marshall has previously taught across different year groups in KS2, having trained in Year 3 and subsequently taught in both Years 4 and 5. She enjoys teaching humanities and is excited to delve deeper into Cherry Tree's theme topics this year. In her spare time, Miss Marshall loves to go on family dog walks, or relaxing on the sofa with a cup of tea and a good book.

## Miss Roberts – Year 2 Cedar Class Teacher



Miss Roberts has recently started her teaching career, having previously been a part of our school community during her teacher training years. She enjoys teaching English and sharing her love of stories with the children. Outside the classroom, Miss Roberts enjoys camping outdoors, long walks with her lovely dogs and watching her football team, Liverpool, play!



# TOP CHERRIES



Our Top Cherry Award is an award to celebrate exceptional behaviour, learning or manners. These children really are going above and beyond!

Class	Child's Name	Reason
Lunchtime	Whole of Reception	For settling in so well in their new lunchtime routine.
Red & Ready	Rachel	For being kind and helping our new children settle in.
Fireflies	Angelus (Maple)	For being brave whilst at forest school.
Cherry Blossoms	Elijah	For settling in perfectly and using his words for choosing! A great start!
Berries	Whole Class	For settling into their new class without their parents.
Acorns	Whole class	For being brave when exploring their new classroom, making new friends and settling into a new routine
Conkers	Whole class	For being brave when exploring their new classroom, making new friends and settling into a new routine
Maple	Jazmin	For settling in brilliantly to a new school and Year 1 Maple class!
Birch	Selwa	For being kind and aiming high in lessons. Well done
Cedar	Thamizh	For being incredibly polite to his teachers and classmates.
Willow	Kisany	For being a fantastic listener and helping in the classroom.
Sycamore	Ruby	For showing good expectations of aiming high and being kind to others.
Hazel	Chloe	For always showing fantastic listening.
Ash	Tanay	For being an excellent role model to the class, actively participating in all lessons.
Yew	Theia	For consistently demonstrating the school values and being a good role model.
Pine	Isa	For aiming high and trying hard both inside and outside of the classroom.
Fir	Ayomi	For always being kind, listening and showing a willingness to help around the classroom.
Oak	Aliki	For aiming high and being so incredibly brave as she embarks on her Year 6 journey.
Elm	Arnika	For working hard over the summer and hitting the ground running in Year 6. Well done!

Well done, Cherries!



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