



Churchfields News



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Dear Churchfields Families,

I am happy to say that we have had a very positive, if chilly, start to 2025 here at Churchfields. Our children returned after the break, well-rested and excited to begin their new learning. We have already had Year 3 visiting Beckenham Place Park, Aspen starting their weekly swimming lessons, exciting sporting fixtures and class assemblies. Today, we had some very exciting prehistoric visitors to Reception!

Keep an eye on your inbox for details of how to sign up for the February parent/carer meetings, which will come out next week.

Have a great weekend and stay warm,

Sally White

Deputy Headteacher

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.



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Dates for your Diary:

Spring Term Open Classrooms - Come along to the classroom at 2.45pm so the children can show you their learning.

Year 1 – 27th January, **Year 2** – 29th January, **Year 3** – 30th January, **Year 5** – 3rd February, **Year 4** – 5th February, **Year 6** – 6th February.

Class Assemblies - Class assemblies will be held in the school's Main Hall, starting promptly at 2.45pm.

Year 5 Cherry – 28th January, **Year 4 Aspen** – 4th February, **Year 4 Hazel** – 4th March,

Year 4 Sycamore – 11th March, **Year 3 Poplar** – 18th March, **Year 3 Sumac** – 25th March.

Understanding the Year 4 'Multiplication Tables Check' Parent/Carer Webinars – Tuesday 4th February 2-3pm and again at 5.30pm-6.30pm. Further details on the next page.

Closing date for Nursery applications for September 2025 – Friday 7th February, 5pm – further information and application forms [available here](#).

Parents/Carers' Evenings – Week beginning 10th February – further details to follow

Spring Half Term: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February.

World Book Day: Thursday 6th March.

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

Last day of Spring Term: Friday 4th April.



Understanding the Year 4 'Multiplication Tables Check' Parent/Carer Webinar

The National Curriculum states that by the end of Year 4, pupils should know their times table facts up to 12 x 12. As you may be aware, in 2020 the government introduced a statutory times table test for Year 4 pupils, to be taken in June each year. Much like KS2 SATs, the 'Multiplication Tables Check' (MTC) is mandatory for schools in England.

Having quick recall of times tables gives children a solid foundation in mathematics that will help them work out a variety of calculations easily and quickly. Knowing times tables provides the building blocks for understanding higher learning, such as long multiplication, long division, equivalent fractions and fraction of numbers, algebra and solving word problems.

To help parents and carers with strategies to support children learning their times tables and in understanding the Year 4 MTC, the Director of Maths from the Q1E Trust will be offering an online webinar on Tuesday 4 February at 2-3pm and again at 5.30-6.30pm. It is open to all parents/carers but may be of most interest to those with children in Year 4.

Tuesday 4 February, 2-3pm: [Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 897 9522 4432

Passcode: XtablesPM

Tuesday 4 February, 5.30pm-6.30pm: [Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 863 2816 4574

Passcode: XtablesEVE



Year 6 Science

The Year 6 children recently had the incredible opportunity to dissect a heart as part of their science curriculum. The experience was both fascinating and educational, offering them a hands-on insight into how the heart functions. They explored its chambers, valves, and blood vessels, seeing first-hand how this vital organ pumps blood around the body.

The children were amazed by the intricate structure and resilience of the heart, and the activity sparked endless curiosity and thoughtful questions. It was a moment that brought their learning to life, leaving many inspired by the wonders of biology.



Year 3 Geology Trip

Year 3 visited the Field Studies Centre at Beckenham Place Park to begin their Geology learning journey. They took part in a rocks and soils workshop where they investigated the properties of different rocks. They also learnt about different types of soil and completed some field work by using this information to solve the mystery of the missing cakes.



Work with Us

We are recruiting for a Teaching Assistant to join our friendly team.

To find out more and apply, please [visit our website](#). Applications close at noon on **Friday 7th February**.



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Sports Update

This term started with a double bill of fixtures with Royal Russell School. Last week, they came to Churchfields with two netball teams and played matches against our Year 5 and 6s. The matches were played in great spirit and were extremely close. The final score after 7 rotations was a 10-all draw.

Yesterday, our Year 3 and 4 girls' football team played under floodlights at Royal Russell School. This was the first chance for these players to represent the school. They played very well against a more experienced side with a great goal scored by Penelope.



Birthday Books

Thank you very much for the birthday book donations from Rose in Olive - The Good Thieves by Katherine Rundell, and Arturo in Palm – Amazing Oceans.

We hope you had a very Happy Birthday!



Year 5 Science

Year 5 started this term studying physics in their Forces unit. After picking up oil-covered jelly cubes and testing the best footwear for an icy day when looking at friction, we spent this week investigating air-resistance in a parachute experiment. We planned a test to see how the speed of a parachute is affected by its surface area.



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

Term Dates

Spring Term 2025

Inset Day: Monday 6 January – school closed to children
First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 7 January
Last day of Spring 1: Friday 14 February
Spring half term: Monday 17 to Friday 21 February
First day of Spring 2: Monday 24 February
Last day of Spring 2: Friday 4 April
Holidays: Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April

Summer Term 2025

Inset Day: Tuesday 22 April – school closed to children
First day of Summer 1: Wednesday 23 April
Bank holiday: Monday 5 May – school closed
Last day of Summer 1: Friday 23 May
Summer half term: Monday 26 to Friday 30 May
First day of Summer 2: Monday 2 June
Last day of Summer 2: Tuesday 22 July

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