

CHERRY GARDEN SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Families,

What a year it has been at Cherry! To end the year, we have just seen 2 amazing performances of our end of year production "A Quiet Night Inn"; it certainly was not quiet! These were exceptional shows which are an opportunity for the pupils to showcase their skills. These 2 productions attracted the biggest audiences we have had in many years; thank you for all your support. It was great to see so many of you and welcome a number of new families and friends to 'Cherry show time'.

Every half term there is so much to celebrate and be proud of as a school community, I hope you are all making the most of Tapestry and Care Diary to keep up to date with your child's learning journey and day to day activities at school. If you are unable to access this or need any additional support, please let us know and we are very happy to support.

I hope you all have a lovely festive period and I wish you all a very happy healthy new year.

Kelly



Calpol

As we enter peak Winter, please remember our guidelines around Calpol. If your child requires Calpol, please keep them home to give them time to recover, and reduce the risk of Winter bugs getting spread to other children. If your child requires regular Calpol or paracetamol, please speak to a member of SLT.

Just a reminder we have a 1:30 finish on Friday the 19th December! We look forward to welcoming the children back on the 5th of January.



holiday requests

Please remember that holidays within term-time need to be requested, using a form that you can get from the office. These may be authorised in exceptional cases, but we would encourage a conversation with Kelly to discuss this.



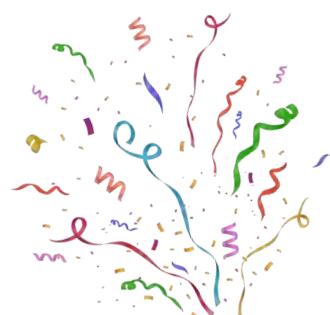
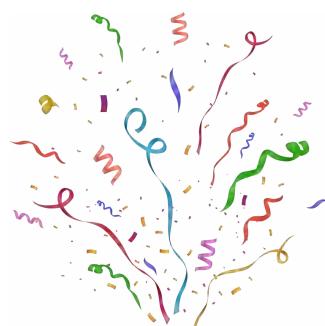
We would like to say a massive thank you and goodbye to Jordan, who has worked as an Learning Support Assistant with us for a year. Jordan has worked with children across Jungle and Mountain, and will be missed by us all.

We also need to say goodbye to Izzy, our School Nurse, who will be starting a new job in the New Year. We look forward to welcoming a new School Nurse, and will share details of this in January.

We also say goodbye to two children in Elephant and Dolphin Class. We will miss you lots and hope to welcome you back to visit in 2026!

Welcome to Kemi, who has started working as a Learning Support Assistant in Hedgehog Class!

We also welcome Eva, who is supporting Jo on the desk as our new Admin Assistant.

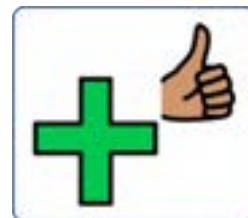


Upcoming Workshops

Please see details of upcoming family workshops. These take place at Big Cherry at 10am, unless stated otherwise.

If you have any suggestions for a particular topic that you think could be useful, please speak to Steph.

12/1/2026: Sex, Relationship and Health Curriculum



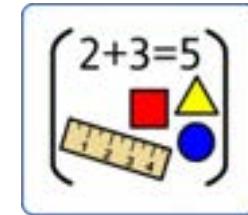
20/1/2026: Communication Books with Speech and Language Therapist



3/2/2026: MOVE

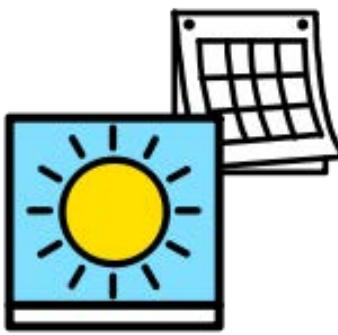


26/2/2026: Functional Maths at Home



Date TBC: Continence workshop with Jane





key dates

**Last day of term:
Friday, 19th December 2025 - Children finish at
1:30**

CHILDREN RETURN: Monday 5th January 2026

Half Term: Monday 16th FEB - Friday 20th Feb

CHILDREN RETURN: Monday 23rd February 2026

Full term dates for the 2025/26 year can be found
on the school website

Working in Partnership



Community trips are a great way to meet our wider community, and show them just how great our Chery Community is. There have been lots of trips taking place this term - well done to everyone!

Respect and Compassion



Empowering Community

Mountain really enjoyed their first Christmas lunch at Bellenden Primary School. The whole school wore their Christmas jumpers, made table decorations and enjoyed shared crackers. Massive thank you to the kitchen teams at Big and Little Cherry!



Inspiring Life-long Development



Standing is one of the milestones on the MOVE programme. Our "Super Standers" have been working hard to develop their weight-bearing and standing skills in school.





Child centred learning



Some new, exciting modes of transportation have arrived in the playgrounds recently! We have enjoyed working on our gross motor skills using our new bikes and cars.



NEW PBS SESSIONS

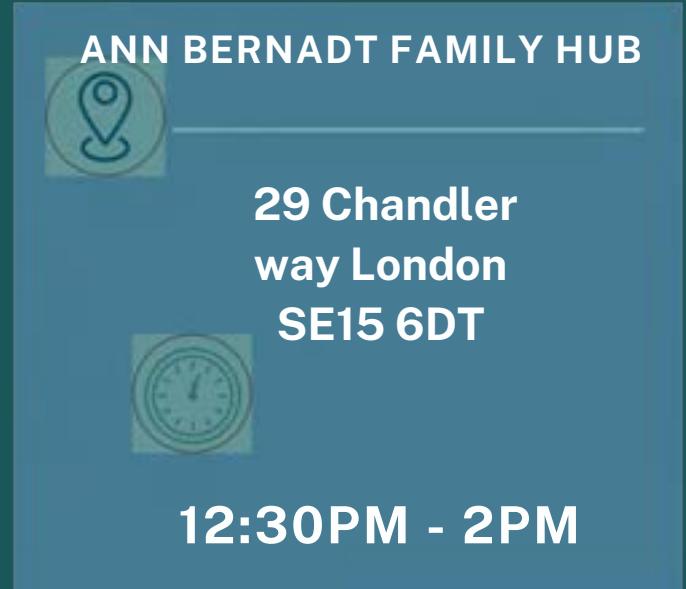
**A space for parents and carers of
people with additional needs *No
diagnosis needed!***

Come along to:

Learn more about caring for a
child or young person with
Autism Spectrum Disorder or
Learning Disability.

Meet other parents and carers
Speak with Positive Behaviour
Support
Workers

Light refreshments provided



FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

PBSTeam@southwark.gov.uk



Topic	Date	More Info
Meet the Positive Behaviour Support Team	Tuesday 6th January 2026	<p>An opportunity to meet the PBS team who will be running sessions.</p> <p>You can also join online here</p>
Understanding Behaviour ONLINE Workshop	Tuesday 13th January 2026	<p>Focus on understanding behaviours of concern and exploring practical support strategies.</p> <p>Click here to register</p>
Drop-in Support Session	Tuesday 20th January 2026	<p>The team offers advice and support for behaviours of concern, providing practical guidance and helpful resources.</p>
Parent Carer Support Group	Tuesday 27th January 2026	<p>Come along to our parent/carer group to connect, share and feel supported.</p>
Supporting Communication Workshop	Tuesday 3rd February 2026	<p>A practical session exploring communication and capable environment approaches.</p>
Drop-in Support Session	Tuesday 10th February 2026	<p>The team offers advice and support for behaviours of concern, providing practical guidance and helpful resources.</p>
Parent Carer Support Group	Tuesday 24th February 2026	<p>Come along to our parent/carer group to connect, share and feel supported.</p>



Cherry Chat with Jacky

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The last Wednesday of the
month
2:30-3:30pm





Sunday 21st December:

Brixton House and the Free Books Campaign. Free festive event is packed with seasonal cheer, Free Books Store, creative activities, warm refreshments and the timeless wonder of Christmas storytelling in our Theatre.

Family support



Meet Santa in his Magical Workshop @ Surrey Quays Shopping Centre.

SEND sessions are between 10am - 11am on 6, 13 & 20 December.

It's free for everyone and there's no booking required – simply drop by and join the festive fun.

Family support

Grants you can apply for



Family breaks



Clothing



Computers and tablets



Days out



Furniture and household



Kitchen appliances



Sensory toys



How to use – Games, Books and Music



Games console



Outdoor play



Specialist trikes / bikes



Clubs, hobbies and activities

Visit:
<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/>

for more information or to apply.

Let Steph or Jacky know if you need some help with the form!

Family support



SEND

Short Breaks

ACTIVITIES

For children & young people aged 5-19 with special
educational needs and disabilities

TO SEE FULL RANGE OF ACTIVITIES & TO BOOK VISIT:
www.eequ.org/southwarkshortbreaks

Afterschool clubs



Weekend activities



Holiday clubs



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE
WHAT'S ON OFFER**

Southwark
Council

HOW TO REGISTER



- Go to www.eequ.org/southwarkshortbreaks or scan the QR code
- Choose the activity you would like to book
- Create an account and answer the questions about your child and the support they need
- Once submitted, the council will check that your child meets the criteria
- If they do meet the criteria then your request will go through to the activity provider. They will let you know if they can offer you a place*.



Most activities on EEQU provide support at a 1:3 or 1:4 ratio i.e. one member of staff to 3 or 4 children or young people.

WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS MORE SUPPORT?

Some activity providers can offer 1:1 support for those with severe or complex disabilities or health conditions. To book these places you will need a magic booking link from a special school or the All Age Disability Service.

*Places are subject to availability. There is a booking limit of 10 days per year for holiday schemes, as demand is high during school holidays.





SEND SATURDAY SPORTS SESSIONS



Play games

Make friends

Get healthy

Have fun

Packed full of sport, games and fun activities to provide your child with the ultimate fun and safe experience. For Southwark children aged 5-19 with an EHCP.

Takes place every other Saturday, starting from the 7th September 2024

9:30am-12:30pm= 5-11 year olds

13:00pm-16:00pm= 12-18 year olds

Booking is required, please scan QR code to book



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