

Dear Churchfields Families,

We have had a great first week back to school after the half term break. Children and staff alike have been enjoying the slightly milder lunchtimes (when it hasn't been raining!) and After School Club have been pleased to be outside in the daylight. Both School Council and Year 1 have been to Churchfields Rec' for micro forest planting and the Friends of Churchfields Rec' are planning a Fun Run for 29th March to raise funds for their ongoing development project – do look out for posters with the QR sign up code. Coming up next week, we have our World Book Day events, so do please find 1 or 2 books, on your shelves, to bring for our annual Churchfields Book Swap event – further details below. Also coming up this half term is our annual Culture Celebration Week, Mrs Blundell along with her team of children and staff are busy planning this and detailed information will follow soon.

The PTA have kindly donated funds to both these events and we thank them for all their dedication and you for your enthusiastic participation in the great events they organise to support all the children in our school. Don't forget the PTA Quiz Night on 14th March – why not book a table for your team and come along for an evening of trivia, fun and pizza!

Many of you have kindly made financial donations to add to our school fund, to allow all children to access all the activities and visits we offer. Going forward, there will be a tab on the SchoolComms app titled 'donations' which you can donate anything from £1 upwards. We thank you in advance for your kindness.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Sally White

Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Class Assemblies: Class assemblies will be held in the Main Hall, starting promptly at 2.45pm.

Year 4: Hazel – 4th March, **Sycamore** – 11th March

Year 3: Poplar – 18th March, **Sumac** – 25th March.

World Book Day: Thursday 6th March - Book Swap.
Friday 7th March – Wear your PJs or onesies to school.

Churchfields Culture Celebration Week: Monday 31st March – Friday 4th April. If you would like to take part, please [email Mrs Blundell](mailto:mrs.blundell@churchfieldsprimary.co.uk) by Friday 7th March.

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.

World Book Day

Next week is World Book Day. Here are some reminders about activities taking place:



Thursday 6th March - Churchfields Book Swap: There's still time to dig out books so that other children can enjoy them. Please send children in with a maximum of two unwanted books (no torn pages or handwriting please) any time until Wednesday 5th March.

Friday 7th March - come in your PJs for live storytelling: Children are invited to come into school in pyjamas, onesies or cosy clothing (and bring a cushion if they wish) ready to listen to our fantastic live storyteller. Children must bring a coat and school shoes for breaktimes.



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British Science Week: Monday 17th – Friday 21st March

The theme for this year's [British Science Week](#) is 'Change and Adapt'. We will be exploring this in different ways during the week of 17th March:

- The children will take part in a whole-school programme where they will explore the 'Science of Change'. They will learn how scientist's discoveries have shaped and changed modern science.
- In our Science lessons, we will explore changes in chemistry. Year 5 and 6 will identify the PH by using colour change; Years 3 and 4 will observe changes of state and Years 1 and 2 will investigate the best colours to choose when making a sensory bottle.



We are also encouraging as many children as possible to take part in **The British Science Association poster competition.**

Make a poster about 'Change and adaptation'. Think about what it means to you and how it relates to the science you've learnt about. Here are some ideas to get started:

- You could make a poster showing how plants and animals adapt to the changing seasons
- You could look at climate change and how we adapt our behaviours to protect the environment.
- How about a poster showing your favourite science experiment and how it shows change?

The more creative the interpretation of 'Change' the better!

The poster must be:

- A4 or A3 size - we need to be able to take a photo of it to send for online judging.
- You can use pop-up pictures, pull-out tabs or use materials such as paint, drawing pencils, crayons and paper.
- Work must be original and created by the pupil(s) – please do not use any templates.
- Posters will be uploaded with the entrant's details: first name (all names if a team), age (all ages if a team), category (of the oldest team member).
- **Please note:** the data submitted will be used for the administration of the competition. First name, age and school of pupils may also be shared on the British Science Association's website and social media pages. If you do not want this data to be shared online you should make this explicitly clear in your submission, and we will only share our school's name.

Please hand your original poster artwork to **Miss Byrne** by **Friday 21st March.**

Help needed please! We are developing a new art installation project to develop an area of our playground. It will involve some cutting of marine plywood, probably with a jigsaw or similar. We were wondering if there might be a parent/carer with a level of competency in this area that might be able to volunteer their help/advice at all please? If you think that might be you, please could you send a no-obligation email to Mrs Holland [via the school office](#) for further information. Thank you so much.



Sustainability

As part of the [Q1E Trust](#), we recognise our responsibility to embed sustainability in everything we do. The [Q1E Sustainability Vision](#) sets out our ambition to be net zero and climate-ready by 2030 and to provide best-in-class sustainability learning for our children, combined with engagement across the whole school communities that we serve.

The [Q1E Sustainability Vision](#) is based on three action areas:

- Decarbonisation and Efficient Resource Use
- Biodiversity and Protecting Nature
- Climate Adaptation and Resilience

So far, we have joined the over 5,200 UK schools signed-up to [Let's Go Zero 2030](#), and joined [Education Nature Park](#). We are registered with [EnergySparks](#) to enable us to monitor and then start to reduce our energy usage. We will be starting pen & recycling very soon, as well as re-establishing our Eco-Council.

We look forward to sharing more with you about sustainability at Churchfields over the coming months and years. If you are interested in supporting us on our sustainability journey, please [email us](#) with sustainability in the subject line.



Year 5 Theatre Trip

Last half-term, Year 5 travelled up to the Unicorn Theatre near London Bridge for an amazing production of Pig-Heart Boy, based on a book by ex-Churchfields pupil, Malorie Blackman. They had a great time watching the show before taking in a few sights on the walk back to the station.

"Pig-Heart Boy is about a child who needs a heart transplant and the emotions that he, his family and friends feel about it. During the play we felt a range of emotions including sadness and excitement, sometimes at the same time. There were also funny bits, like when we were laughing at the dance party. Our favourite part was when Trudy the pig made a special appearance in a dream sequence. Overall, this was one the best shows we've seen." *Review by Tommy and Indigo*





Churchfields News



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Birthday Book

Max Blake has shared this wonderful book for the KS1 library, as his birthday book.



Easter Holiday Camps

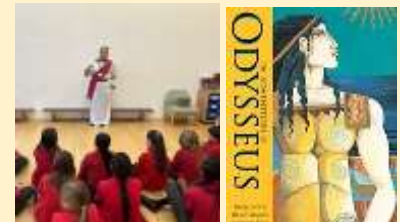
Premier Education (formerly Young Stars) are running their multi-activity camp again at Churchfields during the Easter Holidays.

They will be running from Monday 7th April until Thursday 17th April with full days from 8.15am - 3.15pm, and half days from 8.30am - 12.30pm or 1pm - 5pm. The cost is £40 for a full day and £20 for a half day and Childcare Vouchers are accepted.

To find out more or book, please [visit their website](#).

Year 5 Reading

Year 5 had a great launch lesson for their new English book 'The Adventures of Odysseus', when Mr Matthews dressed up as an Ancient Greek storyteller, telling some legends leading into this exciting book.



Year 1 & School Council - Micro Forest

Year 1 and the School Council have been busy Planting a micro forest at Churchfields Rec' this Week.

A micro forest is an innovative and effective method of tree planting to increase carbon mitigation in urban areas, delivering improvements to air quality and biodiversity benefits. They had such a fun time – well done all!



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](#).