



Churchfields News



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10th October 2025

Dear Churchfields Families,

We had our first **Local Governors** meeting this week, discussing our improvement priorities for the upcoming year. Some of the areas of particular focus are:

- Ensuring consistently strong quality of teaching
- Effective SEND provision for children in mainstream classes
- Reducing the number of children who are persistently absent (less than 90% attendance)
- Implementing our new anti-bullying and anti-racism policies
- Making sure our school is full and a popular choice for local families

We will have **two elected parent/carers governor vacancies** coming up later this term and we will update you on how you can find out more and get involved!

Your input and feedback is always really useful in helping us improve. We will be holding some informal **parent/carers forums and coffee mornings** each term (dates below) to share what is happening in school and get your views and ideas. If you can spare an hour, please do come along – everyone is welcome!

We received an email sent to all schools from the Education Secretary this week after the events in Manchester. It was a good reminder with lots of issues in our country and around the world, that schools, in her words, “build a sense of community and belonging in your schools and your local areas, and you prepare our young people to step into an often uncertain and sometimes unwelcoming world. **No child should ever feel they do not belong.** No community should feel they are not welcome in Britain.”

Let's continue to make all families welcome here at Churchfields and I hope you have a relaxing weekend,

Sarah Atherton
Headteacher



Follow us on social:

[@churchfields_primary](https://www.instagram.com/churchfields_primary)

Open forum with short tour of school:

Friday 17th October, 9 - 10am
Friday 21st November, 9 - 10am
Friday 16th January, 9 - 10am
Friday 13th March, 9 - 10am
Friday 24th April, 9 - 10am
Monday 15th June, 9 - 10am

Open forum online meeting:

Thursday 4th December, 5.30 – 6.30pm
Thursday 26th February, 5.30 – 6.30pm
Thursday 2nd July, 5.30 – 6.30pm

Anti-Bullying forum:

Thursday 13th November, 9 - 10am
Friday 27th March, 9 - 10am
Friday 3rd July, 9 - 10am

Anti-Racism forum:

Friday 5th December, 9 - 10am
Friday 13th February, 9 - 10am
Friday 8th May, 9 - 10am

SEND Mainstream Coffee Morning:

Thursday 6th November, 9 - 10am
Thursday 8th January, 9 - 10am
Thursday 26th February, 9 - 10am
Friday 17th April, 9 - 10am
Thursday 11th June 9 - 10am

ARC Coffee Morning:

Wednesday 12th November, 9.10 – 10am
Wednesday 22nd April, 9.10 – 10am
Wednesday 24th June, 9.10 – 10am



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Coming up soon:

ARC Coffee Afternoon hosted by the children – Tuesday 14th October

Karl Nova in school - Thursday 16th October

Open forum with short tour – Friday 17th October, 9 – 10am

Flu vaccinations in school - Tuesday 21st October

Parent/Carer Evening for Year 6 Elm and ARC Magnolia only - Tuesday 21st October, 3.45-6.30pm

Parent/Carer Evening – all classes - Wednesday 22nd October, 3.45-6.30pm

Parent/Carer Evening (except for Year 6 Elm/ARC Magnolia) - Thursday 23rd October, 3.45-6.30pm

Last day of Autumn Term 1: Friday 24th October

He's back! Karl Nova visiting next week

For the third year running we are lucky to have poet Karl Nova coming to Churchfields.

He will be taking Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 for assembly followed by a workshop with each Year 6 class as they are studying his award-winning collection 'Rhythm and Poetry'.



Open Morning and School Tours

Attending a school tour is a great way to find out more about our school.

We offer an Open Morning on **Wednesday 19th November**, with tours from 9.15am and a Headteacher's talk at 10.15am, as well as **small group tours every week throughout the year** where you can come and visit the school on an ordinary day.

If you know of any families looking for a school place, or if you are considering Churchfields for your child's brother or sister and would like a tour, please sign up for the [Open Day here](#) or for one of the [small group tours here](#).



If current parents/carers could spare 9 – 11am on the Open Morning on 19th November to lead tours we would be really grateful – please contact the office – we will give you all the information you need!



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In assembly this week

Following on from learning about the Windrush Generation last week, the children learned about the tradition of carnival in the Caribbean and how Europe's biggest street festival (and second biggest carnival in the world), the Notting Hill Carnival.

They learned about how Claudia Jones, who had moved to Britain from Trinidad, was the founder and editor of 'The West Indian Gazette and Afro-Caribbean News' and wanted to hold an event that brought people together and celebrated Caribbean culture. This is seen as the start of the Notting Hill Carnival. They learned about Children's Day, the music, parade and food that are all part of this annual celebration.



Sports News

Our girls' football team and a Year 4 boys team played at Royal Russell yesterday. The girls drew their first match and won their second 2-0. The boys team lost 2-0 and won 4-0 in their other match with a hattrick from Bishop. They were so excited and very supportive of each other – well done!





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Amazing Achievements

Congratulations to Stanley in Hazel who achieved Level 7 swimming!



Birthday Books

Thank you for the birthday book gift of *Dracula and Daughters* by Emma Carroll from Rose W in Elm class.



Brighter Beginnings Donations

Can you support Bromley Brighter Beginnings this Christmas?

This Christmas, help us bring warmth, hope, and a little magic to Bromley families going through tough times.

Through our *Christmas for Every Child* campaign, we'll deliver over 350 festive hampers - filled with gifts, treats, books, pyjamas, and toiletries - to support more than 700 children and remind them they are not forgotten.

Let's make sure every child feels the joy of Christmas this year

COULD YOU HELP BY DONATING:

Children's Wash



No Bubble Bath please

Please bring any donations to the School Office

Harvest Collection



AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

TINNED TOMATOES
TINNED MEAT
JAM
TEA BAGS
TOILET ROLL

PLEASE DONATE BY 17TH OCTOBER

PLEASE DROP DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

We are supporting Living Well Bromley, one of our local foodbanks, again this year.

Each school involved is asked to bring different items to make varied hampers.

We have been asked to donate:

- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned meat
- Jam
- Teabags
- Toilet roll

All donations gratefully received by 17th October please.

Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe. If you are worried about something or if you are worried about someone else, you can talk to ANYONE who works for the school.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of EVERYONE.



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

Last day of Autumn Term 1: Friday 24th October
 Half Term: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October
 Inset day: Monday 3rd November – school closed to children
 First day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 4th November
 Last day of Autumn Term 2: Friday 19th December
 Holidays: Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January

Spring Term 2025

Inset day: Monday 5th January – school closed to children
 First day of Spring Term 1: Tuesday 6th January
 Last day of Spring Term 1: Friday 13th February
 Half Term: Monday 16th to Friday 20th February
 First day of Spring Term 2: Monday 23rd February
 Last day of Spring Term 2: Friday 27th March
 Full term dates are [on our website](#).