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Growth and Excellence, Every Day

Welcome to the first newsletter of this half-term. I hope that everyone had a relaxing holiday! 😊

It was been wonderful to see our children return back to school with lots smiley faces. As you may know, our year 5 pupils have visited Grinton Lodge in north Yorkshire – staying overnight. They have made so many memories that will last a life time from toasting marshmallows around a fire, country walks and, sleeping away from home (many for the first time). Thank you to Mrs Cannon, Miss Leeming and Mr Pool who gave up their own their time, so that the residential could be a success.

We are planning to do more residential, following the success of this years! Please do read the important notes on the next few pages especially payment and permission for the pantomime and upcoming parents' evenings.

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 06/10/2024

Reception	92%
Reception/Year 1	90%
Year 1/2	95%
Year 2	93%
Year 3 / 4 Miss King	92%
Year 3 / 4 Miss Hamed	92%
Year 5	96%
Year 5/6	88%
Year 6	94%

Every School Day Counts



Every Minute Counts

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

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



Deputy Prime Minister and Parliament Speaker

Cherry Tree Academy

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Waterton
Academy Trust



Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing to apply for the position of Parliament Speaker. As a Year 6 student at Cherry Tree Academy, I am very excited about the chance to help lead our school community and represent the voices of all Waterton children.

I have done some research of my own on Sir Lindsay Hoyle, who is the Parliament Speaker of the UK, and watched a number of videos of the Parliament Speaker in action. This has taught me a lot about the role. I particularly liked hearing them say, "ORDER!"

As Parliament Speaker I know that my main responsibility would be to chair meetings and make sure all agents that are discussed properly. I believe I can help by making sure everyone stays on topic, but also that everyone has a fair chance to share their ideas.

I also want to make sure that everyone across the school feel involved even if they are not in the Parliament team. One of my ideas is to introduce "Student idea week" which means all children get their ideas considered. I am very organised, enjoy listening to others and I'm confident I'll keep the meeting on track. Thank you for considering my application.

Yours Sincerely,
Olivia Taylor

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Dear Selection committee,
I am writing to express my interest in the role of Deputy Prime Minister for Waterton. As a current Year 5 pupil at Cherry Tree Academy, I am excited about this opportunity.

As Deputy Prime Minister, I understand that my responsibilities would include supporting the Prime Minister, during meetings, events and initiatives. I would take an active role in helping to ensure that every child across Waterton feels included and heard. I believe that every child's opinion matters, and I would work to create more opportunities for children to share their ideas and thoughts on school life, such as through class discussions or suggestion boxes. One of our school values is inclusion and I think that it is very important.

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One idea I have is to introduce "Parliament days" at our school, where pupils can share their thoughts on important issues, such as how to improve the school environment or ways to support wellbeing.

I am a responsible, hardworking and thoughtful student and I enjoy working as part of a team to achieve shared goals. I am also confident in speaking up for others, and I would be honoured to help lead on projects that make a real difference.

Thank you for considering my application. I would love the opportunity to represent the voices of my fellow students.

Your sincerely,
Scarlett-Olivia Greenwood

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Year 5 Residential Photos



Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 11th - Friday 15th November

Anti-Bullying Week is an annual event that aims to raise awareness of bullying of young people, with an emphasis on prevention and effective responses to bullying.

Tuesday 12th November



On Tuesday, children and staff are invited to wear odd socks (of their choice) to show encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!



Key Dates:

Parents' Evening will happen week beginning 18th November 2024 – more details to follow. **The Book Fair will also be present, during this week.**

Please book on MCAS APP to speak to your child's class teacher.

School photos – 21st November 2024 – more details to follow.



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.



Poppy Appeal

We have launched our yearly Poppy Appeal.

Children can donate to buy a poppy or a small item.

These will be on sale each afternoon.

Monday is the last day to donate and purchase a poppy.



Poppy Appeal
Price List

Slap Straps - £1.50
Festival Bands - £1.50
Bracelet - £1.00
Poppy Tag – 50p
Paper Poppy – 20p or more



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



Year 6 parents – secondary school admissions



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Calling all Y6 pupils!

High School Applications are now open

DEADLINE
31.10.2024

Follow the links below for more information on how to apply.



<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/#:~:text=Apply%20for%20a%20secondary%20school%20place.%20Applications%20for%20places>

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/media/iebmepz2/secondary-guide-for-parents-25-26.pd>



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

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Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Child in Care Teacher



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Safeguarding Governor

Interim- Chair of Academy Standards Committee

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- Only people aged **16+** are permitted to collect children from school. *Staff will ask for proof of age.*
- 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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Hello!

My name is Miss Shephard and I have recently joined Cherry Tree as your new Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

I am so pleased to be working alongside such committed staff member and, of course, our wonderful children. Everyone has made me feel so welcome – thank you.

Part of my job is to keep our children safe and work closely with families supporting with anything from attendance to uniform! My door is always open.

If you do require any help, please feel free to contact the school office.

I am out on the school gate each day, please do say 'hello'. 😊





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.

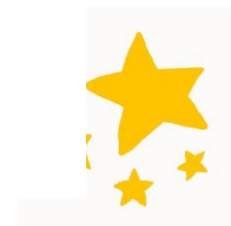


Uniform



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
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.	



August 2024

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September 2024 (21 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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October 2024 (19 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

November 2024 (20 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

December 2024 (15 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

January 2025 (20 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

February 2025 (15 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

March 2025 (21 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

April 2025 (11 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May 2025 (16 Days)




M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2025 (21 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

July 2025 (16 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

 = 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.

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	
Year 5/6	Mrs Wilde (Phase Leader)	Mrs Wigg	
Year 6	Miss Downing	Mrs Purcell	



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](#)



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.