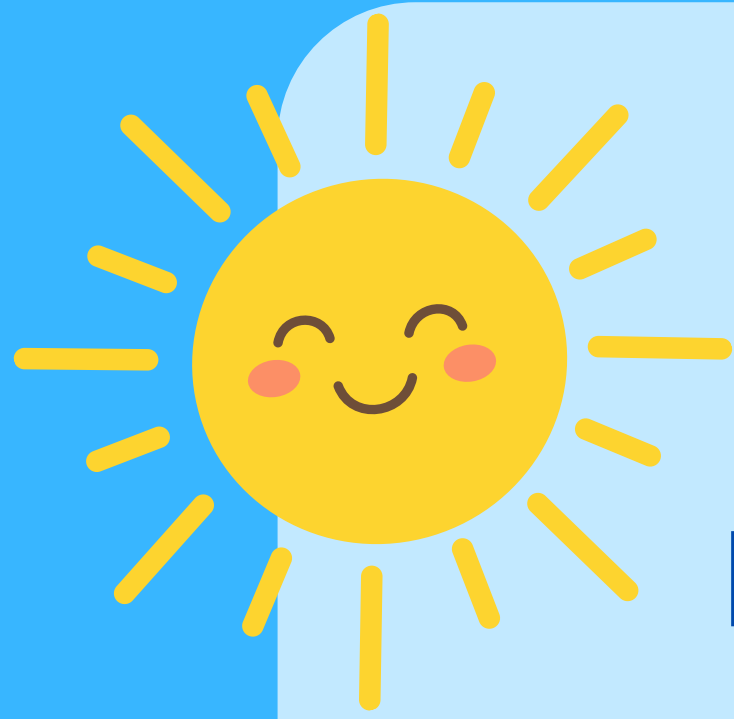


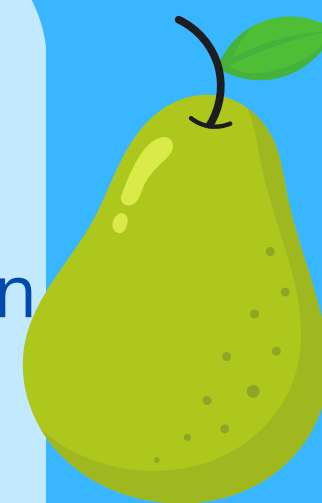


Pear Tree Primary School

Newsletter 01 - 04.09.26

We hope you all had a lovely summer, and it has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school this week. We have had a fantastic first week back and have been so impressed with how well the children have settled in.

We have also welcomed a number of new children across the school, along with our Red Class new starters, who have adapted so quickly to our routines and are already proving to be wonderful additions to the Pear Tree community.



Pips Prices

Please note that there has been a slight increase to the cost of Pips sessions since Sept 1st 2026:

Breakfast - £6.25
Short Session - £5.75
Long Session - £11.75

Staff NEWS

Welcome back to Mrs Zatrakova who has been on Maternity Leave. Mrs Zatrakova will be teaching Year 3 with Mr Banfield and is also our SENCO.

Welcome to Mr Banfield who is joining us as Assistant Headteacher and Year 3 Teacher.

We would also like to welcome Miss Cliff and Mr Smith who have joined us as Play Leaders in Pips. I'm sure you will see them soon when you drop off or collect from Pips.



Mrs Somers is pregnant with twins. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her all the best during this exciting time.



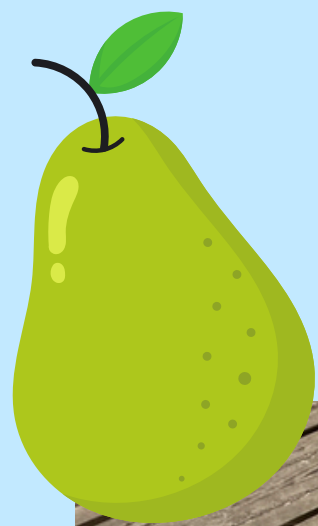
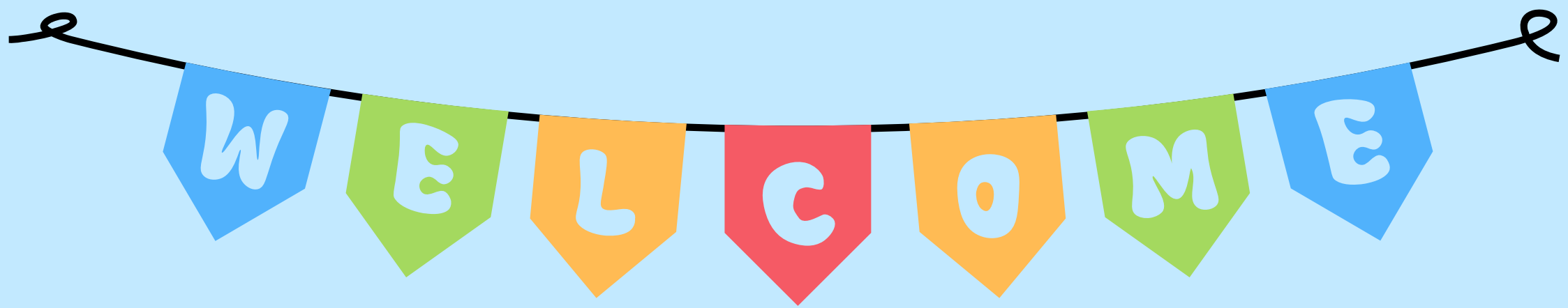
On Friday the 25th September we will be taking part in the Macmillan Coffee morning. We hope that you can join us from 9-9:30 am to raise as much money as possible for this incredible charity.

The cakes will be baked by Indigo Class as part of their Curriculum Pledge. However, if you would like to donate any cakes, please bring them to school on the morning of 25th September.

There will also be tea, coffee, water and juice available to purchase.

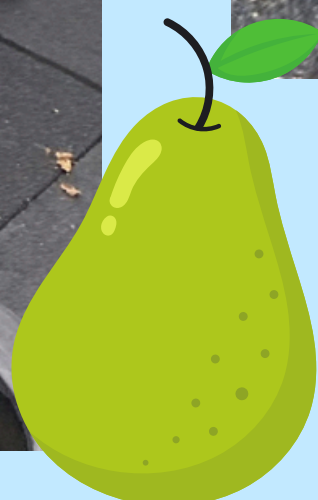
Any remaining cakes will be sold at the end of the day.

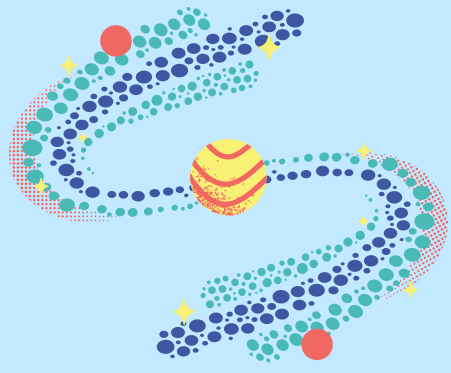
Thank you in advance for your support.



Red Class

Our newest pears have had a super start to their Pear Tree journey.





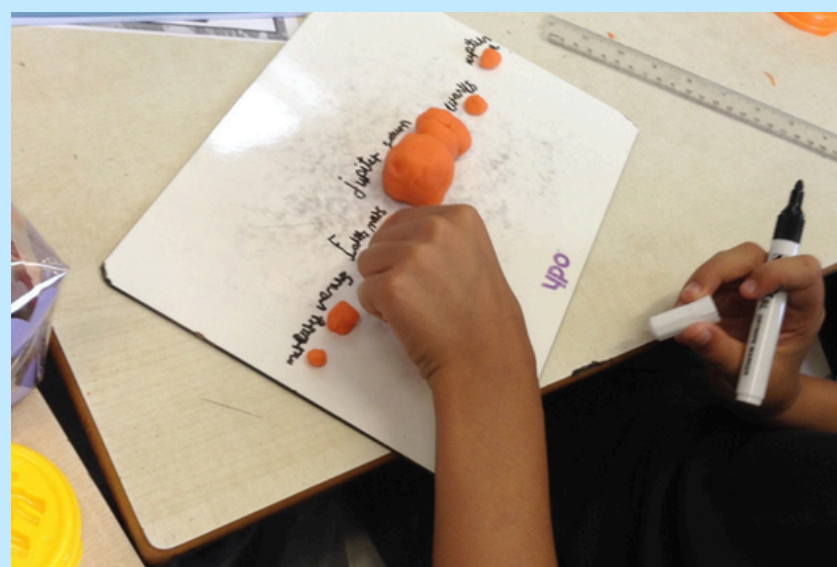
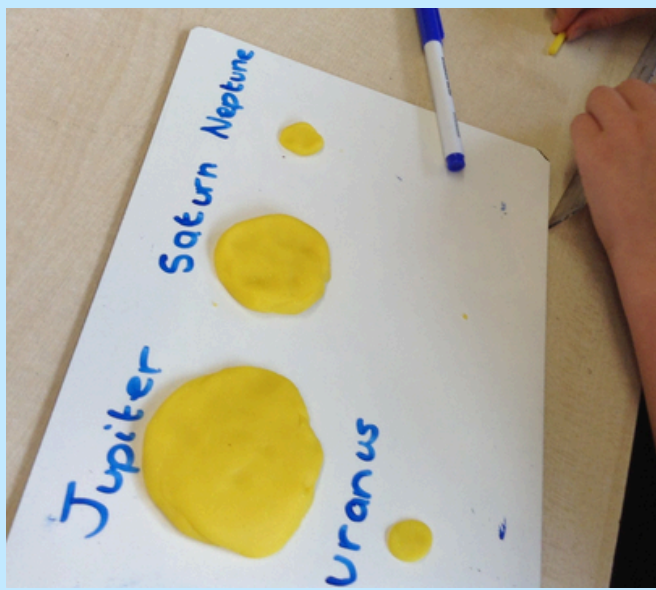
Indigo Class



Indigo have been immersed in journeys this week. A journey in English and then a space journey with their reading book and also in Science.

We used playdough to compare the sizes of the planets. We followed instructions and we couldn't believe how much bigger Jupiter was than our 'little' planet Earth.

A great start Indigo, well done!



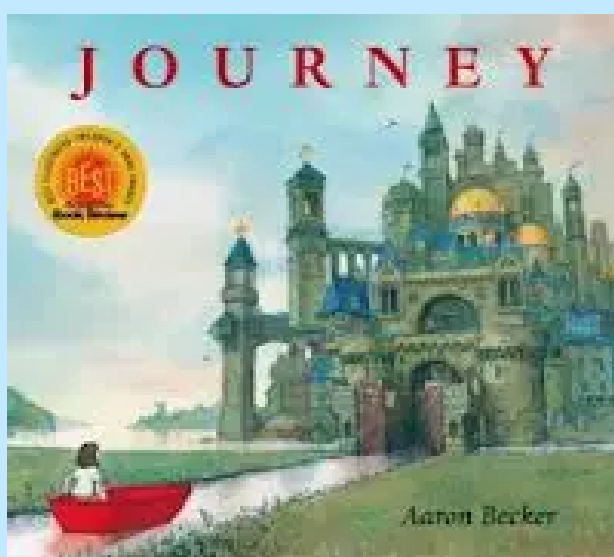
Green Class

Green Class have made a strong start to the year and have enjoyed getting their teeth into The Journey by Aaron Becker.

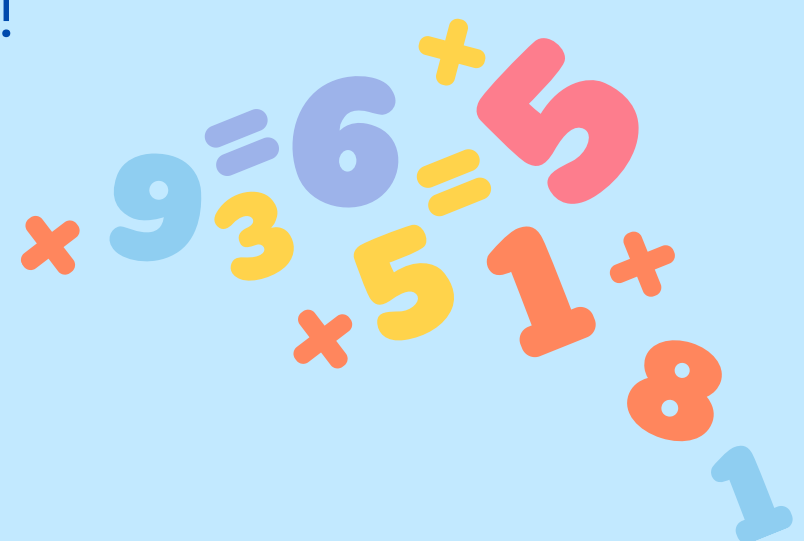
We have been amazed by their descriptive language choices to extend noun phrases.

We have also recapped partitioning 2 digit numbers using dienes and place value counters. We clearly have some strong mathematicians in the year group.

We have also been impressed by the children helping one another to get up to speed with classroom routines after the long break.



Keep it up Green Class!



Free School Meals

I would like to make all parents / carers aware of a national change to the eligibility for free school meals for all children at school and urge families to apply if you are eligible. From 1st September 2026, all children

in households receiving Universal Credit will be eligible for free school meals. Applications must go through the local authority. Please contact them on 0300 1235012 or via e mail freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk or through this weblink www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals

The window for applications to Cheshire East opens on 1/8/26, please do not apply before this date.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS ARE EXPANDING

FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

Cheshire East County Council has confirmed changes to Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility.



WHAT'S CHANGING?



CURRENT ELIGIBILITY

Most families receiving Universal Credit only qualify for income-based free school meals if their annual earned income is **£7,400 or less** (excluding benefits).



FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

All children in households receiving Universal Credit will become eligible for Free School Meals.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS CATEGORIES



TARGETED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Available to families who:

- Receive Universal Credit and earn **£7,400 or less per year** (excluding benefits), or
- Receive certain qualifying benefits, including:
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



EXPANDED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Available to:

- **All** other families receiving Universal Credit, **regardless of earnings.**

THIS MEANS **ALL CHILDREN** IN UNIVERSAL CREDIT HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS **FROM SEPTEMBER 2026.**

IMPORTANT DATES



APPLICATIONS OPEN:
1st August 2026



EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY STARTS:
1 September 2026

Please note: Applications can be submitted from 1st August 2026, but meals under the expanded scheme cannot begin before 1 September 2026.

WHO WILL BENEFIT?



More families receiving Universal Credit



More students accessing a healthy meal during the school day



Reduced pressure on household budgets



FIND OUT MORE OR APPLY

Visit: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals Email: freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk



Parent/Carer Workshop Managing Emotions

What: This webinar aims to support you to understand how to help your child to manage their emotions and learn ways to regulate.

When: Wednesday 21st October
10am - 11:30am

Where: Pear Tree Primary School

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Visit www.visyon.org.uk, or call 01260 290000, to learn more about how our charity supports children, young people and their families with mental health & emotional wellbeing across Cheshire East.

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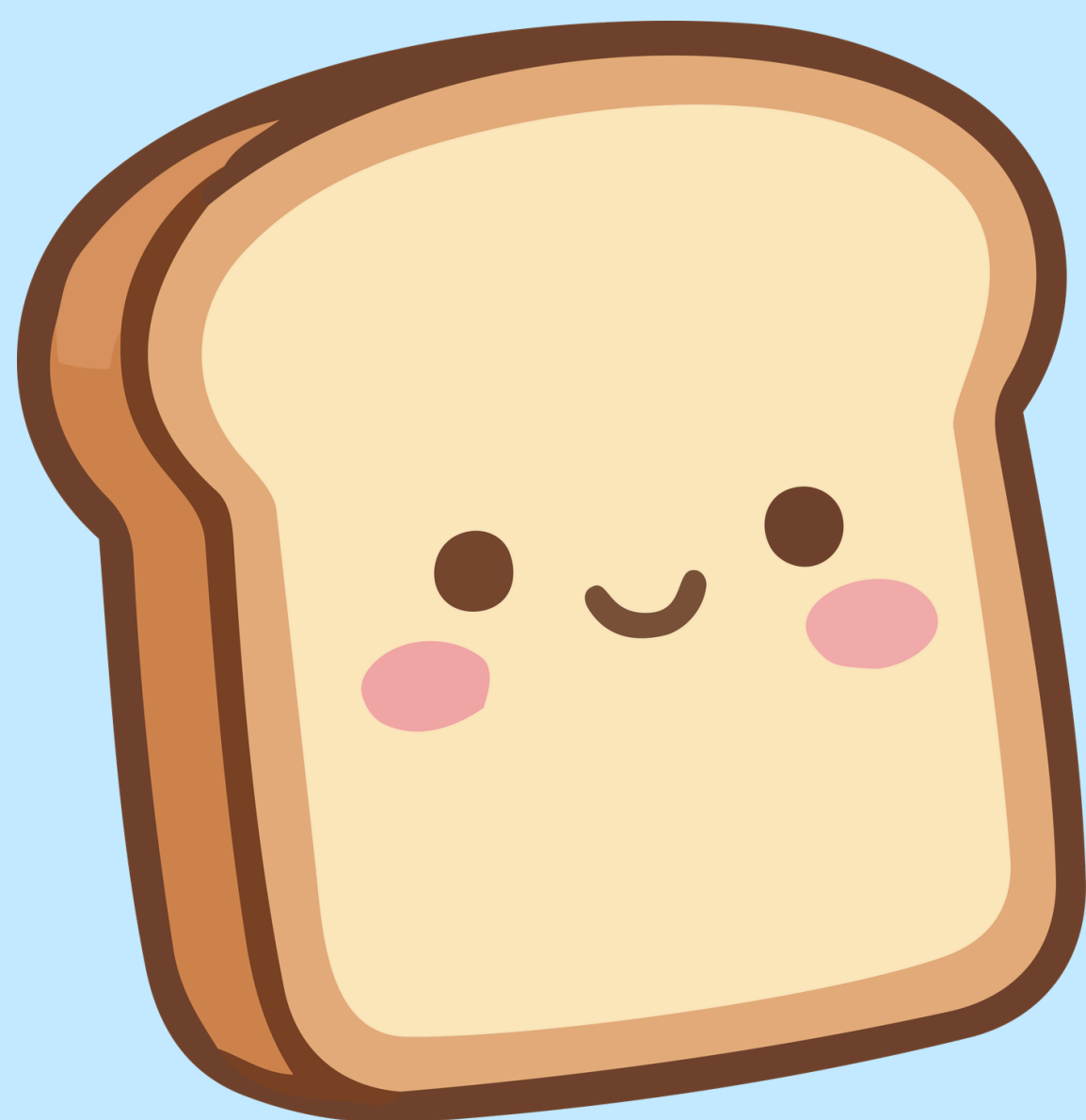
Weeks Commencing 20/4, 4/5, 18/5, 8/6, 22/6, 6/7

WEEK 2 MENU

ALLERGIES

Please make us aware if your child has an allergy, so we can cater to their needs and requirements.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN ONE	Beef Chilli & Rice	Beef Burger	All Day Breakfast	Chicken Fajita Wrap	Fish & Chips
MAIN TWO	Vegan Sausage Roll	Veggie Burger	Quorn Sausage	Crispy Quorn Wrap	Veggie Hot Dog
THE VEGETABLE PATCH	Garden Peas Herby Potatoes	Sweetcorn Potato Wedges	Baked Beans Mini Hash Browns	Green Beans Paprika Potatoes	Garden Peas or Beans Oven Baked Chips
PASTA BAR	Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Mac & Cheese	Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Mac & Cheese	Pasta with Tomato Sauce
JACKET POTATO BAR	Baked Potato with a choice of topping including Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo & Cheese available daily!				
Freshly Made Sandwiches	Ham Egg	Cheese Ham	Cheese Tuna	Ham Egg	Cheese Tuna
GREENHOUSE GREENS	Daily selection of salads, Tomato, Cucumber & Carrot along with Freshly Baked Bread				
SWEET TREATS	A daily selection of tasty desserts including Home Bakes, Jellies & Mousses Selection Of Fresh Fruit & Yogurts				



Snack Time

Toast - 50p

Meet the Teacher

8th September

4.30pm Orange Class

5pm Yellow Class

9th September

4.30pm Green Class

5pm Blue Class

10th September

4.30pm Indigo Class

5pm Violet Class

15th September

5pm Red Class



Diary Dates

8th Sept - Dodgeball Club - KS 2

9th Sept - Drama Club- KS 2

10th Sept -Football Club Y1 & 2

11th Sept -Multi Games Club Y1 & 2

11th Sept -Drama Club Y1 & 2

18th Sept - Violet Class Swimming

21st Sept - Rock Steady Starts

15th Oct - School photos

**We will send out
details of all other
clubs next week.**

No Choir next week