



Churchfields News



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Education Trust

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Dear Churchfields Families,

We are well into the swing of the academic year and I've been reflecting on the important moments and memories children make each year as they grow up and how we are lucky to be a part of that as a school. I recently saw a social media post by a teacher talking about the best days as a child at primary school - fish and chip Friday, World Book Day and sports day were on the list - with your own birthday in the number one slot.

Inspired by this, we are starting a **new tradition** of every child receiving a birthday card and sticker from the school. Rather than wait another year to start this, our September born children are getting a belated card and the children with birthdays up to 9th October will get their cards this week. It will be a weekly celebration going forward.

We have started to show prospective families around the school this week on small group tours and we have an **Open Morning** coming up on Wednesday 19th November and **we need your help!** We are looking for current parents and carers to take people on small group tours of the school on the Open Morning between 9 - 11am. You don't need to know every detail about the school, we will provide notes on frequently asked questions and a practice tour on Friday 14th November at 9am if you can make it. If you are interested and have a couple of hours to spare, please email the office.

The first **PTA meeting** of the year was on Tuesday evening with an excellent turnout from both the parent/carers and teacher community. There is a full schedule of events planned for the year that are really valuable in bringing our community together as well as creating funds for the extras we want for the children. We are all automatically part of the PTA and all of the work that goes on behind the scenes to make things happen is done by volunteers giving of their time so do get involved however you can!

I hope you have a great weekend and see you on Monday,

Sarah Atherton
Headteacher



Follow us on social:

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

Coming up soon:

Boys' and Girls' Football at Royal Russell - Thursday 9th October

ARC trip to Soft Play and Café - Friday 10th October

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

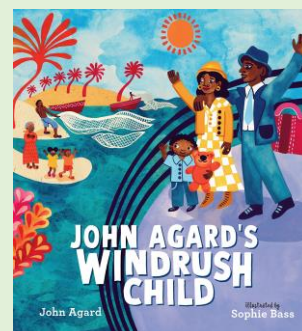
Flu vaccinations in school - Tuesday 21st October

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

In assembly this week:



The children learned about the range of people and experiences of the Windrush Generation, which includes our recent visitor, Floella Benjamin.



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Polite Reminder – If there is a problem...

We understand that when you are worried about your child or something that is happening in school it can be an emotional and difficult time for you. Our staff are available to listen to you and to help as much as we can by working as partners together.

On rare occasions, we have needed to remind parent/carers about our expectations of their communication and behaviour. We ask that you remember to:

- **never confront someone else's child about an issue** - either on site or in the local area - let school know what is worrying you and let us handle the problem.
- **avoid conflict/confrontation with other parents/carers at school and school events** – this makes children and the community feel unsafe. Staff are on hand to hear any concerns and often problems escalate when they are not reported to us in the first instance.
- **treat our staff politely and with respect** – we may need to end conversations that are aggressive, demeaning or discriminatory. Please think carefully about the content and wording of emails sent to staff when you are upset.
- **be careful about what is posted on WhatsApp groups or similar** – negative/personal comments about children, families or staff are rarely useful in resolving issues but often damage relationships.

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](#).

Our Networks



Quality First Education Trust

Last week, the Q1E Trust hosted Deputy Headteachers from 21 schools across six London Boroughs to help develop our Guided Peer Visits programme for which the [Q1E Trust](#) provides the structure, guidance and encouragement.

This free professional development programme enables our senior leaders to visit and learn from different schools, providing a network of support and refreshing their ideas.

As one participant put it, it helps Deputy Heads "to build trusting relationships for constructive, non-judgemental dialogue on school improvement."

As a Trust, it is a privilege to work with this committed group of professionals whose leadership is driving improvement for the children.



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Sports News



The boys' football teams played four very competitive games away against sides from Royal Russell School. They lost the first match 0-1, won the second match 2-0 (Hollick, Murphy), lost the third match 2-1 (Smith) and won the final match 3-1 (Boote, Reeves, Davis). They finished the day huge smiles on everyone's faces.



The netball teams were warmed up after their friendly last week to play in the Bromley Borough Championship. The second team drew 0-0 with Scotts Park, lost 1-0 to Warren Road, lost 2-0 to Farnborough and 2-0 to Hayes. They performed really well with excellent team spirit. The first team beat Parish 8-0, St Mark's 3-0, Warren Road 4-0, Balgowan 4-3 and finally Warren Road (Mr Matthews was too excited to keep score) to progress to the finals – well done!

Thank you to all of the parents/carers and coaches who transport and support the children to play competitive sport for their school!



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Amazing Achievements

Congratulations to Jay who scored his second goal of the season. His team won their game, and he was awarded man of the match!



Birthday Books

Thank you for the birthday book gift of *The Last Pebble* by Alex Horne from Oliver in Sumac 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



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](#).