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Growth and Excellence, Every Day

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break, filled with warmth and joy. As we step into 2025, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued support of the school community.

The start of a new calendar year is a wonderful opportunity for reflection and renewed focus. We are committed to ensuring that all students continue to receive the best possible education and support as they progress in their learning.

Despite the adverse weather, the children have been fully engaged in their learning all week. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to Cherry Tree.

Following the success of the Christmas parent crafts, we have confirmed dates for Easter crafts. Parents and families are welcome to join! Further details are on the following pages.

Thank you for all of your support.

Mr Dawson - Headteacher

Term Dates - 2024/25

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 20/12/2024

Reception	92%
Reception/Year 1	96% 
Year 1/2	95%
Year 2	94%
Year 3 / 4 Miss King	88%
Year 3 / 4 Miss Hamed	91%
Year 5	94%
Year 5/6	85%
Year 6	90%

Every School Day Counts



Every Minute Counts

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

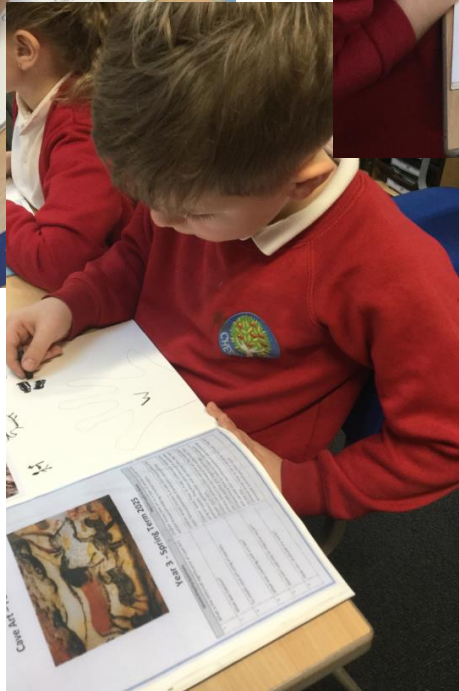
5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

Stars of the Week



Photos of the Week



Staffing Update

As promised, before the Christmas break, I am now in a position to update you on the leadership of SEND at Cherry Tree. I am pleased to announce that Miss King will be leading our SEND provision until February half-term.

Mrs Morris, has left her role as teaching assistant at Cherry Tree. On behalf of the staff team and Cherry Tree family, I wish Mrs Morris all the very best of luck for the future.



Give Me
5!



1. Wet
2. Soap
3. Wash
4. Rinse
5. Dry



WASH YOUR HANDS IN 5 EASY STEPS

WHAT YOU'LL NEED: SOAP AND WATER

1



Wet your hands.

2



Put soap on the palm
of one hand.

3



Rub and scrub your palms,
your fingers, and the back of
your hands thoroughly.

4



Wash your hands for at
least 20 seconds. Rinse
well.

5



Dry your hands.

WHY DO I NEED TO WASH MY HANDS?

Washing your hands keeps you
healthy by washing away
germs that can make you
poorly, so you can stay happy
and ready to learn and play!

Clean Hands, Healthy You!





**Our number has
changed to:
01924 967603**

FOCUS FORTNIGHT ON ATTENDANCE

PUPILS WITH 100% ATTENDANCE IN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF TERM (STARTING TUESDAY 7TH) WILL BE INVITED TO A WORKSHOP WITH WORLD RENOWNED FOOTBALL FREESTYLER - JAMIE KNIGHT!

**Every Day
Counts**

*Medical appointments exempt.





**EASTER
PARENT
CRAFT
SESSIONS**

TUESDAY 25TH MARCH

09:15 - 09:45 - Reception
10:00 - 10:30 - Reception/Year 1
14:15 - 15:00 - Year 1/2

WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH

09:10 - 10:10 - Year 3/4 Miss King
10:20 - 11:20 - Year 3/4 Miss Hamed

THURSDAY 27TH MARCH

09:10 - 10:10 - All Year 5 pupils
10:20 - 11:20 - All Year 6 pupils
14:15 - 15:00 - Year 2



Cherry Tree Academy
Coffee Morning
Managing Emotions - Information
Session for Parents

I want to try to understand what my child is thinking and feeling and how this affects their behaviour



Why does my child get upset/angry and lose control?

I want to help my child recognise and manage their emotions but need ideas on how to support them.

Date: Thursday 16th January 2025
Time: 9am till 11 am

This friendly, informal session will take place in school.

Please advise school reception if you plan to attend the session.

FREE COFFEE & BISCUITS



Join us for a supportive coffee morning, led by CAMHs Future In Mind (FIM) where you can learn ways to support your children, take away practical tips to help your child to understand their emotions and know how to manage strong feelings.

We look forward to seeing you there!

DON'T TEST THE ICE



Never go onto ice



Keep a safe
distance from the
edge



Check for safety
signage



Supervise children and
keep dogs on leads



In an emergency,
call 999



Water safety is always important, but at this time of year with temperatures so low, it is highly important to remind children not to enter the water and to know what to do if they do end up being in.

Please can you share, what you feel is appropriate, with your children, and make them aware of the dangers of thin ice and cold water.

Please see some attached links with further information.

<https://hub.wakefieldscp.org.uk/water-safety-wakefield/>

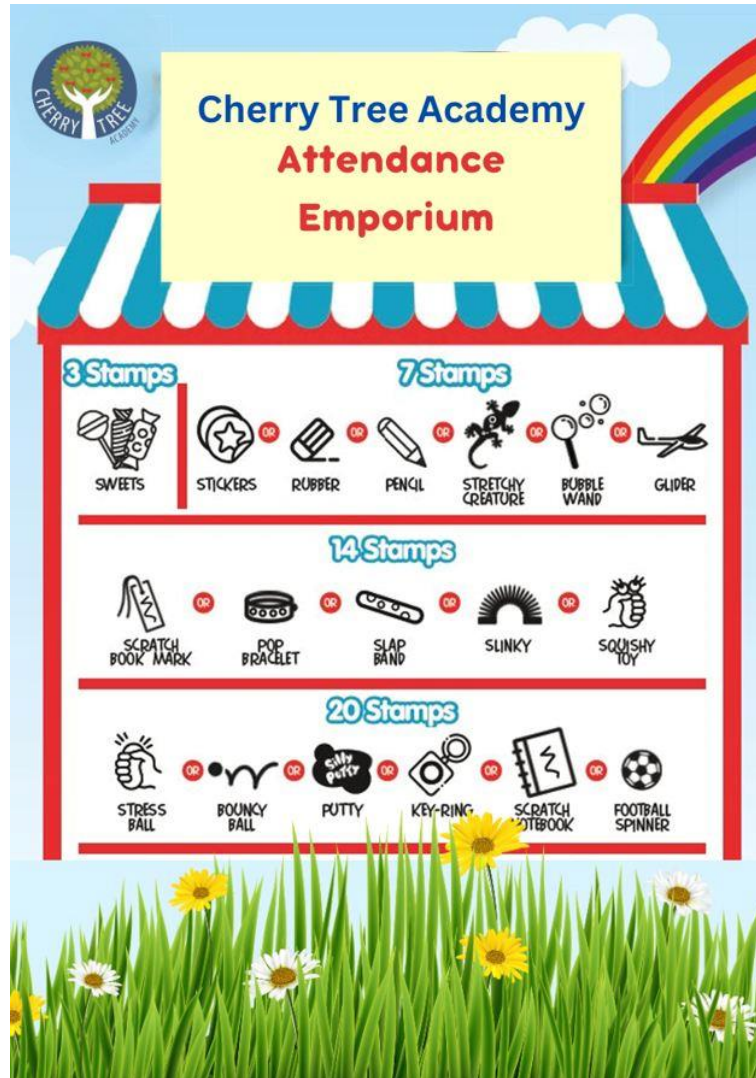
<https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/winter-water-safety>

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/seasonal-advice/travel/out-and-about/winter-water-safety>

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/support-us/our-campaigns/safety-on-our-waterways/winter-water-safety>

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!



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**.



CHERRY TREE ACADEMY CONSULTATION TO REDUCE PAN

(Published Admission Numbers)



We are entering a consultation period regarding a proposed reduction to our Published Admission Number (PAN) starting from the academic year 2026/27. For more details, please visit our school website.

Any comments/feedback must be sent to school in writing by 12pm noon on 29.01.25.

Email:
cherrytreeoffice@watertonacademytrust.org

Post:
Cherry Tree Academy, Cobbler's Lane,
Pontefract, WF8 2HN



www.cherrytreeacademy.org/admissions

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.



Healthy Snacks

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.



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/Book making Go Noodle Lego Building	Colouring Cosmic Yoga Board Games	Computers Just Dance Creative Play
Cereal Fruit Toast Fruit Juice	Cereal Fruit Toast Fruit Juice	Cereal Fruit Toast Fruit Juice	Cereal Fruit Toast Fruit Juice	Cereal Fruit Toast Fruit Juice



 **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



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Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



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Deputy Headteacher

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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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2. 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)
3. 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.

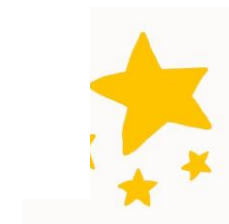


Uniform



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
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
30						

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	
Reception	Mrs Wilkinson	Mrs Barclay	Mrs Barclay
Reception/Year 1	Mrs Gurtler	Mrs Bailey	Mrs Bailey
Year 1/2	Mrs Mehat	Mrs Wigg	Mrs Wigg
Year 2	Miss Hobbs		
Year 3/4	Miss King	Mrs Duffy Mrs O'Hara Mr Pool	Mrs Duffy Mrs O'Hara Mr Pool
Year 3/4	Miss Hamed		
Year 5	Miss Leeming		
Year 5/6	Miss Wilde	Mrs Singer	
Year 6	Miss Downing	Mrs Purcell	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.