



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 39- Thursday 12th February 2026

Have a Safe and Happy Half Term:

We hope you all have a happy and safe Half Term holiday. We are back at school on Tuesday 24th February.

Please remember our safeguarding email is monitored throughout the holidays safeguarding@cherrytreehill.odysseyct.org.uk.

Menu W/C 23rd February:

The menu for W/C 23rd February is Week 3. Please note Monday 23rd February is an INSET day.

Please [click here](#) to view.

Change to Year 1 Morning Routine After Half Term:

We wanted to let you know about a small change to the Year 1 morning routine.

After half term, children will continue to line up on the playground as normal. However, there will be **no morning bell**. Instead, **Year 1 teachers will guide the children into school at 8:45am**.

This change is being introduced to support a smoother start to the day and help ease the transition into the classroom each morning.

Upcoming Dates at Cherry Tree Hill:

Friday 13th February: INSET DAY

Monday 16th- Friday 20th February: Half Term Holiday

Monday 23rd February: INSET DAY

Tuesday 24th February: Back to School

Wednesday 25th February: Go Yellow Together Day (£1)

Please [click here](#) for the diary dates for this year.

Road Safety Reminder:

Please park safely and avoid stopping on zig-zag lines. Slow down near school and use crossings with your children. Keeping the gates clear and driving with care helps keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support.

Go Yellow Together Day :

On 25th February, we will host a 'Go Yellow Together' event where the children and staff are invited to wear yellow (the colour of the Emergency Air Ambulance) in return for £1.

The air ambulance folks will be in school that day for assemblies.

Flash Fiction Competition:

We are excited to share the below competition with you that has come from the Derby Book Festival. The deadline for entries is Friday 20th February so it's a great half term activity.

It's a 50 word writing competition, based on the theme 'HOPE'. For example, you could focus on:
hopes of a new year or new beginnings
the anticipation of hope in the build up to an event
a time when hope has helped you get through a difficult situation
different ways we look towards hope, from faith, resolutions, affirmations and rituals for example
why you are hopeful

Please follow this link for further details:

<https://www.derbybookfestival.co.uk/community/flash-fiction>

Online Safety Support #wakeupwednesday:

Please [click here](#) for this week's online safety advice and guidance poster with 10 Top Tips for Fostering a Sense of Belonging.

Junior Parkrun:

We are super excited to announce that we are one of 2,000 parkrun primary schools. Starting Sunday March 1st, we will be meeting each week at Long Eaton junior parkrun at West Park. Parents/carers need to bring their children and stay for the event; you can run with your child or just spectate. We will meet at 8:45am ready to run, walk or support the 2k starting at 9:00am. If your child would like to attend, get signed up on the parkrun website so that they have a barcode as this enables them to get a time. When signing up, please add Cherry Tree Hill Primary School as the running club so we can track, celebrate and reward their progress in school. House points can be earned! We have set a target for the staff and children to run a total of 200 junior or full parkruns between us by the end of July. Follow the link on the poster to sign up. [Click here](#) to view the poster.

Set the alarm clock and get your trainers on!

We'll see you there.

Mrs Munson, Miss Roberts and Mr Appleton



Support for Parents:

Please [click here](#) to our support for parents page.

Things to do outside school:

We have updated this page with lots of posters for activities and clubs for February Half term. Please [click here](#) to view all the things that are going on around Derby.

After School Clubs this term- New Clubs Starting!:

We have some great afterschool clubs for all ages from Year 1, all clubs run from 3.30-4.30. We have uploaded all posters for the clubs that are happening from after the holidays.

Mondays:

Netball (Years 5-6) This is a free club run by school.

Street Dance with RLDA (Years 1- 6)

Tuesdays:

Kickboxing and Muay Thai (Years 1-6)

Wednesdays:

Jam Coding Stop Motion (Years 1 – 6)

Thursdays:

Treekeepers Forest School (Years 1-6)

Jam Coding Retro Gaming (Years 1-2)

Craft Club (Years 2-6)

Fridays:

Jam Coding Retro Gaming (Years 3-6)

Please [click here](#) for more information about our after school clubs and the links to book.

Collection from After School Clubs:

Please note that collection from After School Clubs is via Gate 1 only from the After School Collection point.

Children will not be dismissed from any other gate to ensure their safety.

First Aid Notifications:

Please be aware that emails are sent out if your child has received any First Aid at school.

First Aid Notifications come through from EVOLVEAccidentBooks these may come through to your junk mail box.

