

02 September 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you are all well and have had a lovely, relaxing summer break. We are excited to see everyone back and ready for the year ahead - we can't wait to share the exciting opportunities and activities we have planned and look forward to welcoming you all on **Wednesday, 4th September**.

On Wednesday, school gates will open at 08:40, and families are invited to enter from the side of the school hall. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that children arrive on time, as this helps them begin the day feeling settled and ready to learn. This term, we are committed to supporting every child to achieve the highest possible attendance, so it is important to get off to a good start.

Once children have been dropped off, adults will walk around the outside of the school building and out of the gate that exits onto the main road. In order to main safety, please do not use a mobile phone when on school site.



Please note that the school car park will not be accessible from 08:30-09:00 and 15:00-15:30, daily.

As always, there will be staff around school who will be able to support and guide you to the entrances / exits of the site. Look out for staff wearing Hi-Viz jackets.

Walking home from school:

From September, **only** pupils in year 6 will be allowed to walk home alone (permission depending). Other pupils, including those in Year 5, will need to be collected by a parent, carer or responsible family member.

Children, except those who are walking home alone, will not need a mobile phone in school as a result.

I certainly do not want to inhibit our pupils becoming independent but ultimately, the safety, care and welfare of our pupils is my top priority.

Uniform:

Please ensure that children are in full and correct uniform for Wednesday 4th September and have their book bags and PE kit with them.

Parking:

Designated Person for Safeguarding: Miss L Shephard

Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding: Mr A Dawson, Mrs S Cannon, Mrs P Millard and Ms K King

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With four educational settings on Cobblers Lane, traffic and congestion often become significant safety concerns for all pupils. Therefore, please consider car sharing, walking, or cycling to school rather than using individual vehicles. This summer, I have been working with local residents, the police, and the local authority to find a positive way forward in reducing the number of vehicles along Cobblers Lane.

Local residents are often blocked into their properties by parked vehicles, so I urge parents and families to be mindful of this.

Inset Days:

We have two inset days booked in for September. These dates are: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September. **Pupils are not in school on these days.**

School will reopen for pupils on **Wednesday 4th September at 8:40am.**

The remaining inset days are below (subject to change):

Friday 18th October 2024

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Teaching, support and pastoral team September 2024:

I have outlined below the new teaching, support and pastoral staff team for September 2024 (subject to change):

Class	Teacher	Support Staff	
	Mr Dawson		Headteacher
	Mrs Cannon		Deputy Headteacher
	Mrs Millard (Monday to Thursday)		SENCO
	Miss Shephard		Family Support Worker and Designated Safeguarding Lead
	Mrs Sims		Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)
Reception	Mrs Wilkinson (Phase Leader) and Mrs Dunford (Monday and Tuesday)	Mrs Bailey Mrs Barclay Mrs Cooper	
Reception / Year 1	Mrs Gurtler		
Year 1/2	Mrs Mehat		
Year 2	Miss Hobbs		
Year 3/4	Miss Hamed	Mrs Morris Mrs O'Hara	
Year 3/4	Miss King (Phase Leader)	Mr Pool Mrs Duffy	
Year 5	Miss Leeming	Mrs Singer Mrs Wigg	
Year 5/6	Mrs Wilde (Phase Leader)		
Year 6	Miss Downing		

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School Meals:

School meals menu (subject to change):

Central Autumn Winter Menu 2024 2025	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 02/09/2024 23/09/2024 14/10/2024 11/11/2024 02/12/2024 06/01/2025 27/01/2025 24/02/2025 17/03/2025	NEW Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Mexican Fajitas with Rice Vegetables of the Day Blackberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Cottage Pie with Gravy NEW Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice Vegetables of the Day Melting Moment Biscuit	CHICKEN SHACK Peri Peri or BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Diced Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa Vegetables of the Day Fruit Platter	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice NEW Cheese and Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread Vegetables of the Day Carrot and Courgette Cake	Salmon Fishfingers/ Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce Vegetables of the Day Chocolate Orange Cookie
WEEK TWO 09/09/2024 30/09/2024 21/10/2024 18/11/2024 09/12/2024 13/01/2025 03/02/2025 03/03/2025 24/03/2025	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza Or Rainbow Pizza With Potato Wedges Vegetables of the Day Marble Sponge Cake with Custard	NEW Chicken Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice Vegetables of the Day Jelly with Mandarins	Sausage and Mash with Gravy Vegan Sausage and Mash with Gravy Vegetables of the Day Fruit Medley	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice NEW Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice Vegetables of the Day Peach Cake	NEW Tuna Pasta Bake or Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips & Tomato Sauce Vegetables of the Day Oaty Cookie
WEEK THREE 16/09/2024 07/10/2024 04/11/2024 25/11/2024 16/12/2024 20/01/2025 10/02/2025 10/03/2025 31/03/2025	Macaroni Cheese Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice Vegetables of the Day Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie	caribbean NEW Mild Caribbean Chicken with Rice and Peas NEW Caribbean Butterbean Stew with Rice and Peas Vegetables of the Day Slicky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Roast of the Day with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Cottage Pie with Gravy Vegetables of the Day Fruit Salad	Spaghetti Bolognese NEW Hot Pot Baked Bean Casserole with Rice Vegetables of the Day NEW Savoury Cheese Scone	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cheese and Pepper Omelette with Chips & Tomato Sauce Vegetables of the Day Vanilla Shortbread

Further staffing update:

Mrs Smith, our teaching assistant, who has worked with many pupils across the school and supported our school PTA has made the decision to leave her role at Cherry Tree.

I would like to extend my thanks to her for her dedication, hard work, and commitment to our pupils across the school. On behalf of the children, staff and families, I wish Mrs Smith all the best for the future.

Contacting school:

The school office will be open on Tuesday morning from 8am until 12pm (01977 704138).

You can also contact the school via email cherrytreeoffice@watertonacademytrust.org if you have any questions or queries.

I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back into school on Wednesday 4th September.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Dawson

Headteacher

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The uniform at Cherry Tree Academy is designed to be smart, comfortable and cost effective.

Uniform from September 2024	P.E Kit from September 2024
Red sweatshirt or cardigan with CTA Logo	White plain t-shirt
Plain red sweatshirt or cardigan	White polo top
Plain white polo top	Black shorts
Black or dark-grey trousers	Black tracksuit bottoms/joggers
Black or dark-grey skirt	Red jumper with CTA logo
Black or dark-grey smart shorts (no sports shorts)	Plain red hoodie/jumper (no logos)
Black or dark-grey pinafore dress	Trainers for outdoor P.E.
Red & white Gingham summer dress	Black plimsolls
Black shoes/sandals (black trainers are acceptable but they must be entirely black with no coloured branding).	A red drawstring bag to carry the sports kit in.
All children are required to have a Cherry Tree reading book bag, rather than large backpacks.	

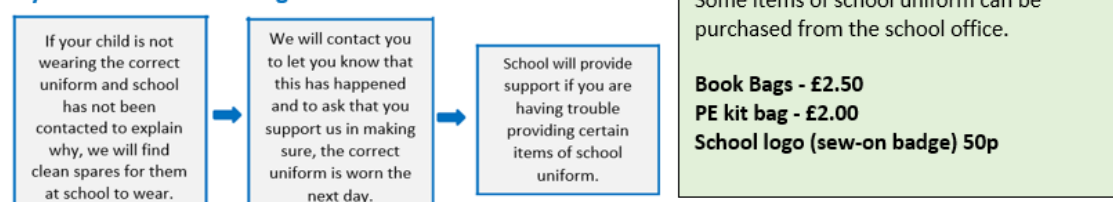


Items of clothing and accessories NOT allowed:

- Shoes/boots with high or wedged heels are not suitable footwear for school.
- Watches and stud earrings may be worn but no other jewellery is permitted and will be confiscated.
- Make-up, false nails and nail varnish should not be worn and children will be asked to remove these straight away if they are found to be wearing them.
- Fake tattoos should not be worn.
- Football kits (or kits for other sports) should not be worn for P.E. lessons.
- On non-uniform days, appropriate clothing for school should be worn.
- Children are not permitted to bring into school large backpacks.

***Any confiscated items will be returned at the end of the school day and families will be contacted.**

If your child is not wearing the correct uniform:



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Healthy Packed Lunches



Healthy packed lunches might include:

At least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables e.g.:	Meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein e.g.:	A starchy food e.g.:	Dairy food e.g.:
Carrot sticks Cucumber Small apple Orange Banana Dried fruit Mini tomatoes Mango cubes	Chicken/turkey Ham Beef Pork Tuna Lentils Kidney beans Chickpeas Peanut butter Falafel.	Bread Pasta or rice Crackers Rice cakes Oat cakes Pitta bread Tortilla wraps.	Milk Cheese Yoghurt or fromage frais.

Fizzy drinks, juices and flavoured water are NOT allowed.

Please be reassured that fresh water will be provided during lunchtimes and throughout the school day.

Our alternative suggestions to snacks such as chocolate bars include:

- Sugar free jellies with fruit.
- Cakes and biscuits in moderation.
- Fruit, vegetables.



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What's in a healthy lunchbox?

"Healthy"

A healthy packed lunch should include



"Unhealthy"

A packed lunch should avoid



Source: Food Standards Agency

Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for break-times. This should ideally be provided in a small named container.

Children in the infants are able to take part in the National fruit scheme, which means that a range of fruits and vegetables are provided every day - free! In addition to this you can also purchase milk for your child in the infants (Ask for details at the school office).

If you are struggling for ideas for healthy snacks that your child might like there are websites such as www.schoolfoodtrust.org / www.greatgrubclub.com which may prove useful.

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