



15th November 2024

Issue: 10

Growth and Excellence, Every Day

At the start of this week, our year 6 children visited the local cenotaph in Pontefract town centre as part of the Remembrance Day commemorations. The children were incredibly respectful, polite and represented Cherry Tree with great pride.

Our year 3 and 4 children, also took part in a small forest school, taster session. Now that we have our new allotment area, I am keen to give our children further opportunities to learn outside.

Next week, we have our parents' evening on Tuesday and Wednesday evening, in the school hall. Please do book an appointment with your child's class teacher to find out how they have settled into their new class. If you are unable to meet with your child's class teacher next week, please do contact them to make a separate appointment.

On Thursday 21st November, we also have our annual school photographs.

As always, thank you for your support.

Mr Dawson - Headteacher

Term Dates - 2024/25

Christmas

Holiday starts - Monday 23 December 2024

Back to school - Monday 6 January 2025

Spring half term

Holiday starts - Monday 17 February 2025

Back to school - Monday 24 February 2025

Easter

Holiday starts - Monday 7 April 2025

Back to school - Tuesday 22 April 2025

Summer half term

Holiday starts - Monday 26 May 2025

Back to school - Monday 2 June 2025

Summer holiday

Holiday starts Wednesday 23 July 2025

Inset Days (subject to change):

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025



Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss L Shephard Deputy DSL: Mr A Dawson, Miss K King and Mrs S Cannon

If you are worried a child is at risk of harm, please contact one of the above or Social Care Direct on 0345 8503503 Copies of the Safeguarding Policy can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website.

<https://cherrytreeacademy.org/safeguarding/>

Attendance 15/11/2024

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| Reception | 92% |
| Reception/Year 1 | 91% |
| Year 1/2 | 86% |
| Year 2 | 88% |
| Year 3 / 4 Miss King | 92% |
| Year 3 / 4 Miss Hamed | 91% |
| Year 5 | 98% |
| Year 5/6 | 83% |
| Year 6 | 94% |



Every School Day Counts



Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

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| 5 Minutes late each day | 3 days lost! |
| 10 Minutes late each day | 6.5 days lost! |
| 15 Minutes late each day | 10 days lost! |
| 20 Minutes late each day | 13 days lost! |
| 30 Minutes late each day | 19 days lost! |

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

Stars of the Week



Year 5 Residential Photos

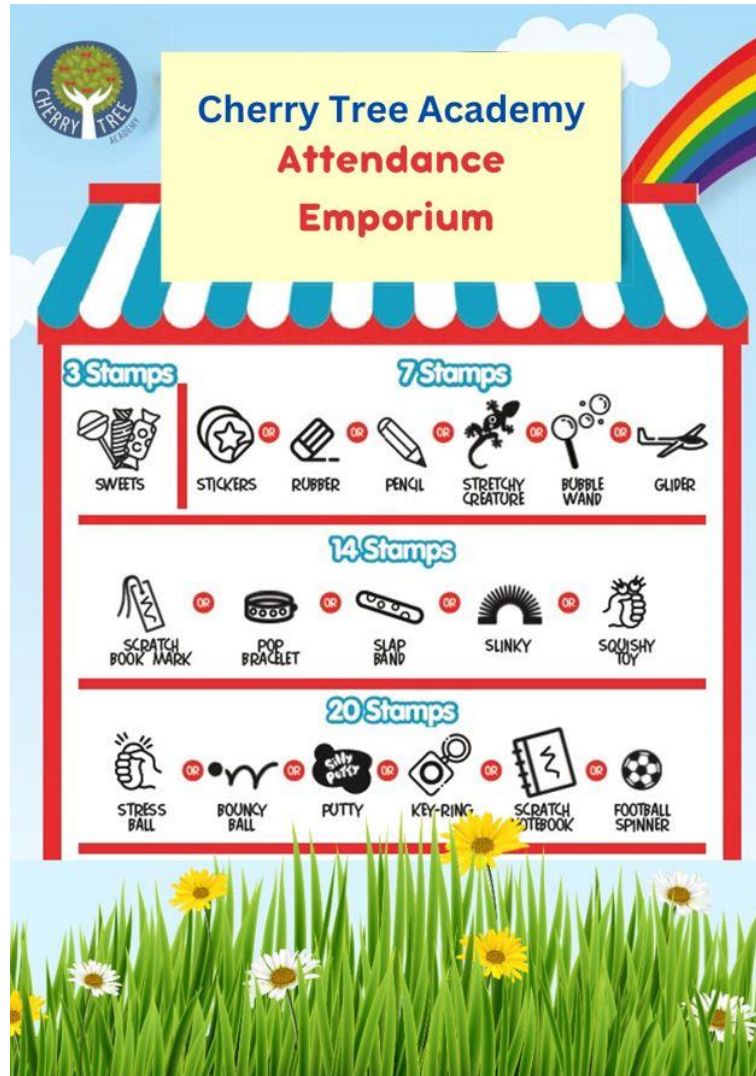


Photos of the Week



Attendance

Every week that a pupil achieves 100% attendance, they will receive 2 stamps in their attendance passports. Later this term, children will be able to swap their stamps for prizes!



Key Dates:

Parents' Evening will happen week beginning 18th November 2024 – more details to follow.

Please book on MCAS APP to speak to your child's class teacher. **The Book Fair will also be present, during this week.**



School Gates

A gentle reminder that school gates open at **08:40** and close at **09:00**.

At home time, the gates will open at **15:10** and close at **15:30**.



Pantomime

As part of our Christmas celebrations, we are taking all the children to Wakefield Theatre in December to see Cinderella pantomime.

Please ensure that children have permission and have paid £15 contribution. Payment can be paid via MCAS APP or in cash at the school office.



NOVEMBER @CTA

NOV
6-7

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL

Our Year 5 pupils embark on an exciting residential trip to Grinton Lodge -Richmond.



NOV
12

ODD SOCKS DAY

Join us in wearing odd socks as we celebrate our differences for anti-bullying week.



NOV
15

CHILDREN IN NEED

Let's get spotty! Wear spots to school to help us raise money and awareness for a fabulous charity.



NOV
18-21

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Come along and browse the fantastic range of books on offer - where will your book take you today?



Key Dates:

CHERRY TREE ACADEMY CHRISTMAS EVENTS CALENDAR

DEC 2

KS1 Panto
Trip

DEC 4

Christmas
Jumper and
Dinner Day

DEC 5

Elf Run

DEC 10

EYFS
Nativity

DEC 11

Year 3/4
Performance

DEC 12

Year 5/6
performance

DEC 16

KS2 Panto
Trip

DEC 17

EYFS/KS1
Christmas Craft
Workshop

DEC 18

KS1
Performance

DEC 19

KS2 Christmas
Craft Workshop

DEC 20

Break Up for
Christmas

Merry
Christmas



Lateness and punctuality

We've noticed an increase in pupils arriving late to school recently. Arriving on time is so important, as it sets a positive tone for the rest of their day.

Please make sure your child is at school on time every day.

Let's work together to give them the best start!





Don't
Forget!

COATS

Days are becoming colder...

*Please send your child to school with a coat
EVERY DAY as the weather can quickly change
throughout the day.*

*We will always go outside wherever possible and
it is important that the children are warm and
dry. Thank you.*





Please do comment, share and like our posts on Facebook and X. Our handles are:

x.com/CherryTree_SCH

Search Facebook for [Cherry Tree Academy 2024/2025](#)



Free School Meals

All applications for free school meals are now completed electronically online where you will usually get an instant decision.



To Apply:

Scan the barcode with your phone and it should take you straight to the free school meals online application.

Alternatively search “Free School Meals Wakefield Council” and click on the top [result](#). [Free school meals - Wakefield Council](#)

You can also apply by going through your account on the Parent Portal. Please ensure all details are correct as this can delay the application process

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please be aware that the following benefits do not qualify for Income Related Free School Meals:

- Contributions based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Contributions based Employment & Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit
- Invalidity Benefit
- Disability Living Allowance
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit
- Child Benefit

Universal free school meals

All Children Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to get free school meals if they're in a government funded School

But if you are on benefits or low income, it is beneficial to apply for income related free school meals, as you may also be eligible for other schemes that could be running and your school receives extra funding.

You can contact free school meals fsm@wakefield.gov.uk 01924 305061



Cherry Tree Academy Breakfast Club



| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| Colouring Cosmic Yoga Team Challenge | Computers Just Dance Creative Play | Story Writing Go Noodle Lego Building | Colouring Cosmic Yoga Board Games | Computers Just Dance Creative Play |
| Cereal Fruit Toast/Bagel Yoghurt | Cereal Fruit Toast/Bagel Yoghurt | Cereal Fruit Toast/Bagel Yoghurt | Cereal Fruit Toast/Bagel Yoghurt | Cereal Fruit Toast/Bagel Yoghurt |



08:00 - 08:40
Term Time Only

£2.50 per session
Bookable on MCAS

Considerate - Healthy - Honest - Inclusive - Resilient



Updated information

Cherry Tree Academy Safeguarding Team



Adam Dawson

Headteacher

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Stacey Cannon

Deputy Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Kirsty King

Key Stage 1 Phase Lead

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Lisa Shephard

Family Support Worker

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Paula Millard

SENCO

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Child in Care Teacher



Becky Cook

Safeguarding Governor

Interim- Chair of Academy Standards Committee

If you are worried a child is at risk of harm, please contact:

Social Care Direct on 01924 303456

Parent Safeguarding Information



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- Parents / Carers **must telephone** the school office if there are any changes to the adults collecting children from school. (Not via Class Dojo or email)
- Parents / Carers should refrain from using mobile phones on school premises.

There is further information and support around safeguarding, online safety and wellbeing on our school website.

Scan the QR code:



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Please remember that only those, with the necessary permit, should be parking OR driving along Cobblers Lane within the School Street section at drop off and pick up times.

The restrictions are enforceable and £60 fines can be issued.

I know we all want to keep our children as safe as possible.

Thank you for your support.

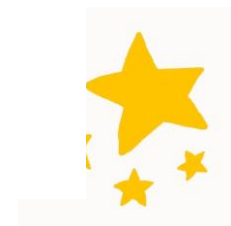


Uniform



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 |
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| 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. | |



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


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-  = Bank Holidays
-  = School Holidays
-  = There are currently no scheduled elections although schools are asked to consider reserving an INSET day in case of any unscheduled elections. Schools will need the authorisation of the Returning Officer if they are to be used as a Polling Station and wish to remain open on this day. Otherwise schools used as a polling station should be closed for INSET. Schools not used for election purposes may arrange alternative closures for INSET. Individual schools may decide the dates of the remaining 4 INSET dates.

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| Number of pupil days: | 195 |
| Less INSET days to be fixed: | 5 |
| Total number of pupil days: | 190 |

Cherry Tree Staffing:

| 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) | Mrs Purcell | |
| Year 6 | Miss Downing | | |



Central Autumn
Winter Menu 2024
2025

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

MONDAY


NEW Tomato & Vegetable Pasta 



Mexican Fajitas with Rice  

Vegetables of the Day

Blackberry and Apple Crumble with Custard 

TUESDAY

Cottage Pie with Gravy 


NEW Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice  

Vegetables of the Day

Melting Moment Biscuit

WEDNESDAY




Peri Peri or BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Diced Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa 

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Platter 

THURSDAY

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice 


NEW Cheese and Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread

Vegetables of the Day


Carrot and Courgette Cake

FRIDAY

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



NEW Mild Caribbean Chicken with Rice and Peas

NEW Caribbean Butterbean Stew with Rice and Peas 


Vegetables of the Day


Sticky 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 



Meet the Headteacher...

- Mr Dawson will be available to meet with parents, from any class, to discuss things that are going well and take questions from parents and carers.
- If you are interested in meeting with Mr Dawson, please contact Mrs Hayes, in the school office.
- An appointment, in person or via the telephone will be arranged.
- Parent views are vital to our school's success.

[Give your views | Ofsted Parent View](#)



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Parking Request

The council have brought in restrictions on the section of Cobblers Lane that runs in front of our school and the Holy Family school.

The restrictions are legally binding.

Despite this, on the last visit by West Yorkshire Police, they spoke to 20-30 drivers who were not adhering to the restrictions.

To clarify, the street is closed to all vehicles, except those with a valid permit, from 8.30 am to 9.10 am and again from 2.45 pm to 3.25 pm.

These restrictions are in place to try to ensure the safety of the children and families walking to and from school.

The police will be making routine checks and will be issuing penalties to those who are not abiding by the restrictions.

Those parents/carers who drive to school but do not qualify for a permit we have a park and stride site at the Cobblers Pub which you are welcome to use.

Thank you for your support in this matter. I am sure everyone agrees that the safety of our children is priority.