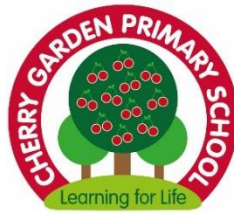


Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are feeling ready for the exciting year ahead. There is such a positive energy around Cherry Garden already, and it has been lovely to see the children return so happily. The school is looking brighter, fresher and much tidier, thanks to the hard work of our staff team over the summer. I'm really looking forward to families seeing the changes for themselves at our Meet the Teacher sessions.

I'm incredibly excited about the year ahead and all that we will achieve together. Here's to a fantastic year –
Amy Barrett

PTA Welcome Event – A date for your diary!

All parents, children and families are warmly invited to our PTA Welcome Event which will take place straight after school on Thursday 24th September at 3:30pm. It is a great way to celebrate our new Reception pupils' first full week in school and to socialise across the school community. Please do come along if you are able – as well as some drinks and snacks, there will be plenty of activities for the children to do.

PE Days This Term

We are continuing with PE days where children come to school dressed in their PE kit (and long hair tied back please!). These change termly, to enable all children across the year to work with our sports coach (Mr Pollard) on a Wednesday. This term, PE days are as follows:

- Tuesday: Year 1
- Wednesday: Years 4 and 5
- Thursday: Reception, Years 2 and 6
- Friday: Year 3

Reception pupils will begin their PE days in a few weeks' time once the whole class are in full time and settled.

Summer Reading Challenge Certificates

If your child completed the local library service's Summer Reading Challenge and they would like to share their certificate, we would love for them to bring their certificate into school for Monday of next week where they will be shared as part of the assembly.

Any certificates already brought in will be kept safe in school until Monday.



Uniform

I must say how smart the children are all looking— Thank you for supporting us with this. Just a few gentle reminders as we start the new term: school shoes should be worn every day, with trainers only needed for PE days; jewellery should be kept to stud earrings only; nail varnish shouldn't be worn; and hair should be tied back. Children are welcome to wear analogue watches, but please no smart watches.

As a school we do not enforce branded uniform. Uniform in the correct school colours can be purchased from many high street shops and local supermarkets.

The PTA also has a wonderful second-hand uniform shop. Please speak to a member of the PTA or Mrs Roberts to purchase or donate.

Mobile Phones and Leaving School Without an Adult

When they are in Years 5 and 6, with their parents permission, children may walk home (or to an agreed meeting place) unaccompanied. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you wish to give your child permission to walk home alone, please email the office to let us know (please email granting permission to walk home even if it has been granted in previous years)

Where children are walking home alone, they are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school, but this **must** be switched off and handed in to the class teacher at the beginning of the day. Phones will then be locked away by the teacher and handed back to pupils at the end of the day.

School Facebook Page

Many of you will be aware that we have a private Facebook group for the school community and an open Facebook page for the wider community. This group enables us to share photos and messages from school. If you are not yet a member and would like to be, you will find our page named **'Cherry Garden Primary School Private Group'**

We only publish photos of children for whom we have photographic permission.



Cherry Garden Primary school
212 followers

Follow Page

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Cherry Garden Primary school
on Monday



Our first day back at school brought a lovely surprise as the children discovered just how much our vegetable gardens have been producing over the summer!

From tiny seedlings to an abundance of home-grown vegetables, it was fantastic to see the children exploring, picking and celebrating the fruits (and vegetables!) of all their hard work — and a brilliant way to start the new school year! 🍅



Award Winners:

VIP Award: Jude (Y3)

Teachers' Awards

Year 1: Brodie A

Year 2: Charlie

Year 3: Bonnie

Year 4: Ellis

Year 5: Hazel

Year 6: Aleesha

Eco Award: Year 5

PTA

One of the things that makes Cherry Garden such a special place is the tireless work of our PTA. Their commitment and creativity bring so many opportunities and experiences to our children, and we are incredibly grateful for all they do. If you'd like to get involved—whether in a big way or a small way—your support would be very welcome. The upcoming AGM (Thursday 8th October at 6pm) is a great chance to find out more about how you can take part.



Community Councillors

As part of our Trust, Community Councillors (made up of parents, carers and members of the wider community) have an important role in representing the voice of parents and the wider community. They meet regularly to discuss matters relating to the education and experience of pupils, making sure there is a direct impact on your child's time at Cherry Garden.

We currently have several vacancies. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining, please speak to Mrs Barrett or Abi Cotton (Y3 and 5 parent and chair).



First week for Reception



Our Reception children have made a fantastic start to their time at Cherry Garden! They have settled into school life so well, making new friends, getting to know their teachers and beginning to learn all about our routines and expectations.



DIRECTORY

Our Directory initiative is back for another year. A big thank you to all local businesses that advertised with us last year and enabled all of our after school clubs to be free to all pupils – the price has stayed at £30 per year, which we are told is great value!

If you run your own business, work for a local company or know of someone who may be keen to advertise with us, then please pass on the details. All payments and adverts need to be with us by Friday 17th October – this will enable us to get the first Directory out by the Autumn half term. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Barrett or Miss May, or email the office using cgp-office@cset.co.uk.



STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027?

*You are warmly invited
to discover*
Cherry Garden Primary School

Come and experience our exceptional Reception
classroom, inspiring outdoor spaces and
nurturing school community.




RECEPTION TOURS & EVENTS

📅	Friday 25th September 2026	10.30am	School Tour
📅	Friday 9th October 2026	1.45pm	School Tour
📅	Saturday 10th October 2026	10.00am – 12.00pm	Self-led Tour Self-led tour of the school with opportunity to talk to key members of staff and a treasure hunt for the children.
📅	Wednesday 14th October 2026	9.30am	School Tour
📅	Tuesday 10th November 2026	5.00pm	Information Evening Includes fun activities for the children to sample Reception life.
📅	Wednesday 25th November 2026	1.45pm	School Tour
📅	Tuesday 8th December 2026	9.30am	School Tour
📅	Thursday 7th January 2027	9.30am	Application Support Session Staff will be available to help families complete their online registration for Reception places 2027.
📅	Thursday 14th January 2027	9.30am	School Tour

If any of these dates are not suitable, please contact the office to arrange an alternative date.



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OPAL – toys needed!

Playtimes at Cherry Garden are always filled with excitement, not least because of the amazing play equipment available. So, we can continue to offer exciting play we need the following:

- Tarpaulin
- Blankets
- Buckets and spades
- Crates and ribbon

Many thanks for your support!



Dates For Your Diary

Fri 11/9/2026 – 9:05am	First Celebration Assembly
Fri 11/9/26	First homework set
Fri 18/9/2026	Reception pupils stay for all day
Mon 14/9/2026	Gardening club starts
Weds 23/9/26	House Captains, Eco Council and School council elections
Weds 23/9/26 – 3.30pm	Meet the teacher event
Thurs 24/9/2026 – 3:30pm	Welcome Event
Fri 2/10/26	Nasal flu vaccination
Tue 7/10/2025 – 9:15am	Harvest Assembly (Years 1 to 6)
Tues 20/10/26	Parents evening
Weds 21/10/26	Parents evening
Thursday 22/10/26	Last day of term 1

Spotlight on: Safeguarding

Safeguarding is our number one priority at Cherry Garden. As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our children safe, we invited Mark Dee from the Local Authority to carry out an independent safeguarding audit. Mark was extremely pleased with what he saw and heard from both staff and children. All children reported that they feel safe in school and know who they can talk to if they have a problem. He also praised our robust systems for site security, attendance and supporting children with special educational needs. We are incredibly proud of the strong safeguarding culture across our school and will continue to make sure keeping children safe remains at the heart of everything we do.

Wellies!

Our school grounds are an incredible place to explore, play and learn. To make sure children can enjoy this wonderful resource all year round, it's vital that they have a **named** pair of wellies in school every day. If your child doesn't have a pair, please speak to Mrs Roberts and we'll make sure a pair is found.

Donations

of sturdy, outgrown wellies are always gratefully received (please make sure that names are scribbled out)!



Spotlight on: SEN

In line with the government's SEN reforms, we are focusing on strengthening our universal offer at Cherry Garden. This places inclusion at the heart of our every day practice. Our universal offer includes high quality, adaptive teaching, flexible groupings and scaffolding. This year, we have also introduced whole class sensory movement breaks spread out across the day using a range of alerting, organising and calming techniques to ensure readiness to learn and succeed.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about NETFLIX

Netflix is a subscription-based streaming service that allows users to watch TV shows and movies on any internet-enabled device that supports the software, such as smart TVs, phones and tablets. The pandemic saw a surge in children consuming on-demand content as many families relaxed their screen-time rules. Netflix's diverse range of programming caters for all age groups – so it's important for parents to recognise the potential risks of children using the service and the measures to help their child enjoy a safe streaming experience.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Netflix produces and curates an extensive catalogue of content that can provide hours of entertainment. If they share the same user account as an adult, this can potentially lead to children accidentally viewing all manner of inappropriate content, including nudity, profanity and extreme violence. This can happen easily on shared accounts, as Netflix cannot establish who's watching.

BINGE-WATCHING

Netflix allows users to view shows and movies quickly and easily without adverts or interruptions, making excessive screen time a concern. Binge-watching has become more common during the pandemic, due to Netflix's regularly updated content and algorithms which recommend content very similar to what's previously been enjoyed. Marathon viewing sessions can lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the next day.

SCREEN ADDICTION

From TVs and phones to consoles and tablets, Netflix is available on almost any device with an internet connection – making it extremely difficult to manage children's screen time. The service is now adding games to its mobile app, tempting users to spend even more time on the platform. Screen addiction can distract children from important activities like schoolwork and socialising, and can impact their health by reducing their exercise and sleep.

HACKING ATTEMPTS

With millions of users worldwide, Netflix is often targeted by hackers who try to steal usernames and passwords to gain access to people's accounts. If successful, they can then steal payment details or try to sell stolen personal data on the dark web, providing other criminals with a profitable opportunity. Netflix also doesn't provide two-factor authentication, making the hackers' task that little bit easier.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Netflix's Teleparty feature became popular during lockdown periods as it allows users from different households (friends and relatives, for example) to synchronise when they watch content; it requires an access link to be sent to the people you wish to invite. The link, however, can also be distributed to people you don't know. A text chat feature enables interaction with the other users in real-time; this represents a risk to children if a stranger gains access to the Teleparty.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP ACCOUNTS SECURE

Netflix doesn't use two-factor authentication, so a strong password is vital. Your child's Netflix password should be unique (not one they've used elsewhere) and a minimum of eight characters with a mix of letters, numbers and symbols. Emphasise not to share their login details with anyone and remind them to always log out after using the app – so their account remains inaccessible, even if their device is lost or stolen.

CHECK MATURITY RATING

Netflix warns about content that includes violence, sex, profanity and nudity. These warnings form part of the show or movie's maturity rating. Users can restrict age ratings to avoid children viewing age-inappropriate content. On their profile, open the Profile and Parental Control settings and choose the maturity level for the shows and movies you want to allow.

CREATE A KIDS' PROFILE

Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile means your child can only access content which is suitable for children aged up to 12 years. All other content is automatically blocked. This rating can be further restricted via the child's profile settings. Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile will help to prevent your child from viewing age-inappropriate content.

SET UP PROFILE PINS

Netflix account holders can lock profiles using a four-digit PIN. Doing this can prevent your child from accessing the wrong account and viewing content that isn't appropriate for their age. Try setting a PIN for each account on your Netflix app – ideally avoiding numbers that would be easily guessed, such as dates of birth. Remember not to share these PINs with anyone, including family.

SWITCH OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a show or movie concludes, Netflix's algorithms select content with similar themes that it thinks your child will enjoy next. This new content starts automatically after a 10-second countdown. Disabling this auto-play feature reduces the possibility of your child being shown something inappropriate and provides a natural break to help prevent them becoming too immersed in Netflix.

CHECK VIEWING HABITS

Netflix has tools which enable parents and carers to monitor what their child has been watching. Selecting 'Viewing Activity' in each profile's account settings displays a list of what content has been viewed (and when). This can reassure parents that their child is watching age-appropriate content and can open avenues for discussing your child's favourite shows and movies, and why they like them.

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.

Source: www.helpnetflix.com, www.aboutnetflix.com, www.netflix.com

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