Friday 2nd May 2025

Cherrywood News

Message from Mrs Lewis

We have been so lucky with the weather this week and are hopeful it will continue. This does mean you need to ensure your child has sun-screen on and brings a water bottle. We also encourage providing a sun hat too—as always please make sure this is named.

Best wishes.

Attendance

Another great week—
Well Done **Ash Class**

Data for 22nd to the 25th May	
Ash	97.77%
Chestnut	95.67%
Elm	97.41%
Larch	93.18%
Oak	92.4%
Pine	94%
Sycamore	97.22%

School Council's Big Question



Our School Council were asking all about clubs this week. It was good to hear that children enjoy a range of clubs including football, dodgeball, gymnastics, cricket and multi-sports. When asked why children didn't attend you explained that they already attended clubs outside of school, there wasn't enough time and that they are expensive. I am sorry that some of you are in a position where this is the case. We have tried really hard to keep the costs as low as possible. We have also worked hard to have a range of sporting activities supported at lunchtimes in addition to this.
Many of the clubs we already run you are keen to see continue next half term. There have been requests made for some additional ones, for example volley ball, so we will be communicating with Premier Education to confirm these. A letter will be coming out next week to allow you to book club places for the summer term.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 5th MAY—BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

- 7 May—Year 2 (Elm) Moon Landing Coding Adventure—Online Workshop
- Change of Date—7th May —Information Evening for New Year R Parents—5pm—6.30pm
- 22nd May—Year 2 (Elm) Caterpillar Champions Science Project Day 1
- **Change of Date—23rd May—Reception (Ash) Farm Trip**
- 23rd May—Year 1 (Chestnut) Farm Trip

Half Term Monday 26th—Friday 30th May

- 3rd June—Year 3 (Larch) trip to Hatchlands with Edgeborough School
- 4th June—Year 1 (Chestnut) Manta Ray Expert visiting class
- 5th June—Year 2 (Elm) Caterpillar Champions Science Project Day 2
- **10th June—Class Photos**
- **23rd June INSET DAY**
- 24th June—Year 4 (Oak) Empower Event at Farnborough Hill School
- 26th June—Year 6 (Sycamore) trip to Edgeborough School
- 1st July —Year 2 (Elm) Caterpillar Champions Science Day 3
- 8th July—Raising Aspirations Day

- **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	Abigail	Zac
Chestnut Class	Connor	Ahmet
Elm Class	Lexi	Isabelle
Larch Class	Joel	Christina
Oak Class	Lean	Roy
Pine Class	Andrew	Lily-May
Sycamore Class	Mehran	Shahzaib

Play Leader Awards — **Key Stage 1**

Persephone

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



PE Days Week Commencing 6th May 2025

Ash—Monday

Chestnut—Wednesday & Friday

Elm—Thursday & Friday

Larch—Monday & Wednesday

Oak—Tuesday & Thursday

Pine—Tuesday & Thursday

Sycamore—Tuesday & Thursday

Raising Aspirations Day 2025

On 8th July we will be holding our exciting Raising Aspirations Day at school. This is a day that our children (and staff) really enjoy as we invite many different adults in to talke to small groups about their job role, what they do and how they got to this career choice. This day allows out children to think of their future beyond the classroom and also helps them understand how the difference subjects they learn in school will help them.

CAN YOU HELP?

To make this day fabulous we would love parents in different job roles / careers to be involved in our day and speak to small groups of children. If you would like to be involved or would like to find out more first please get in contact with the office or Mrs Davis at school. If you know of anyone who may also be interested in sharing what they do with the children please be in touch.

We look forward to hearing from you!



ThinkSafe 2025

Sycamore class joined other year six students from across Aldershot and Farnborough this week to learn some important life lessons as part of the annual Think Safe programme held at the council offices.

They heard valuable safety messages on subjects such as personal safety (Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary), fire safety (Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service), healthy relationships (the Stop Domestic Abuse charity), rail safety (Network Rail/British Transport Police), antisocial behaviour and risky shopping and age restricted products (Rushmoor Borough Council) and heathland safety (Thames Basin Heaths Partnership).

I think that the ThinkSafe trip was very good. Not only was it fun but it was also educational. I like how each section had at least one interactive activity. They made it feel so realistic. Thank you to all of the wonderful instructors and leaders—Daisy









I think the ThinkSafe trip was useful because it taught me new things I didn't know before. It also taught us what to do during different scenarios. My favourite part had to be the police one where they tricked us into trusting someone that didn't have a name badge on—Lorraine





If you are uncomfortable you can call the police or child line. Make sure not to listen to people you don't know because you can get kidnapped—Aria



I learnt that just because there is an adult in the same building as us it does not mean that they are a safe. Also there are some things that we cannot buy, like a knife—Alice





When we got to ThinkSafe they talked to us about what we would be learning about. After that we went on with our day learning about wildfires and how to keep safe around it, and also anti-social behaviour and much, much more. I really think this would be a very good educational trip for the rest of the school and for me, I gained a lot more knowledge from it—Zak



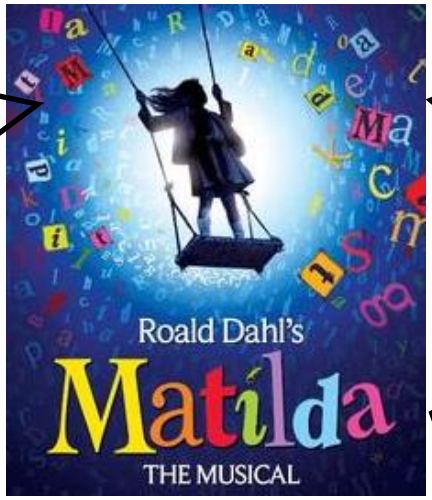
Pine Class Trip—Matilda the Musical

Pine Class went on an exciting trip to see *Matilda the Musical* yesterday at Farnborough Hill. From start to finish, we were completely mesmerised. The actors were full of energy, the singing was incredible, and the entire show was simply amazing.

We were all drawn into the story, laughing and clapping along. The characters were brilliant, especially Matilda herself. And of course, we all agreed we were very thankful our head teacher is nothing like the terrifying Miss Trunchbull!

I thought the children performed really well—I liked the ending where they showed us some gymnastics; cartwheels, handstands, flips.

Freddy



My favourite part of the musical were the songs—I knew some of them and sang it with them. I also really liked watching Miss Trunchball's acting—she was so realistic and scary (her makeup was amazing)!

Scarlett

I really liked the songs they sang - some of them could sing and dance at the same time! There was a moment where a cup fell onto the floor by itself—I thought that was really cool and very realistic. It was like magic.

Andrew

I really liked the actor's performances; they were very believable. My favourite character was Miss Trunchbull—she was very good when acting but I was mostly impressed by her make up. I also loved all the singing and dancing.

Sajala

The trip was very fun - I loved watching Matilda. The lighting and sounds they used were incredible. I was grateful to the school for providing a drink and a chocolate bar after our long walk.

Fola

Safeguarding—Internet Safety

WhatsApp
Parent / Carer Advice



What is WhatsApp?

WhatsApp is a free messaging app. It allows you to send text and multimedia messages (video, images and voice recordings) to people in the contact list on your phone. It also allows users to set up group chats where the administrators can invite up to 256 people to share messages and images publicly within the group. Although the age limit for WhatsApp was recently raised to 16 it is popular with primary age children and above. So what are the risks?

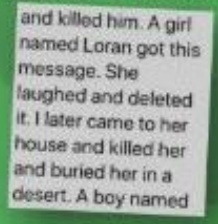
Safety Tips

- As with all Internet activity, talk to your child about how they use WhatsApp and any issues they have encountered.
- With your child, look through the groups they are members of and discuss any areas of concern you have. You may agree that it would be best to leave the group.
- Go to the settings (by pressing the three dots in the top right of the screen) and ensure your child's profile is set to 'contacts only'.
- To leave a group: Open the group in WhatsApp. Press the three dots in the top right of the screen and select 'Group info'. Scroll down to 'Exit group'.
- If an admin adds your child back into a group they have left, your child can ask them not to do this. If they keep adding them then you can prevent it by blocking the admin. To do this, WhatsApp provide the following guidance:

1. Go to the group in WhatsApp, then tap or click the subject of the group.
2. Tap or click the phone number of the admin you wish to block.
3. If prompted, tap or click **Message (phone number)** or **Send Message**.
4. A blank chat with the admin will open up. Tap or click the phone number at the top.
5. Tap or click **Block** > **Block**.

Reasons for concern

- Group administrators can invite people your child does not know into group chats. Some of these people may not have innocent intentions or may be older and post age-inappropriate messages.
- Some WhatsApp groups can contain images and messages which can cause distress to children. These might include violent images or videos, abusive messages and sexual content.
- Chain messages are often shared through WhatsApp. These pressure children to post them on to their contacts, e.g. by claiming that failure to do so can result in the child or a family member dying. Many children find such messages distressing but also feel they must share them with others due to fear of the threat.


and killed him. A girl named Loran got this message. She laughed and deleted it. I later came to her house and killed her and buried her in a desert. A boy named

- WhatsApp does not allow users to decide whether to join a group. Your child will be automatically added to any groups that their contacts add them to. If your child leaves the group the administrator can add them straight back in.
- Your child may be in WhatsApp groups in which huge numbers of posts are made. The alerts this generates can be an unnecessary distraction and can disrupt sleep.
- WhatsApp's default privacy settings are that anybody can see your child's profile photo and when they were last online.
- WhatsApp 'dare games' have become popular with children. These involve the child making a quiz about themselves to share with others and this can lead to oversharing of personal information which can be publicly available.
- Children can add and then remove other children from groups as a form of exclusion and bullying.

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You are invited to our Information Evening!







You are invited to come to school on **Wednesday 7th May** at **5:00pm** to meet the school staff and collect your child's starting dates and other important information.

- You will have the opportunity to see the classroom and find out about how your child will be learning.
- Information will be given about start days, home visits and what you and your child can expect from the first few days at school.
- School uniform and PE kit will be available for you to look at and details of where to buy these will be shared.
- Staff from our kitchen will provide samples for you to taste and menus of our meals will be provided.

Please email or phone the school to confirm your attendance.

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