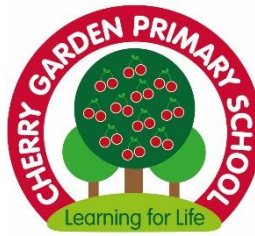


Newsletter

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Term 6 - Issue 1



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Headteacher's Message

Well, what a busy start to the term it has been already! Even with the Inset day on Monday, there has been lots crammed in this week!

As we move into our final term, children will be doing lots of work to prepare them for September, including work on changes through our Jigsaw programme and spending time with their new teachers later in the term.

There are lots of exciting things coming up over the next few weeks, so do keep your eye on our newsletters for updates and photographs!

Netball Match

Our KS2 girls hosted a netball match against Longwell Green. The girls demonstrated fantastic defence techniques and overarm throws-well done girls. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for accompanying the team and Miss Harbury for arranging the fixtures.



Football

Our fabulous girls' football team took part in a tournament at Mangotsfield this week. It was a great display of all of our school values, especially 'Resilience' and 'You'. Thank you to Mrs Read and Mrs George for accompanying the team.



Year 4 Trip

This week, Year 4 had a fantastic time on their trip to see Brunel's SS Great Britain. Thank you to Miss Georgiou and all of the adults that went along!

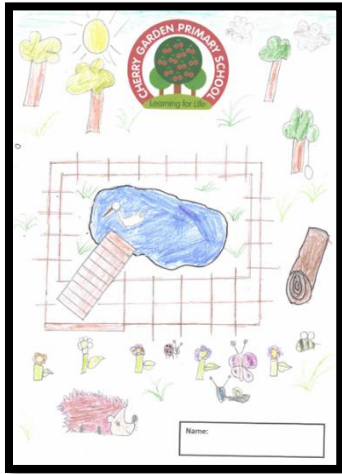
"It was really good because you got to see one of the biggest ships and it had a big engine. We went under the ship and it looks as though we were under water. It was really, really cool. The room with mannequins simulated life on the ship.

In the afternoon, we did a workshop where we used a tool to hammer in rivets with a hammer as though we were helping to make the ship. It wasn't hot for us to use though!" Ilyas and Jett



Planner Design

Well done to Connor in Reception for having his design chosen for next year's school planner. We had so many fantastic designs that it was a really tough choice. We can't wait to see his design on the planners when we come back in September.



DIRECTORY

A huge thank you to all our directory sponsors whose generosity helps us to keep all of our clubs free for all children. If you have know of a company, that would like to advertise in the Directory, it costs only £5 per term.



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Award Winners:

VIP Awards: Kiera and Lyra

Teachers' and Reading Raffle Awards

Reception: Emilia & Ray

Year 1: Marnie & Amelia

Year 2: Nova & Bonnie

Year 3: Kalley & Beatrix

Year 4: Alby & Charlie C

Year 5: Darcie & Martha C

Year 6: Amelie

Eco Award: Year 6

PE Days This Term

Please make sure that your child wears their PE kit on the following day next term:

EYFS: Monday

Year 1: Wednesday

Year 2: Thursday

Year 3: Monday

Year 4: Wednesday

Year 5: Tuesday

Year 6: Tuesday

On PE days, children should come to school in their PE kits, and with their usual school jumper. As we head towards warmer weather, children may also benefit from having a hat. Please make sure that earrings are removed.



Dates For Your Diary

Mon 08/06/26	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week Year 4 swimming starts Pre-School Session for Reception Pupils September 2026
Wed 10/06/26-2:30	Year 6 Camp (Wed-Fri)
Thur 18/06/26-5:00	EYFS 2026 New Starter Information Evening
Fri 19/06/26	Fathers' Day Gift Shop
Mon 22/06/26	KS1 School Trip
Wed 24/06/26	Sports Day (KS2 am; KS1 pm)
Mon 06/07/26	Year 6 performance to BPWG
Wed 08/07/26	Year 6 performance to families
Fri 10/07/26	PTA Summer Fair
Mon 13/07/26 and Thur 16/07/26	Transition days (children spend the day with new teachers in new classrooms)
Thur 16/07/26	Year 6 Leavers' Event (for Year 6 children) after school
Fri 17/07/26	Final Celebration Assembly of the year
21/07/26-9:30	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9:30

Term dates 2026-27

Please see the planned Inset days for next academic year:

Term 1	Thursday 3 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3	Monday 4 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2027	Friday 23 July 2027

Inset days:

September 3rd and 4th 2026

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATING FAMILY RULES FOR USING DEVICES

A set of family rules agreed on with children can promote the safe, responsible use of devices like tablets, smartphones, gaming consoles and computers. By developing rules around technology, it opens the conversation regarding boundaries and expectations, ensuring a healthy balance of screentime. This guide will help you to develop an age-appropriate family agreement to suit your household.

1 WORK TOGETHER

Collaborating with children when setting rules around the use of technology is a valuable task that can encourage them to take more ownership. It's important to make rules which reflect your family and are age appropriate. Think about what you all enjoy doing online and what apps, games or devices children use most frequently.

2 AGREE TIME LIMITS AND SUITABLE TIMES

Be realistic when setting screen time limits. These can vary depending on the child's age, whether it's a weekday or weekend, and what they're actually doing online. If they're conducting research for homework, that might require more time than if they were playing games. Consider when screen time begins: does it come after chores and homework? Agree times when technology and phones must be put away.

3 ENCOURAGE HONESTY

Family rules ensure that everyone can have fun with their devices and be safe while doing so. Nonetheless, children may make mistakes as they learn to navigate the online world. Emphasise that if they ever feel worried, unsafe or upset about something they've done, sent, said or received, they should tell you immediately so you can help them resolve the problem.

4 CHARGING AND OVERNIGHT STORAGE

To ensure children get the downtime they need overnight, it's important that devices – especially smartphones – are kept in a common space, where possible. This reduces the chance of pointless late-night scrolling or sleep being disturbed by calls, messages or notifications. There are charging boxes you can purchase, or all gadgets could be charged in the kitchen overnight to avoid distractions.

5 REVIEW RULES REGULARLY

Anything you agree on isn't set in stone. These rules will likely alter as children get older and the way they use technology changes. Take time to review these as a family; discuss what's working, and what isn't. Communication is key – so by doing this, you involve the child in their own online safety while promoting an open dialogue.

6 PROTECT PERSONAL INFO

Discuss and demonstrate the importance of protecting your personal information. Talk about what details you share online and who with. Use parental controls to block children from connecting with strangers, so that any information they do share is among their real friends. Ask a child's permission before posting any photos of them on social media, as this demonstrates positive online behaviour that they should learn and remember.

7 BE RESPECTFUL

Highlight the importance of showing respect to others when using technology. Encourage children to speak kindly to others online – such as on social media, when playing multiplayer games or in group chats (which can often lead themselves to teasing behaviour). Explain that if they aren't treating others considerately, they might be made to stay away from their devices for a while.

8 "NO TECH" ZONES

Designating spaces in the house where technology isn't allowed (for example: bedrooms, bathrooms and at the dinner table) lets you keep an eye on what children are viewing and who they're communicating with. It gives you some quality, screen-free time with them, too. It also helps reduce any impulses to potentially engage with inappropriate content, as they're unlikely to do so in a common space within the home.

9 AGREE ON CONSEQUENCES

As a family, discuss why the rules are important: to balance their screentime, to ensure everyone enjoys gaming or interacting online, and that they are safe when doing so. Therefore, if these rules are broken, there has to be a consequence. Discuss what would be fair for certain breaches of the rules, as this can prevent a disproportionate response in the future.

10 KNOW ALL PASSWORDS

To protect children from inappropriate content, parents should have access to all passwords. Parents should also make it clear that they will check children's devices, should they have any concerns about their use. Emphasise that this isn't due to a lack of trust but is an extra way of keeping them safe.

Meet Our Expert

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