

CHERRY GARDEN SCHOOL

JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER



Headteacher's message

Dear families and friends

Not sure how we got to the end of the school year so quickly; it has certainly been a speedy one! We have so much to celebrate this year and we are so proud of all that the pupils have achieved throughout the year. The school's biggest achievement this year has been the expansion of Little Cherry in partnership with Bellenden School. The whole school community have worked so hard to ensure both Big and Little Cherry remain as one school and pupils, families and staff all feel that sense of belonging. The 16 pupils at Little Cherry have had a great year and the staff team have certainly ensured they have been active in the local community. Thank you to everyone who has supported our positive expansion.

As it is the end of the academic year we say goodbye to 17 pupils who will be moving onto their secondary school. Some of these pupils have been at the school since 2018 and some only for a year. However long they have been at Cherry, they have had a fantastic journey and will be greatly missed. We wish them well for their next steps.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents/carers, friends and families for all the support over the last year. Working in partnership with you all is an essential part of our Cherry ethos and your contributions and feedback have been so important. As a senior leadership team, we are constantly striving to grow what we do and the Cherry offer and your support is very much appreciated. I wish you all a fantastic summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you in the new term.

Kelly



key dates

**INSET DAYS (BIG AND LITTLE CHERRY CLOSED):
Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd September**

CHILDREN RETURN: Friday 4th September

**INSET DAY (BIG AND LITTLE CHERRY CLOSED): Friday
23rd October**

**Half-term:
Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October 2026**

Full term dates can be found on our website!

unfortunately we have lots of people to say goodbye to this term :(

Frankie, Chris and Lawrence who have been working together in Tiger Class are all moving on to explore new adventures.

Rae, who has helped a lot on the front desk and in Caterpillar Class is leaving to develop her skills in a different setting.

Chloe and Flora (LSAs in Turtle and Caterpillar) are sadly leaving us to try something new
Samira and Sarah-Jane (LSAs in Starfish and Ladybird) are leaving us to do their teacher training!

Blair and Jemimah have been instrumental in developing the Little Cherry provision, and they are both moving out of London to explore new opportunities.

We wish them all the best of luck, and hope they come back to see us soon!

THANK YOU!



Bye Bye





Working in Partnership

We have been really lucky to work with Bellenden Primary School this year, and expand the Cherry community.

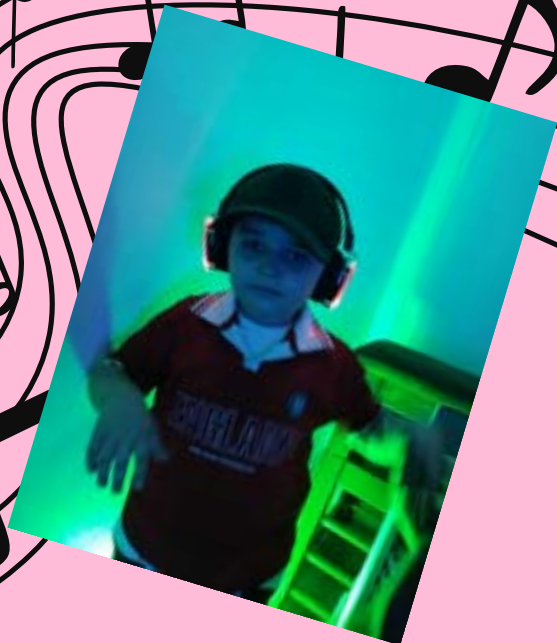
Everyone has worked so hard to help settle the children, and spread the "cherry sparkle". Well done to everyone for making our school even bigger and better!



Empowering Community



Clash on cherry!



Southwark has a number of targeted clubs and activities in the Summer holidays for children with SEN.....

These include cycling , swimming and Forest School sessions!

You can find them and book onto them using this link:

<https://eequ.org/southwarkshortbreaks>



Summer Family Feel-good

Thursdays 10:30-12:30

**30th July , 6th August, 13th August, 20th
August and 27th August 2026**

**Come along and join us over the summer for
some feel-good activities. Meet other parents
and children in a safe environment and build
on wellness, confidence and children's
development in a fun way**

**Rye Oak Best Start Family Hub
Whorlton Road
SE15 3PD**

0203 848 5780 / 07949633831

**PLEASE CONTACT HAYLEY FOR
MORE INFORMATION
WWW.PPRNCFC.COM**



SUMMER TRIPS 2026

Scan the QR code, to express your interest in the upcoming summer trips

Free

SCIENCE MUSEUM 23RD JULY
SURREY DOCKS FARM 5TH AUGUST
SOFT PLAY AT PECKHAM PULSE 12TH AUGUST
KEW GARDEN 19TH AUGUST

**LIMITED
SPACES**



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Non-stop fun



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Fun-filled activity camps
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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

Weekend activities

Afterschool clubs

Holiday clubs



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE
WHAT'S ON OFFER

Southwark
Council



WHAT ARE SHORT BREAKS?



Short breaks are opportunities for disabled children and young people to have fun and try new things, whilst also giving parents and carers a break from their caring role.

Short breaks can range from a few hours to an overnight stay, depending on a child or young person's needs.

In Southwark, the short breaks offer includes a range of weekend, afterschool and holiday clubs. We also offer some family trips and events from time to time.

WHO ARE SHORT BREAKS FOR?



You can register for these afterschool, weekend and holiday clubs if your child meets these criteria:

- Aged 5 - 19
- Southwark resident
- With an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

If your child lives in Southwark but does not meet the other criteria then you can find other activities on the Southwark Local Offer website (see end of flyer for details).



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.





WHEN IS AN ASSESSMENT NEEDED?

If you need support over and above what is provided through these short breaks then you may need an assessment with the All Age Disability Team (AAD). They can assess your child's needs and establish whether you are eligible for further support. For more information and details of the criteria please visit the website.

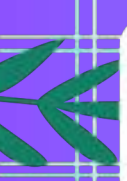
Website: www.localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/care

Call: 020 7525 1921

Email: mash@southwark.gov.uk



MORE INFORMATION ON THE LOCAL OFFER



Southwark's Local Offer website includes information about a wide range of services and activities for children and young people with SEND, and their families.

Visit: www.localoffer.southwark.gov.uk



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION EMAIL

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