



Churchfields News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to be in school this week, the sun has been out but also the children have been having so many great experiences in their lessons and special events and visitors. As well as the special events detailed below, there was a fantastic book swap organised by the PTA and a storyteller to enjoy in cosy clothes to celebrate World Book Day. School council are about to carry out a re-vamp of our school libraries – that you as always for your kind donations of birthday books.

Thank you to the parents and carers who came along to the Harrisons food tasting last week – we will have a similar event when the new summer menu is launched. Thank you also to those that attended the Inclusion coffee morning on Wednesday – very helpful feedback for us to work on!

Coming up we have two information sessions about 'Smartphone Free Childhoods' – one in person at school on Friday 14th March at 9.15am and another online on Tuesday 18th March at 6.30pm. Please do come along if you can to find out more.

Our Year 6 children all received their first offer of secondary schools this week, please do talk with us if you need any help or advice on what to do next. Churchfields is remaining a very popular school with our Nursery places filled and Reception applications from 264 families for 60 places in September 2025.

Finally, it is the PTA Quiz Night on Friday 14th – will the staff team repeat their triumphant victory in 2023? Come along to find out!

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend,

Sarah Atherton
Headteacher



Springtime salad bar at lunchtime

Dates for your Diary:

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

British Science Week: Monday 17th – Friday 21st March
Deadline for entries to the [British Science Week Poster competition](#) to Miss Byrne by Friday 21st March.

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

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

Year 3 - Religious Education and World Views

Year 3 had a visitor this week from the Jewish community sharing his expert knowledge about how the Torah helps Jewish people to live a good life. The children also found out about different Jewish traditions and practices.



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World Book Day at Churchfields

This week, to celebrate World Book Day, children have been enjoying listening to some new stories in their daily reading sessions. Children in Years 1 - 6 had the opportunity to choose from a range of exciting new stories and, thanks to the generosity of the PTA, we have been able to buy more books for the library by the same authors so that children can go on to read the next title in the series.

Children have also had the chance to choose a new book in the PTA book swap and on Friday, they were treated to a session with a visiting storyteller funded by the PTA. It's been a brilliant week of stories! Please ask your child about the books they have enjoyed. These are the titles we have been reading:

Nursery - *The Three Little Pigs*, **Reception** – *Little Red* by Bethan Woolvin, *ARC – Lights and Sounds Emergency Vehicles* and *Festival of Colours*, **Year 1** - *There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom* by James Sellick and *Izzy Gizmo* by Pip Jones.



Year 2 and Year 3 - *Ellie and the Cat* by Malorie Blackman, *Einstein the Penguin* by Iona Rangeley, *The girl who became a fish* by Polly Ho-Yen and *Budgie* by Joseph Coello. **Year 4** - *Alex Sparrow and the Really Big Stink* by Jennifer Killick, *The Danger is Everywhere* by David O'Doherty and *The Highland Falcon Thief* by MG Leonard and Sam Sedgman.



Year 5 and Year 6 - *The Last Wild* by Piers Torday, *Murder Most Unladylike* by Robin Stevens, *A Wizard of Earthsea* by Ursula Le Guin, *Impossible Creatures* by Katherine Rundell and *Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz.





Boa Constrictor Visits Churchfields!

Our Wildlife Rangers club met a Common Boa Constrictor this week. They were able to touch her gently as her keeper held her - she was quite strong! The snake had been surrendered to them as the owner was unable to look after her any longer. Common Boa Constrictors can grow up to 6 feet long and live for up to 25-30 years so owning one is quite a commitment! As they cannot introduce her into the wild it is important to help her by providing a range of enrichment activities for her and the children helped to design a suitable enclosure and learnt many facts about the species.



Gardening in Reception

This week we've been making the most of the sunny weather and turning old tyres into planters. The children have enjoyed planting out some colourful flowers and looking at the herbs from last year beginning to sprout new leaves. They've been working together as a team, even sweeping up any mess left behind!



Year 1 Maths

Year 1 have been using Maths stories and manipulatives this week to help solve multiplication problems. They now know how to identify equal groups and add them together!



Apple Class Update

Apple class have been enjoying being excellent learners, using their super powers to 'learn with others' and build a house like the third little pig and look at books 'all by myself' out in the sunshine. They have practised their handwriting 'without being scared of making mistakes,' 'like a challenge' when making a repeated pattern, and 'don't stay stuck' when going through the tunnel on the climbing frame. They also enjoyed working together to retell the story of 'The Three Little Pigs.'





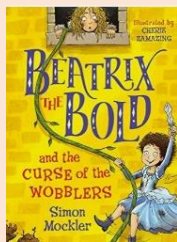
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Birthday Book

Georgia in Sycamore donated this Birthday Book for the Year 3 and 4 library – thank you!



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 book, please [visit their website](#).

Year 4 Reading

Year 4 enjoying "The Highland Falcon Thief" by MG Leonard & Sam Sedgman.



Year 2 Planetarium

Year 2 had a visit from the Wonderdrome Planetarium on Tuesday. Immersed within space, they learnt about the sizes of the planets (to scale!) and how far away they are from the Earth. They also learnt more about the moon and stars, linking with their science 'Space' topic for this term.



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](#).