Cherrywood Newsletter

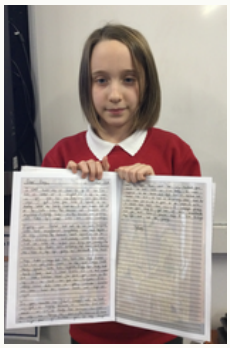
23rd January 2026

Message from Mrs Lewis

It has been a very soggy week which has sadly meant a lot of wet playtimes and altered timetables, as PE lessons couldn't take place outside. We do try our hardest to get children out for some fresh air even if it is drizzling so please do send your child in with an appropriate coat - thank you.

It was lovely to see children looking so smart on Tuesday for their photographs - so many new haircuts. We organised it differently this year with class and individual photographs being taken at the same time. We felt the arrangement worked well but are looking to book this in for the autumn term next year. We would value your feedback on the organisation and quality of photographs.

Best Wishes





Wow Work

Well done to Olive for making great progress in her writing.

Upcoming Events

- ***Tues 3rd Feb - PINS Parenting Workshop at 9.30am***
- ***Tues 10th Feb - EMTAS Coffee Morning at 9am***

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Dates for Your Diary

- *Year 5 & Year 6 Online Climate Conference*
- *Thurs 29th Jan - Olympic Athlete visit to Cherrywood*
- ***Tues 3rd Feb - PINS Parenting Workshop at 9.30am***
- ***Tues 10th Feb - EMTAS Coffee Morning at 9am***
- *Wed 11th February - Safer Internet Day*
- ***16th - 22nd February - HALF TERM***
- ***Mon 23rd Feb - BACK TO SCHOOL***
- *Mon 23rd Feb & Tues 24th Feb - Year 2 Forest School at Edgeborough School*
- *Wed 25th Feb - EARA Pupil Session at St Peter's Junior School (invited pupils)*
- ***Fri 27th Feb - Year 2 (Elm Class) Exhibition - Parents welcome at 9.15am***
- ***Tues 10th Mar - Parents Evening (more details to follow)***
- ***Wed 11th Mar - Parents Evening (more details to follow)***
- *Tues 10th Mar - Year 5 Easter Experience at Church of the Good Shepherd*
- *Tues 10th Mar - Year 4 Easter Experience at Church of the Good Shepherd*
- *Wed 11th Mar - Year 3 & Year 4 Trip to Museum of the Iron Age*
- *Wed 18th Mar - Year 1 & Year 6 Trip to Gilbert White Museum*
- *Tues 24th Mar - Reception Easter Experience at Church of the Good Shepherd*
- ***30th Mar - 12th April - EASTER HOLIDAYS***
- ***Mon 13th April - BACK TO SCHOOL***

Parents are invited to attend these dates

INSET DAYS:

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 15th June 2026

Celebrations —

We are pleased to announce this week's -

Value Ambassadors - Recognised for showing great Curiosity

- Ash - Roman
- Chestnut - Jacob
- Elm - Enayatullah
- Larch - Oliver
- Oak - Teagan
- Pine - Lucas
- Sycamore - Theo



Stars of the Week - recognised for their efforts this week

- Ash - Ava
- Chestnut - Zara
- Elm - Finley
- Larch - Nasim
- Oak - Edward
- Pine - Robyn
- Sycamore - Freddie



Play Leader Award - for children demonstrating the school values in their play

- Lily



Attendance

Data for 12th to 16th Jan	
Ash	85.33%
Chestnut	98.21%
Elm	99.29%
Larch	95.19%
Oak	94.21%
Pine	97.59%
Sycamore	94.80%

Attendance last week was so much better than the first week back, well done everyone. No one could beat Elm again with such impressive attendance.
Well done Elm Class



Notice to Parents

We would like to make you aware of a near miss incident that occurred last week. A child ran across the road at our main vehicle access point and was almost struck by an approaching car.



To help keep all children safe, we kindly ask that any child walking to school does not cross this road unless accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. This area can be busy during drop off and pick up times, and your support is essential in keeping everyone safe.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SAFEGUARDING - SNAPCHAT

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

SNAP STREAK 97

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🔥 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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Year 6 having been working in groups, portraying our value of teamwork, by creating stories through dance













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