Friday 27 June 2025

Cherrywood News

Message from Mrs Lewis

I cannot believe that it is Friday once again. The end of the year always seems to fly by so quickly. That hasn't stopped us from working very hard, enjoying visits to different places and sharing our experiences with parents, as can be seen from the photographs this week.

We do still have lots to fit in so please look carefully at our dates page. In here you will also find the holiday dates for the next academic year (to help you plan any holidays) as well as two of our INSET days. We are still to finalise the remaining 3 which we plan to share by the end of the term.

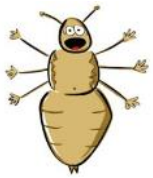
Thank you to the school council who spent their time this week handing out information slips regarding our transition arrangements. This includes the chance for you to visit your child's new class. I thoroughly recommend that you do this as it is a great opportunity to support your child in feeling settled ready for the beginning of the new year.

Attendance

Congratulations to Chestnut Class

Great Attendance

Data for 9th June to 13th June	
Ash	89.64%
Chestnut	96.4%
Elm	95.36%
Larch	95.26%
Oak	94.2%
Pine	96.9%
Sycamore	94.29%



There have been some cases of head lice at school so please can you check your child's hair over the weekend and treat if necessary. The following link provides some information on how to do this:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 30th June—Online Safety Afternoon & Workshop Parents welcome at 2.45pm
- 1st June—New Reception Stay and Play Sessions
- 1st July —Year 2 (Elm) Caterpillar Champions Science Day 3
- 3rd July—Year 2 (Elm) Class Assembly Parents welcome at 2.45pm
- 3rd July—Year 5 (Pine) Book Festival at Farnborough Sixth Form College —9am to 12pm
- 4th July—Year 2 (Elm) class trip to Queen Elizabeth Park
- 8th July—Raising Aspirations Day
- 10th July—Year R (Ash) class assembly Parents welcome at 2.45pm
- **14th July—Transition Week Monday to Thursday**
- 15th July— New Reception Stay and Play Sessions
- **16th July—School Disco 4.45—5.45pm—New Date**
- 18th July—Year 6 (Sycamore) leavers assembly Parents welcome at 2.30pm
- 21st July—Cherrywood's Big Picnic & Afternoon of Fun —more details to follow
- 22nd July —Year 6 (Sycamore) reward lunch and colour run
- **22nd July—Last Day of Term—Normal finish at 3.15pm**

2025 / 2026 Inset Days (confirmed so far) & Holiday Dates

- Inset Day—Wednesday 3rd September 2025
- October Half Term—27th—31st October 2025
- Inset Day—Monday 3rd November 2025
- Christmas Holiday—22nd December 2025—2nd January 2026
- February Half Term—16th—20th February 2026
- Easter Holiday—30th March—10th April 2026
- Summer Holiday—23rd June— 31st August 2026

Services for Young Children Heat Health Alert – Amber Response

There is strong likelihood of the heat health criteria being met between **12:00** on **Friday 27 June** and **Tuesday** on **01 July** in parts of England.

Actions to protect children suffering from heat illness

The following steps to reduce body temperature should be taken immediately:

- Move the child to as cool a room as possible and encourage them to drink cool water (such as water from a cold tap)
- Cool the child as rapidly as possible, using whatever methods you can. For example, sponge or spray the child with cool (25 to 30°C) water; if available place cold packs around the neck and armpits, or wrap the child in a cool, wet sheet and assist cooling with a fan.
- Dial 999 to request an ambulance if the child (or person) doesn't respond to the above treatment within 30 minutes.
- **If a child loses consciousness, or has a seizure, place the child in the recovery position, call 999 immediately and follow the steps above until medical assistance arrives.**



Celebrations —





We are pleased to announce this week's -

	Value Ambassadors	Stars of the Week
Ash Class	Ava	Jason
Chestnut Class	Jayden	Ella A
Elm Class	Abigail	Tahlia
Larch Class	Nyasha	Shreya
Oak Class	Roy	Oak Class
Pine Class	Sajala	Lyla
Sycamore Class	Aria	Aevan

Play Leader Awards	Key Stage 1
	Jacob

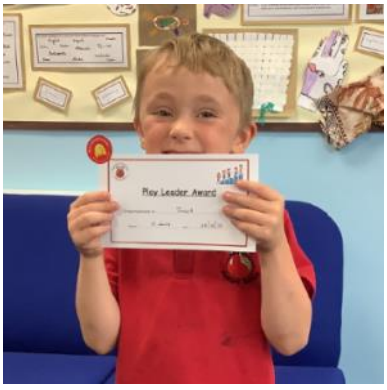
Our Value Ambassadors—recognised for showing great resilience

Stars of the Week — recognised for their efforts this week





Play Leader Awards for children demonstrating the school values in their play



Transition Week Information

14th—18th July

The week beginning the 14th July is our transition week. Children will be spending the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with their new class teachers in their new classrooms.

We would love for you to come into school on Thursday 17th July to meet their new teacher and join your child in an activity.

Your Child's Current Class	**Meet Their New Teacher**
Reception Class - Ash	Thursday 17th July – 9am
Year 1 – Chestnut	Thursday 17th July – 9.45am
Year 2 – Elm	Thursday 17th July – 12.50pm
Year 3 – Larch	Thursday 17th July – 11.10am
Year 4 – Oak	Thursday 17th July – 1.35pm
Year 5 – Pine	Thursday 17th July – 2.20pm





SUMMER TERM DISCO

This will take place on **Wednesday 16th July.** The disco will run from **4.45pm to 5.45pm.** There is a charge of **£2** which will include a drink and snack. **Payment must be made via Arbor, under the Trips section and needs to be made in advance as you will not be able to pay on the door.** Please make payment as soon as possible so that we can get a sense of numbers of children attending.

SAFEGUARDING—BODY PRIVACY

When's the right time to talk PANTS?

Every family is different, and when and where you have these conversations may depend on your child's age, or how grown up they are - it's all about whatever feels natural for you and them.

Some examples of times you can talk PANTS are:

- **After school –** if they've had a lesson on personal relationships or Talk PANTS at school, ask them what they remember when they get home.
- **Bathtime –** you could start a conversation when you're running your child's bath, or helping them get dressed.
- **Car journeys –** this can be a great time to talk, and your child will have plenty of time to ask questions if they need.
- **Reading** our new PANTS storybook together.
- **Singing –** sing along to our PANTS song with Pantosaurus!
- **Swimming –** a great time to say that what's covered by swimwear is private.
- **Walking –** walking home from school, or a weekend walk to the shops can help you both feel more at ease as you stroll and chat.
- **Watching TV – i**f a TV show features a sensitive storyline, you can encourage them to talk about anything that upsets them.



For more information for parents visit:-

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY



We currently have an exciting opportunity for a parent/guardian to join us as a Parent Governor on the governing board. At Cherrywood we greatly value the partnership we have with parents and the benefits it undoubtedly brings to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor. The role of a school governor is a very rewarding one and it will enable you to meet new people and to work as part of a team. You will gain new knowledge and skills and will be able to bring a valuable perspective to the work of the board.

Don't worry if you have no experience, as full training and support is available and you will be well supported by your colleagues on the governing body.

The governing body's main tasks are:

* to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction
* to hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
* to oversee the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent, and
* that pupils are safe.

At Cherrywood, we also have a strong focus on being an inclusive and diverse environment where veryone is welcome and everyone is recognised for the unique contributions they make to our School. We have high ambitious for all our pupils and provide them with a wide range of opportunities to raise their aspirations and learn about what the wider world can offer them and how they can be effective members of society.

Parent governors are valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring that the governing body has access to parent perspectives and a greater knowledge of the local community.

We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and to give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance, also, to play their part in ensuring that our pupils fulfil their aspirations.

Full training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support, as well as access to external governor training.

More information about the work of Governors and how we organise ourselves can be found on the school website. If you would like to speak to one of our existing Governors about their experiences of the role, then please contact the school office and we will be in touch.

Useful information can also be found on the Hampshire Governor Services website: **hants.gov.uk/governors-volunteer**.

If you would like to apply to join our board, then please contact the school office for an application form, which will need to be completed and returned to the school by 12.00 noon on 10th July 2025. This can be done by delivering a paper copy to the school office or emailing it to: adminoffice@cherrywood.hants.sch.uk

Please note, that for the protection of children, all governor appointments are subject to an identity and DBS check. If there are more applications than vacancies, we will hold an election, and you will be sent a voting paper in due course. You should return the ballot paper to the school reception.

We very much look forward to receiving your parent governor application form.

Mrs Lewis / Mrs Read (Headteacher / Chair of Governors)

Year 5—Pine Class Exhibition of Work

On Wednesday, Year 5 proudly held their end-of-year exhibition to showcase the amazing learning they've done throughout the year. Parents explored space -themed artwork inspired by Wassily Kandinsky, where children used tone and shade to bring their paintings to life. Chromebooks were out for children to demonstrate their digital skills – from composing music on **Song Maker**, to coding in **Scratch**, experimenting with algorithms, and creating animations using **Wick Editor**. Children also shared their books with pride, giving them the chance to talk about their progress and favourite pieces of work. Thank you to all the family members who came and supported the event. The children felt incredibly proud sharing their creativity, knowledge and achievements with you.













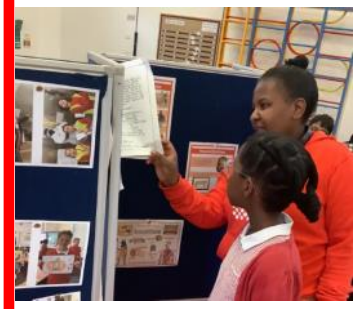




















Year 4—Oak Class Empower Event



Oak Class enjoyed a wonderful visit to Farnborough Hill School on Tuesday 24th June for the annual 'Empower Event'. The children took part in a great range of Science, Technology, Sporting and Creative activities planned and delivered by Year 9 pupils. Favourite activities from the day included cookie design, smoothie making, balloon-powered car engineering, real-life Roblox 'obbies' and samba percussion! Oak Class have been talking about the great day they had since returning to Cherrywood and have been building upon their experiences with further activities in the classroom. We would all like to thank Farnborough Hill for their hospitality during the day and look forward to participating in even more exciting projects in the future!























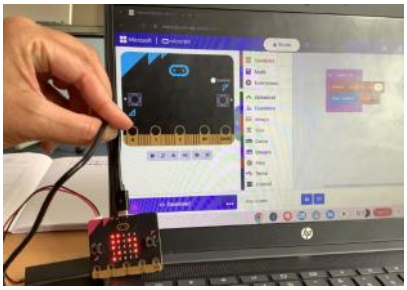








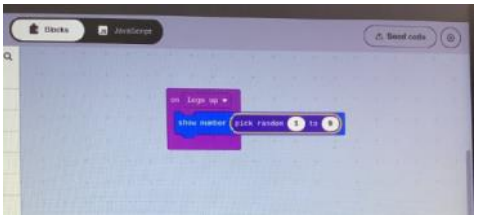


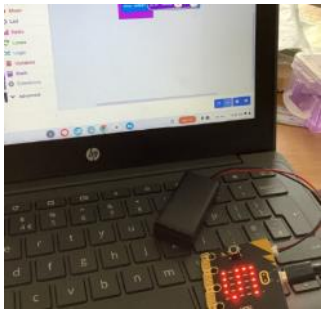


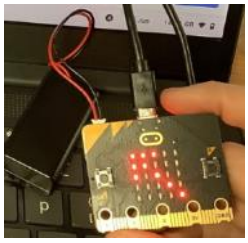
Year 6— Sycamore—Computing

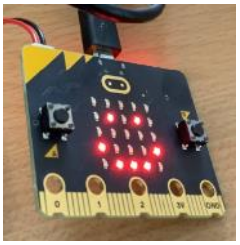
This week children in year 6 used microbits to create code and exciting animations. They really enjoyed creating these and were very focussed in their work and proudly shared their creations with each other.









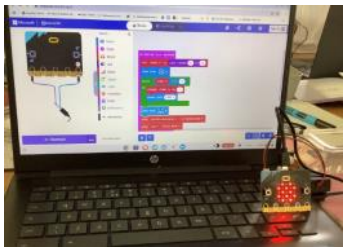


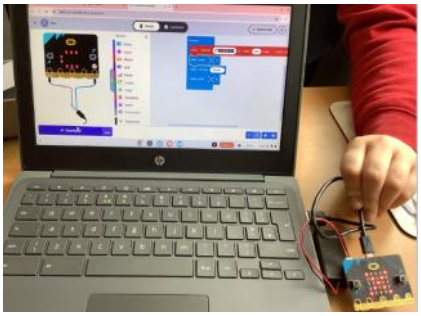












ARMED FORCES DAY

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Saturday 28th June
Princes Gardens, Aldershot
2pm to 5pm

Prom concert, jazz singer, Lindy Hop dancers, children's crafts, face painting & more!

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28 JUNE 2025



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YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: Cherrywood Community Primary School, GU14 8LH

Dates: 28th July to 21st August 2025

Times: 9.00am to 3.00pm

Ages: Reception to Year 6

Additional info: Book via our website premier-education.com/holiday-camps

This course is for HAF eligible children only. To book you will require a unique registration code from Hampshire County Council. Please complete the form via the link to receive your code: https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities/register.

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A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

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And with the HAF programme, your children can attend sessions free of charge. Each session includes healthy food and enriching activities.

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The Wavell School
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Monday 21st July	Tuesday 22nd July	Wednesday 23rd July	Thursday 24th July	Friday 25th July
✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Monday 28th July	**Tuesday 29th July**	**Wednesday 30th July**	**Thursday 31st July**	**Friday 1st August**
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monday 4th August	**Tuesday 5th August**	**Wednesday 6th August**	**Thursday 7th August**	**Friday 8th August**
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monday 11th August	**Tuesday 12th August**	**Wednesday 13th August**	**Thursday 14th August**	**Friday 15th August**
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monday 18th August	**Tuesday 19th August**	**Wednesday 20th August**	**Thursday 21st August**	**Friday 22nd August**
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monday 25th August	**Tuesday 26th August**	**Wednesday 27th August**	**Thursday 28th August**	**Friday 29th August**
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Monday 1st September	**Tuesday 2nd September**	**Wednesday 3rd September**	**Thursday 4th September**	**Friday 5th September**
✓	✓	✗	✗	✗

Our course is only open to Girls and boys from year R - 9 (inclusive) who are eligable for benefits related free school meals. The aim of our courses are for children to have a great time and make friends in a safe, structured but fun environment.

Activity Club Content
Our Activity childcare club will still be based around fun multisport games and team building challenges. However, to ensure a safe operation we have planned adaptations to each session and any equipment we use.

The Activity club can include a choice of:
•Football •Uni Hoc •Softball •Nerf Games •Go-Karts
•Basketball •Dodgeball •Badminton •Tennis •Frisbee
•Arts and Crafts •Benchball •Lego •Inflatables

Times
Our holiday club runs from **8:30am to 4:30pm**.
Registration opens at 8:20am

Ways to book
Via our online home @ cm-sports.co.uk

What do I need to bring?
We have fantastic indoor and outdoor facilities to best equip for the British weather, however please ensure that children bring with them suitable clothing and plenty to drink.

Who will look after my child?
Our coaches make it their mission for your child to have the best time whilst they are with us. They are enthusiastic, professional in their approach and have a passion for teaching.

Our staff are:
•Qualified Paediatric First Aid
•FA and multiskills qualified
•Child protection trained
•Registered by Ofsted
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