



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 40- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Message from Mr Appleton:

Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know that Mrs Bradbury will begin her maternity leave on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, which will be her final day in school before welcoming her new arrival. We know you will join us in wishing her all the very best at this exciting time.

In the meantime, we have made arrangements to ensure continuity and stability for the children: We are also very grateful to Mrs Munson, who has kindly agreed to increase her hours and work Monday to Wednesday until we break up for Summer.

Mrs Brammer will be teaching the Pumas class every Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Brammer has taught the children over the past few weeks in anticipation of taking over, and I am confident that the class will continue to make excellent progress. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

## Menu W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> March:

The menu for W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> March is Week 1.

Please [click here](#) to view.

## Online Safety Support #wakeupwednesday:

Please [click here](#) for this week's online safety advice and guidance poster with what parents need to know about WhatsApp.

## Book Week At Cherry Tree Hill:

At Cherry Tree Hill it is Book Week next week. There will be lots of lovely book based activities going on around school throughout the week and to celebrate World Book Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March your child can come into school dressed as their favourite book character or in bedtime story pyjamas.

We have an exciting competition within school that we would love your child to be involved with: **Bring a book character to life!** Details below:

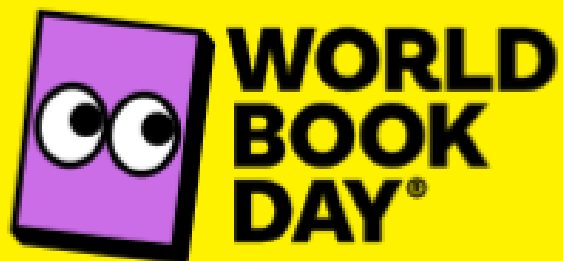
We'd love your help bringing our book corners to life!

Children are invited to create a puppet of their favourite book character to help retell the story in class. Puppets can be made from anything you have at home- fabric, wooden spoons, toilet-roll tubes, paper bags, or any other crafty materials.

All entries will be displayed in our classrooms, and there will be one winner from each phase: EYFS, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2.

We can't wait to see your creativity shine.

Please see the poster on the page below!



## Things to do outside school:

Please click here to see our things to do outside school page.

BOOK WEEK 2026

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## School Lottery:

We are excited to share our School Lottery with you. It is the last chance to enter for this weekend's super draw to win a luxury city break or £1000 cash prize. Please [click here](#) to sign up and find out more about School Lottery.

Enter our **Super Draw**

Win a **Luxury City Break!**

OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE



## Struggling to think of a World Book Day Costume?:

You'll find some low cost costume ideas and some costume inspiration on the World Book Day website by clicking here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/dressing-up-ideas-for-parents-and-carers/>

## Derby Book Festival Colouring Competition:

Derby Book Festival are hosting "The Big Derby World Book Day Party" on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February between 10-3 at Derby Market Hall.

They are also running a colouring competition, entries are to be taken to the party before 2pm.

Please [click here](#) for the colouring page and further information.



## Support for Parents:

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

Please see below an email from the Autism Family Support Service about free online support for parents.

I'm writing to let you know about a **free** online support opportunity for parents and carers that we run through the Autism Family Support Service.

The free You Are Not Alone drop-ins take place every 1st Tuesday of the month from 7pm - 8.30pm.

The next drop-in takes place on Tuesday 3rd March from 7pm - 8.30pm on Zoom.

We'd love it if you could share this with families who may benefit from this free support service.

Please find attached a leaflet about the 'You Are Not Alone' drop-ins to hand out to the parents & carers.

### **You Are Not Alone - Free Online Parent Drop-In**

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

#### **What these sessions are all about**

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

#### **Topics often included:**

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

#### **What we would like parents to take away:**

- Feeling heard, appreciated, and understood
- Knowing they are seen as the experts on their own child and family
- Feeling hopeful and having gained practical ideas

These sessions are a chance for parents to talk openly, learn, and connect. They don't have to do this on their own.

If you have families who may be interested, please let them know they can email [sallywagter@gmail.com](mailto:sallywagter@gmail.com) and we will send them the Zoom link.

Parents can also go to <https://youarenotalone.community> and request the Zoom link on the home page.

## 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



## After School Clubs this term-:

### 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.



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