



Churchfields News



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21st March 2025

Dear Churchfields Families,

Spring has finally sprung and we have had another great week at school. As well as all of the special events and celebrations below, our Year 3 and 4 children took part in the Bromley Cross Country races at Crystal Palace Park last Saturday. They did brilliantly, with many of them competing for the first time against over 400 other children in each race. They were so supportive of each other and equally proud of their achievements, no matter where they placed at the finish whether it was 5th or 405th.

Thank you to everyone who organised and took part in the PTA Quiz Night last week, it was a close-run night ending with a draw! We are in the final stages of planning for the new Forest School shelter, funded by PTA donation, which we hope to have installed by the Easter holidays.

More sporting success this week with a 3 - 0 win for the girls' football team playing at home against Edgebury and 3 wins (against Harris Kent House, Harris Crystal Palace and Balgowan) and 2 losses (to St Mark's and Oaklands) for the boys' football team yesterday at the Bromley League tournament.

As always, my thanks go to all of the staff who take the extra time out of their busy lives to organise, lead and attend these events as well as to the families for travelling, supporting and cheering on our children.

Culture Celebration Week will soon be here, if you would like to share or show something from your family's home culture at our fair at 3.15pm on Friday 4th April (last year families shared food, traditional costume, arts and crafts) please contact Mrs Blundell as soon as possible by email at elm@churchfields.q1e.org.uk

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Sarah Atherton, Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Class Assembly for Year 3 Sumac: Tuesday 25th March, Main Hall at 2.45pm

Churchfields Culture Celebration Week: Monday 31st March – Friday 4th April

Last day of Spring Term 2: Friday 4th April

Inset Day: Tuesday 22nd April - School closed to children

First day of Summer Term 1: Wednesday 23rd April

Year 4 Trip to Frylands: Sycamore – 24th to 25th April, **Hazel** – 1st to 2nd May, **Aspen & ARC** – 8th to 9th May.

Year 4 Swimming: Hazel – Monday 28th April – Monday 14th July

Sports Day for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Holly: Friday 23rd May, 9 – 11am on school field

Sports Day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Magnolia: Friday 13th June, 9 – 11am on school field

Open Classrooms (all at 2.45pm): Year 1 – Thursday 12th June, Year 2 - Monday 16th June, Year 3 – Wednesday 18th June, Year 4 – Thursday 19th June, Year 5 - Monday 23rd June, Year 6 – Thursday 5th June



Celebrating British Science Week: 'Change and Adapt'

This year's British Science Week was an exciting journey of exploration and discovery for Churchfields! We embraced the theme of 'Change and Adapt', engaging in hands-on activities and drama-based workshops that allowed us to step into the shoes of historic scientists who changed the course of science forever.

Science Week Highlights:

- Early Years, Year 1, Year 2 and the ARC: These young scientists had a blast exploring colour change by creating their very own colour-changing sensory bottles. It was a fun and interactive way to see science in action!
- Years 3 and 4: Our creative minds worked hard to design and make a material that could change state, exploring how substances can have both solid and liquid properties. They were amazed by the transformation!
- Years 5 and 6: Our oldest scientists got hands-on with chemistry, identifying the pH of various liquids using colour-changing indicators. It was an eye-opening experience to see how science can help us understand the world around us.



A huge thank you to everyone for your fantastic contributions during Science Week! The Science Week poster competition was a real highlight, and we were amazed by the creativity and effort put into each entry.

The winners will be announced next Friday, so stay tuned!



Voice in a Million - Churchfields Choir on Stage at Wembley

After sending off an audition tape, Churchfields were one of five schools selected to perform on the stage at Wembley Arena this week in front of an audience of 10,000! There was much excitement (and some nerves of course) and the children performed excellently. Thank you to Ms Tarbuck and Ms Jackson, who lead the choir with such passion. Both teachers said the children's behaviour, positive attitudes and singing were exemplary. Thank you also to all of the families who came along to support and enjoy the show. It was a late night but not many people can say they've played Wembley!





London Eye Visit

Holly and Magnolia classes have been busy learning all about London, so they went on a school trip to the famous landmark, the London Eye! The children were brave as the pods went extremely high. They had a brilliant time looking out at the views across London and spotting famous landmarks they'd learned about, like the River Thames, the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to support.



Forest School

We've been making the most of the spring sunshine and the children have had so much fun in their Forest School sessions this week. From transporting water, melting metal on the fire to create Viking ingots, to constructing bows and shade shelters.



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. Childline: 0800 1111



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Year 6 Entrepreneurs

Year 6 children have been working hard to create amazing items for sale to raise money for their Enterprise topic!

Please come along, show your support on **Friday 28th March** at 3.15pm, and don't forget to bring **cash**. Thank you for your support!



School Meals Survey

Following our parent food tasting event, Harrisons, our caterers, would be very grateful if you could take a minute to complete [their very short survey](#) about your child's school meals. Thank you.

Follow us on social:



Amazing Achievements

Congratulations to Osian and Menna and who have taken part in an international orienteering expedition in Portugal.



Pre-Loved Uniform

Pre-loved Churchfields uniform in ages 2 to 15 is available from [the Sense charity shop](#), 104 High Street, Penge, SE20 7HA, (next to the Post Office). It is open from 9am – 5pm, Monday to Saturday, and 10am – 4pm on Sundays.

They have 100s of items in stock - so please ask if you cannot find the sizes you need.

Dresses, skirts, trousers, shorts, jumpers/cardigans all £1, polo shirts 50p.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2025

Last day of Spring 2: Friday 4th April

Holidays: Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April

Summer Term 2025

Inset Day: Tuesday 22nd April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1: Wednesday 23rd April

Bank holiday: Monday 5th May – school closed

Last day of Summer 1: Friday 23rd May

Summer half term: Monday 26th to Friday 30th May

First day of Summer 2: Monday 2nd June

Last day of Summer 2: Tuesday 22nd July – school closes at 1.30pm. After School Club runs 1.30pm – 4pm

Autumn Term 2025

INSET Days: Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September - school closed to children

First Day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 3rd September

Last day of Autumn Term 1: Friday 24th October

Autumn 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 22 December - Friday 2nd January

INSET Day: Monday 5th January – school closed to children

First Day of Spring 1: Tuesday 6th January

The term dates for 2025-26 year are [on our website](#).