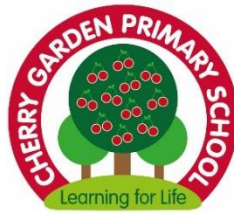


Newsletter

Week Ending: 18/9/26

Term 1 - Issue 2



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What a lovely start to the term we are having at Cherry Garden! There is such a positive feeling around school, and I have particularly enjoyed the cheerful greetings from families at the start and end of the school day. Those little moments really do make a difference and contribute to the wonderful sense of community we have here. The children have settled back into school brilliantly. There is a real buzz around the classrooms, with children happy, engaged and excited about their learning. Walking around school and seeing the enthusiasm in lessons has been a real highlight of the week.

I am really looking forward to welcoming families to our **Meet the Teacher** event on **Wednesday 23rd September at 3.30pm**. It will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, find out more about the year ahead and continue building those positive relationships between home and school.

A reminder too that our Welcome Event will take place after school on **Thursday 24th September**. We would love to see as many families as possible there as we officially welcome everyone back for the new school year and share some of the exciting things happening at Cherry Garden.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for helping to create such a positive start to the year – Amy Barrett 🍒

Marrow tasting in Year 4

The first gardening club session took place on Monday after school. Children were busy clearing and restocking the raised planters.



Music in Year 5

Year 5 have been learning the C chord as part of their music unit on 'The Blues'.



Meet the teacher event

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our **Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday 23rd September at 3.30pm**.

The event will take place in your child's classroom, giving you an opportunity to meet their teacher and hear more about the year ahead, including key information about routines, learning and expectations.

We appreciate that many families have children in more than one year group and recognise that it will be difficult to visit every classroom. Our recommendation is that you prioritise the class teacher of the class your family is yet to experience, usually that of your eldest child, or a teacher your family has not had before.

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.

School tours for new starters

Our Reception tours for children starting school in September 2027 are now available, and we'd love to make sure local families know about them.

If you know of any local groups, community organisations, nurseries, businesses, noticeboards or other places where we could advertise our school tours, please do get in touch.

Every share and recommendation helps us reach more families in our local community.



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

Date	Time	Event
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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Email us cgp-office@cset.co.uk
Call us 01454 867260

Find us on Facebook @CherryGardenPrimary

Award Winners:

VIP Award: Oscar (Y2)

Teachers' Awards

Year 1: Brody & Frankie

Year 2: Olivia & Darcie

Year 3: Evie & Evie

Year 4: Chloe & Arthur

Year 5: Noah & Jack

Year 6: Martha C & Leo Rice

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 in the school hall) 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 Abby Cotton (Y3 and 5 parent and chair).



Spotlight on: Safeguarding



Mrs Amy Barrett
(Headteacher)
Designated Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)



Miss Vicki May
(Deputy Headteacher)
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding
Lead (DDSL)



Miss Emma Holland
(Class Teacher)
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding
Lead (DDSL)



Mrs Deb Roberts
(Family Link officer)
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding
Lead (DDSL)

At Cherry Garden Primary School, our duty is to keep all children safe and healthy. If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child or family in our school, please contact one of the above members of staff.



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.



DIRECTORY



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

Barbies and small metal cars

Many thanks for your support!



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Dates For Your Diary - - my apologies for some incorrect dates last week

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
Weds 7/10/2026 – 9:15am	Harvest Assembly (Years 1 to 6: Families invited)
Tues 20/10/26	Parents evening
Weds 21/10/26	Parents evening
Friday 23/10/26	Last day of term 1



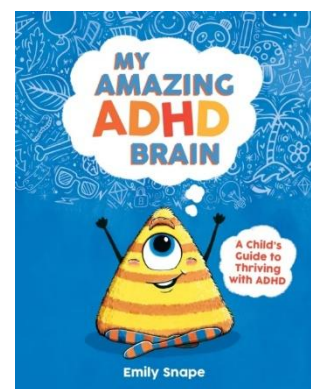
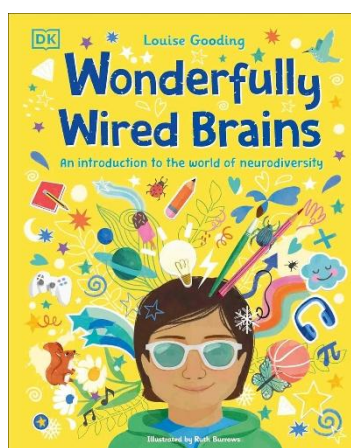
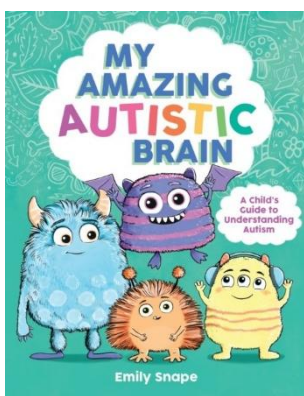
Spotlight on: SEN

As part of our universal offer at Cherry Garden, all children get an opportunity to complete a sensory movement break throughout the day to ensure they are ready to learn and succeed.

Here are some pictures of our movement menus, busy boards and pupils engaging in a sensory circuit (alerting, organising and calming)



Below is a selection of easy-to-read books and guides to help families understand different special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), recognise how these may affect their child, and explore practical ways to support them at home.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

UK AND EUROPE
16+
12+ REST OF THE WORLD

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CLICK HERE

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks; a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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