Friday 6 June 2025

Cherrywood News

Message from Mrs Lewis

Welcome back to the last half term of the year. We know that, as usual, this is going to be a really busy one, so please keep a close eye on our dates page and the articles we include in this newsletter as they will have important information to help you prepare and not miss out.

Best Wishes

Attendance

Congratulations to Chestnut Class Great Attendance

Data for 19th May to 23rd May	
Ash	91%
Chestnut	98%
Elm	95.36%
Larch	93.81%
Oak	91.9%
Pine	90.7%
Sycamore	94.29%

School Council's Big Question



What job does your child want to do when they get older?

Our focus value this week has been CURIOSITY. We have been curious about what our futures might be like and the jobs that we might do. This is the term where we have our Raising Aspirations Day where children get the chance to meet people from a wide range of careers to support them in understanding the wide range of options that they will have in their lives. This event will be taking place on the 8th July. The School Council though it would be interesting to find out what careers children might be considering. There were a range of answers.

Footballer
Police officer
Builder
dancer
Doctor
Teacher
YouTuber
Engineer
Social Media Influencer
Archaeologist
Midwife
Artist
Scientist
Author
Detective
Firefighter
Astronaut
Paramedic
Nurse
Zoo keeper

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **10th June—Class Photos—All Pupils to come in School Uniform**
- 12th June—Year 3 (Larch) class computing workshop Parents welcome at 2.30pm
- **16th June—PE Showcase & Get Fit for your Wellbeing this week (more details below)**
- 17th June—New Reception Stay and Play Sessions
- 19th June—Year 1 (Chestnut) class computing workshop Parents welcome at 2.30pm
- **23rd June INSET DAY**
- 24th June—Year 4 (Oak) Empower Event at Farnborough Hill School
- 25th June—Year 5 (Pine) class exhibition Parents welcome at 9.15am
- 26th June—Year 6 (Sycamore) trip to Edgeborough School
- 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
- 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
- 15th / 16th / 17th July—Home Visits for New Reception families
- 18th July—Year 6 (Sycamore) leavers assembly Parents welcome at 2.30pm
- 21st July—Cherrywood's Big Picnic—more details to follow
- 21st July—Cherrywood's Afternoon of Fun—more details to follow
- 22nd July —Year 6 (Sycamore) reward lunch and colour run

22nd July—Last Day of Term—we will be finishing at the normal time but there won't be any afterschool child care. Please get in touch if this causes you difficulties.

Celebrations —





We are pleased to announce this week's -

	Value Ambassadors	Stars of the Week
Ash Class	Advit	Cyerra
Chestnut Class	Zoe	Jayden
Elm Class	Persephone	Emilia
Larch Class	Oriona	Luchiana
Oak Class	Adriella	Zibran
Pine Class	Isla	Nathan
Sycamore Class	Daisy	Lucas

Play Leader Awards — **Key Stage 1**

Jimi

Our Value Ambassadors—recognised for showing great resilience





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



Stars of the Week — recognised for their efforts this week

Cherrywood's Get Fit For Your Wellbeing Week

PE Showcase Activities

Our school is committed to the wellbeing of its pupils, staff and wider community. We also really enjoy events that involve inviting families to join in. After the success of previous years, we will be inviting you to attend PE Showcase events where you can join your child in a PE activity at the school.

These will take place throughout the week of the **16th June**. If the weather remains pleasant, activities will take place outside on the school playground and field, so please dress appropriately if you would like to participate with your child.

Below is a timetable of your child's allocated PE slot. Please arrive **5 mins** before these start times.

Year R	Monday 16th June at 1:15 pm
Year 1	Wednesday, 18th June at 2:00 pm
Year 2	Friday, 20th June at 2:00 pm
Year 3	Monday 16th June at 2:00 pm
Year 4	Tuesday 17th June at 2:00 pm
Year 5	Thursday 19th June at 2:00 pm
Year 6	Thursday 19th June at 1:15 pm

These events will take place on the same day that your child usually has PE, so please can children come into school in their PE kit (as usual) on their normal PE days.

The Morning Mile

To further encourage a healthy lifestyle and fitness, we will be encouraging families to complete a brisk walk around the field at drop off between **8:40** and **8:55am**. This will be a great way to start the day and you will be able to keep track of your walks across the week with special certificates!

Thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you in school during the PE Showcase Week.

Mr Wyld





Tuesday 10th June—Class Photos

On Tuesday 10th June the school photographer is coming to take class photos for Year R—Year 5 and class and individual photos for Year 6. Please can you ensure that your child comes into school wearing their school uniform (even if it is their PE day).

Photos will need to be ordered directly from Tempest, the school photographer, and we will share this link with you by e-mail when we receive it. There will be an option for any photos ordered to be delivered to school for collection. This means that no postage cost will be added to your order.

For the Year 6's individual photos, Tempest will contact parents directly via e-mail for ordering. You will be given a 2 week window to order and there will be an option for photos to be sent to school for collection. Again this means that no postage cost will be added to your order.

PE Days Week Commencing 10th June 2025

Ash—Monday

Chestnut—Wednesday & Friday

Elm—Thursday & Friday

Larch—Monday & Wednesday

Oak—Tuesday & Thursday

Pine—Tuesday & Thursday

Sycamore—Tuesday & Thursday

This week we were visited by Chatoic. This wonderful charity have supported our school by helping with the improvements to The Nook. The impact of Chaotic's kindness has been felt by students and staff alike and some of our pupils met with them to talk to them about this. Their commitment to helping local schools thrive reflects the power of community and the importance of giving back. It's support like this that helps us continue to grow, learn, and provide the best possible environment for our students. We are incredibly grateful for their contributions.





Oak Class Computing Showcase

On Thursday afternoon, Oak Class invited parents and carers to our Computing Showcase. We gave our visitors a tour of the websites we have been building this week, and began to plan our book review websites too. These will be published on the World Wide Web at the end of the Summer Term, so keep your eyes peeled!









Elm Class—Caterpillar Champions Session 2

We started the day by making a collage representing the life cycle of a butterfly and revisited the key words related to life cycles.













For the second part of the day there was a rotation of activities. The children all had a go at building a bird out of K'nex.







They also pretended to be hedgehogs and scavenged for food.









Elm Class—Caterpillar Champions Session 2

The children were given microscopes to look through and drew what they saw.

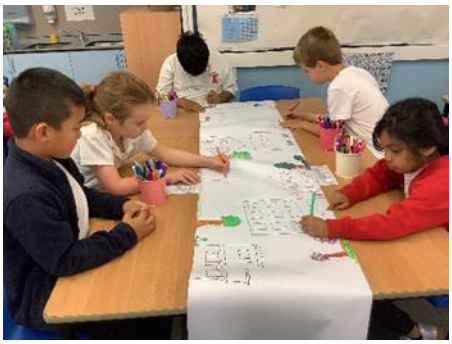




And they had a lot of fun playing snap with foods and plants, identifying which ones caterpillars can eat.




The last part of our session got the children drawing habitats on a picture of a city.

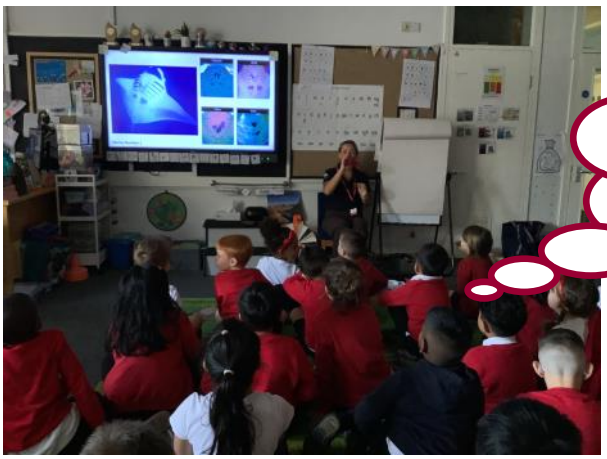





Chestnut Class—Manta-Ray Expert's Visit

As part as our writing curriculum we will be writing a factsheet about a chosen marine animal. We chose to write about a Manta Ray, but in order to do so, first we needed to learn more about these incredible creatures. Luckily, we managed to arrange for a marine scientist from the Manta Ray Trust (https://www.mantatrust.org/) to visit us on Wednesday and told us many interesting facts about manta rays.

We will tell you all about it when we finish our writing by the end of next week and we will post our work here too. For now, take a look at some of the pictures from our fabulous day!



There is only one pink manta ray in the whole world.

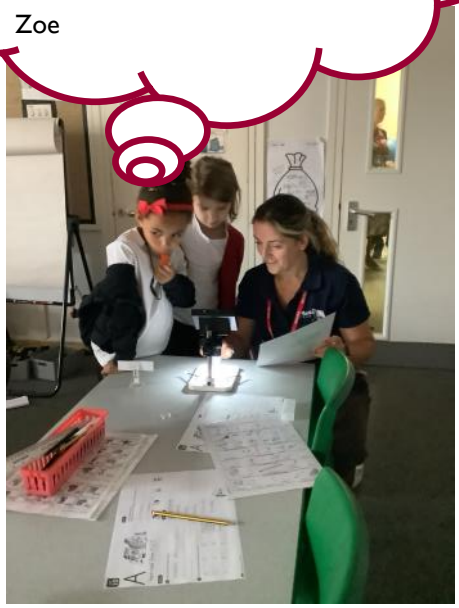
Connor





Learning about manta rays was fun because the scientist showed us a lot about manta rays. I liked it when she showed me the plankton under the microscope.

Zoe





Year 3—Hatchlands Visit

This week Year 3 (Larch Class) visited Hatchlands National Trust Park with Edgeborough School. Although it was a bit windy the children all had a lovely time exploring the wonderful woodlands and making new friends!























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