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7 February 2025

Dear Churchfields Families,

As we reach the end of another busy and fun week here at Churchfields, the children have so much learning to share with you, including some wonderful dinosaur descriptions in Reception, improper fractions in Year 4, and Year 5 have been learning about levers, pulleys and gears in science. We have had more open classrooms, this week in Years 4, 5 and 6 as well as a wonderful class assembly from Aspen, featuring some great dancing by Ms Williams!

We look forward to welcoming you next week for parent/carer meetings, to discuss your child's progress. These meetings are 10 minutes long – if you require a longer conversation about something other than progress, your teacher will arrange an alternative time for you to meet.

You will no doubt have noticed we have a new School Crossing Patroller who started work this week. Her name is Keziah (pronounced Kay-zia). Please say hello to her as she crosses you safely to and from school each day. I am also meeting with our local councillor next week to discuss various local issues including the increase in traffic along Churchfields Road because of the Waldo Road site closing – if I have further updates, I will, of course, share them with you.

Sally White Deputy Headteacher

# **Dates for your Diary:**

Parents/Carers' Evenings – Week beginning 10th February.

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

First day of Spring Term 2: Monday 24th February.

Class Assemblies: Class assemblies will be held in the school's Main Hall, starting promptly at 2.45pm. Year 4 Hazel – 4th March, Year 4 Sycamore – 11th March, Year 3 Poplar – 18th March, Year 3 Sumac – 25th March.

World Book Day: Thursday 6th March.

**Churchfields Culture Celebration Week:** Monday 31st March – Friday 4th April. If you would like to take part this year, please <u>email Mrs Blundell</u> 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.

# **Spare Uniform Please**

We have very few spare clothes for children to use if they need to change. If you are clearing out a drawer or cupboard, please think of us and send in any of the following, good condition, items – in all sizes.

- Underwear
- Socks
- Tights
- Trousers
- Skirts

Please bring donations to the office. Thank you in advance!



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## **Forest School**

This week, our pupils have been fully immersed in the variety of hands-on activities in the Forest School. They built their own ancient Egyptian shadufs (cranes), exploring history through construction and engineering. They also experienced exploding volcanoes, adding to their excitement for science and experimentation.

In the effort to help nature, they created seed bombs to promote green spaces and sustainability. The pupils also crafted "Stanley", a plastic bag kite, repurposing waste materials to make something fun and functional. These activities foster creativity, teamwork and environmental awareness, helping our students to learn while making a positive impact.





# Voice In A Million – Your Help Please

Our exceptionally talented choir have been selected to perform our own song at the Voice in a Million concert in March, at Wembley Arena!

This is a once in a lifetime experience for them and we felt it only fair that all members should have the opportunity to attend. Our choir has nearly 50 children and in order to get us safely and quickly to Wembley, we will need to hire a coach.

We will be holding a pop up concert on Friday14th February, at the school gates, to raise funds to do so. If you would like to donate, we will be accepting cash on the day or you can donate <u>here</u>.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity and we look forward to serenading you into the half term break!

Miss Tarbuck and Ms Jackson

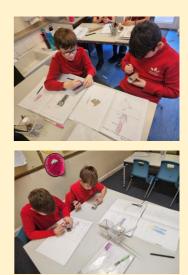
#### Reception

Reception have impressed their teachers this week when learning their number bonds to 10. They have demonstrated their understanding in so many different ways. Well done!



#### Year 4 – Electricity

In DT, Year 4 have been designing and making their own torches which links to our electricity unit.





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#### **Birthday Book**

Thank you very much for the birthday book donation from Lottie in Hazel – Wisp, A Story of Hope by Zana Fraillon, illustrated by Grahame Baker Smith.



## **Year 6 Migration Topic**

Year 6 had a zoom visit from a Syrian refugee for our Migration topic. They were fascinated, amazed and intrigued by his story of how he managed to flee the war in Syria and travel through many countries to finally arrive in Britain. He shared his love for Britain and how he is now able to work as a dentist.



### **Year 3 History**

As part of their instructional writing unit, Year 3 have been researching and role playing the method used by ancient Egyptians for mummifying bodies.

They will be taking the information they have gathered and writing a stepby-step guide.



# Well done to Zayne!

We were very excited to see one of our ex-pupils, Zayne, feature in a recent advertisement for EDF energy. Zayne is a very accomplished guitarist, having started playing at the age of two and in the advert he can be seen playing guitar riffs from Bloc Party's 'Helicopter'. We look forward to seeing where his musical prowess leads him!



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.

### **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.