



# Churchfields News



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**6<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

## Dates for your Diary:

- **PTA Colour Run:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 12pm
- **Reception Open Classroom:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2.45pm
- **Year 1 Silver Birch Class Assembly:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2.45pm in Main Hall
- **Year 1 Open Classroom:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2.45pm
- **Nursery and Reception 2025 Welcome Meeting:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm, Main Hall
- **Sports Day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Magnolia:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 9am – 11am, school field
- **Year 2 Open Classroom:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2.45pm
- **Year 1 Rowan Class assembly:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2.45pm in Main Hall
- **Secondary School Information Evening for Years 3, 4 and 5:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm – 7.30pm, Main Hall
- **Inclusion Coffee Morning:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 9am
- **Year 3 Open Classroom:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2.45pm
- **Year 4 Open Classroom:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2.45pm
- **Year 5 Open Classroom:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2.45pm
- **Reception Palm Class Assembly:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2.45pm in Main Hall
- **Year 2 Trip to River Thames:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June
- **Year 5 Trip to Dulwich College:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June
- **Headteacher's Coffee Morning and Tour:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 9am
- **Reception Beech Class Assembly:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2.45pm in Main Hall
- **Class Photographs:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July
- **Instrument and Choir Performance to Families:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 6.30pm in Main Hall
- **Headteacher's Coffee Morning and Tour:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 9am
- **ARC Coffee Morning:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 9am
- **Year 6 Production Performances to Families:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2pm and 7pm in Main Hall
- **ARC Leavers Party:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm
- **Year 6 Residential to Cuffley:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July
- **Nursery and Reception 2025 Teddy Bears' Picnic:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July on school field
- **Nursery to Year 5 Parent/Carer Evening:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 3.45pm
- **PTA AGM Meeting:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm at school
- **Year 6 Parent/Carer Evening:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2.30 – 5pm
- **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 9.30am
- **Last day of Summer Term 2: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – school closes at 1.30pm.**  
**After School Club from 1.30pm – 4pm**



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Dear Churchfields Families,

As you can see from the dates above, Summer 2 is a very busy term as we finish up this academic year and prepare for the next. I can already share with you some improvements that are coming from September 2025.

Miss Williams will be working as **SENDCO** for the children in our mainstream classes for 3 days per week next year (as well as teaching Computing for the other two days). Alongside Miss Garwood-Stephenson, who is ARC Lead and SENDCO for the ARC, we hope this increased capacity will help us support the needs of all children in the school. Mrs White as Deputy Headteacher will continue to oversee SEND as well as other aspects of inclusion e.g. safeguarding, behaviour and attendance.

We will be moving to an **online booking and pre-payment system for wraparound care** (breakfast and after school club). Using this will mean that you can book your places and pay or schedule payments at the same time. The system will not allow you to book if you have any debt on your account, so it is very important that all due and overdue balances are cleared by mid-July 2025 at the very latest.

The contract for **school lunches and after school club teas** has been out to tender for all of the schools in our Trust and Mrs White and myself were involved in shortlisting and interviewing the companies. The Lunchtime Company were successful - we were all impressed with their menu variety, more fresh produce and positive references from other schools. They are a relatively small, local company who we think will work well in partnership with us and be responsive to feedback.

Yesterday, we had **30 new Chromebooks** arrive in school which have been provided by the trust. This is part of a trust-wide project to improve the digital literacy of our children by using technology to support learning. The project will start with Year 4 and the children in Year 3 had their first session with Andrew Goodgame, a certified Google and Apple educator, yesterday. He was really impressed by the skills they already have (thank you Miss Williams!) and their enthusiasm and behaviour. This will really complement the generous pledge from the PTA to support updating our technology for children to use.

We have two policies, **Anti-Bullying** and **Anti-Racism**, that are currently being written and revised to make sure all children feel safe, respected and that they belong in our school. Alongside these will be a series of lessons for children as well as further training for staff. Our Local Governing Body are supporting us and we will share this with you later in the term.

As in previous years, I would really love **feedback from yourselves** to help us shape our priorities (and hopefully let us know what we are doing well!). I am holding two **Headteacher coffee mornings** this term, similar to my previous Headteacher forums, which are an open discussion with a brief tour of the school included. These are on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 9am.

Many of you have work and other time commitments, so you can share your thoughts with me on an **online form**. This one is for general feedback [General - Click Here](#) – what's working well, what has improved, what you would like to see changed – and this one [Communication and Engagement - Click here](#) is about how we can best communicate with you and involve you in the life of the school.

I know that this is a very busy time of year for families and can also be unsettling as we are about to transition to a new teacher, a new year (and for our Year 6 a new school). As I've been made aware of a few chat threads this week that have been hurtful about staff and children, I've repeated below **how you can get help with any issue as well as our expectations of conduct** as shared in September (including PTA events as well as use of What's App).

I hope you have a relaxing weekend,  
Sarah Atherton, Headteacher



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## Communication and Working Together

### Who to talk to in school – questions, concerns, support

Most conversations about your child will be with the **class teacher in the first instance**. If you need to contact the teacher you can speak with them directly on the playground at the start and end of day, call the office and a message will be passed on or email the class email address found on the year group pages [here](#).

We also have a number of **senior staff** who have wider responsibilities in school, who are out on the playgrounds every day to speak with and they can also be contacted by calling/emailing the office.

### Polite Reminder – If there's a problem . . .

We do 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 as parents/carers.

Our staff are available to listen to you and to help as much as we can by working as partners together. On (thankfully) 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





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## In assembly this week (and an announcement):



## The Attenborough Library

*'If children don't grow up knowing and appreciating nature, they won't understand it, and if they don't understand it, they won't protect it.'*

Sir David Attenborough  
English broadcaster, biologist, natural historian and writer.

Attenborough's contribution to broadcasting and wildlife film-making has brought him international recognition. He has made programmes and spoken out about protecting the planet and its wild places.



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Our assemblies this week focussed on the life and work of Sir David Attenborough. The children were interested to learn about his different nature programmes and how he started to see how the plants and animals of the world were being affected by humans.

He has spoken out about protecting the natural world so we have decided to name our Year 5 and 6 library after him as another example (alongside Baroness Floella Benjamin and Malorie Blackman OBE) of someone who has shown our school values of Aspiration, Citizenship and Excellence.

## Football Friendlies



Our boys' and girls' football teams went to play friendly matches away at Valley Primary on Wednesday.

They had some tough competition but did the school (and their fans) proud.

Thank you to Mrs White and all of the families giving lifts and cheering them on!

## Eco-Council Action



Our newly formed Eco-council organised their first event this week with an energy-saving day on Thursday.

They encouraged us all to save electricity whenever we could and even persuaded the kitchen to turn the ovens off and have sandwiches for the day.

## Maths Competition



A dedicated team of Year 5 mathematicians, along with their coach Mr Adeniran, went to Shortlands Primary this week to take part in the Wondermaths tournament. They have been practising at lunchtimes and did really well to come 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will now be ambassadors for the Year 4 children who want to take part next year.



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## BYMT – Come and Play

Bromley Youth Music Trust are holding two opportunities for instrumentalists to play in a mass orchestra. Each session costs £4.

**String Players** – Violin, Viola, Cello & Double Bass of Grade 1+ standard - Tuesday 8th July, 5–7pm.  
[Click here to find out more or register.](#)

**Wind, Brass and Percussion players** of Grade 1+ standard - Wednesday 9th July, 5–7pm.  
[Click here to find out more or register.](#)

## Amazing Achievements

Ethan in Year 3 attended a football camp at half term where he was awarded the Player of the Week trophy, and his team won the entire tournament.



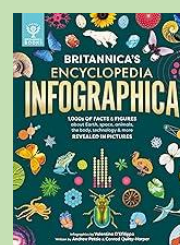
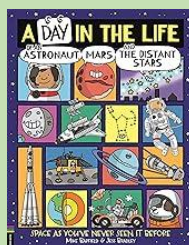
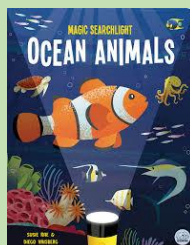
He showed great sportsmanship, helping the younger players and training really hard in all weather. Well done Ethan!

## This weekend! Come along!



## Birthday Books

A non-fiction selection for all phases to celebrate Ms Atherton's birthday this week!



**Is it your birthday?** Instead of sweets and treats, bring in a birthday book for the libraries (it doesn't have to be new)!

## Term Dates

Last day of term: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – **school closes at 1.30pm. ASC from 1.30-4pm.**

### Autumn Term 2025

Inset Days: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - school closed to children

First Day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Last day of Autumn Term 1: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Autumn Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Inset Day: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – school closed to children

First Day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Last day of Autumn Term 2: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Holidays: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Inset Day: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – school closed to children

First Day of Spring 1: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

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