

18 July 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As we draw closer to the end of another academic year, I wanted to provide you with an update on staffing for September.

Miss Sims, has made the decision to leave her role as HLTA. I wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

We are excited to welcome several new staff members to Cherry Tree in September. Joining us are new class teachers: Mrs Burden (Year 5), Miss Forde (Year 4) and Miss Kelly (Year 1/ 2).

I am delighted to confirm that Miss Bird, who has been working in our early years area of school will be continuing with us on a full time, permanent basis from September.

We have also appointed a Learning Mentor, who will also start with us in September. Her name is Mrs Burton.

Below, I have outlined the new teaching, support, and pastoral staff team for September 2025 (subject to change based):

	Teacher	Support Staff	
	Mr Dawson		Headteacher
	Mrs Cannon		Deputy Headteacher
	Miss Shephard		Designated Safeguarding Lead
	Miss King		SENCO
	Mrs Burton		Learning Mentor
Reception	Mrs Wilkinson (maternity / EYFS Lead) Mrs Lindley and Mrs Greensmith (Monday and Tuesday)	Mrs Bailey Miss Bird Mrs Singer (am only)	
Reception / Year 1	Mrs Gurtler		
Year 1/ 2	Miss Hobbs / Miss Kelly	Mrs Wigg	
Year 2	Mrs Mehat		
Year 3	Mrs Wilde (Phase Leader)	Ms Barclay	
Year 3/ 4	Miss Leeming	Mrs O'Hara (am only)	
Year 4	Miss Hamed / Miss Forde		
Year 5	Mrs Burdon	Mr Pool Miss Duffy	
Year 6	Miss Downing	Mrs Purcell	

We have two inset days booked in for September. These dates are: Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025. **Pupils are not in school on these days.**

School will reopen for pupils on **Wednesday 3rd September at 8:45am.**

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

Monday 5 th January 2025
Friday 17 th July 2026
Monday 20 th July 2026

More information will be shared with you before the children return to school, including details about classrooms, locations, and entrances/exits.

As mentioned previously, from September, all children — including those in Year 6 — must be collected by an adult at the end of the school day. Also, to help us keep our school a calm and focused place for learning, mobile phones are not allowed on site. This includes both children and any adults using their phones while on school grounds.

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 pupils, who are transitioning to their new high schools, all the very best. I have loved being your headteacher and will always remember you as being kind, caring, hard-working, and always having a smile on your face!

You will forever be part of the Cherry Tree family, and the door is always open to welcome you back. Good luck, Year 6!

Thank you all for your support this year. I wish you a wonderful summer break.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Dawson

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

Uniform from September 2025	P.E Kit from September 2025
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.
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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:

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- 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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