



7th November 2025

Dear Churchfields Families.

We've had a great start to the second half of the Autumn Term. Our teachers joined their colleagues in the other trust schools for **INSET training** on Monday on using Chromebooks from our Google Educator consultant, about teaching writing from lead of the new DfE Writing framework Dr Tim Mills, and training on a new spelling programme from Years 2 – 6 by their lead trainer. Access to this training would not be possible as a school on our own and why we really value meeting together with the other four schools in the trust for training each year.

The **term dates for 2026/27** were emailed to you this week and are available on our website. We do have a different pattern to local schools to enable us to meet with the other schools in the trust (based in Wandsworth and Hammersmith and Fulham) for professional development days that we otherwise would not be a part of.

The children have come back in after their break beautifully and started on exciting new topics with a very tall 'Ancient Roman' visiting on Tuesday. We wish our Year 5 and 6 cross country runners good luck for the borough championships tomorrow and thank you to the staff and families coming along to support. It is a smaller event this year as Crystal Palace Park is in the middle of re-development and we know our athletes will do us proud.

It is anti-bullying week next week and our first **anti-bullying parent/carer forum** on Thursday if you want to come along to share your views, experience and work together to improve our school together. If you can't make it but would like to share your thoughts, please do online <u>CLICK HERE</u>. We will be starting a children's **anti-bullying council** soon – how to get involved will be shared in assembly next week.

We have been making some adjustments to the **menu at Breakfast Club** to make sure children have a healthy breakfast. In our previous offering, children could have had 30g sugar (more than the daily recommended amount) before the school day even started! They now can have toast, yogurt and/or cereal with milk, water or sugar free squash to drink. They can have as many servings as they wish to make sure they are fuelled for the day but with far less sugar.

Finally, many of you noticed the **Baobab Coffee van** on site at drop off this morning. We are trialling having this regularly (as long as there is enough interest from families and staff) to not only get our Friday caffeine fix but also another way to bring our community together, support local community-minded businesses as well as raise our schools' profile in the area. Don't forget your card next Friday – I can highly recommend the flat white! Have a great weekend, Sarah Atherton, Headteacher

Odd Socks Day on Monday!

Next week is Anti-Bullying week and the theme for this year is 'Power for Good'. We will launch the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November. All children and staff are encouraged to wear odd socks to school as a way for everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality, as well as what makes them unique.







Coming up in Autumn 2:

Year 5 and 6 Bromley Cross Country Competition – Saturday 8th November, Crystal Palace Park

Year 6 Elm Class Assembly – Tuesday 11th November, Main Hall, 2.45pm

ARC Coffee Morning – Wednesday 12th November, 9.10am-10am

Anti-Bullying Forum – Thursday 13th November, 9am-10am

Year 6 Ash Class Assembly – Tuesday 18th November, Main Hall, 2.45pm

Open Forum with Short Tour of School – Friday 21st November, 9am–10am

Year 6 Oak Class Assembly – Tuesday 2nd December, Main Hall, 2.45pm

Open Forum Online Meeting – Thursday 4th December, 5.30pm-6.30pm

Anti-Racism Forum - Friday 5th December, 9am-10am

Reception Christmas Concert - Monday 15th December, 9.30am in Main Hall

Year 1 Pine and Year 2 Hickory Christmas Concert - Monday 15th December, 2pm in Main Hall

Year 1 Willow and Year 2 Maple Christmas Concert - Tuesday 16th December, 9.30am in Main Hall

Years 3, 4, 5, 6 Christmas Concert - Wednesday 17th 2pm, at St Michael's Church

Last day of Autumn Term 2: Friday 19th December

Holidays: Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January **Inset day:** Monday 5th January – school closed to children

First day of Spring Term 1: Tuesday 6th January – children return to school

Full term dates for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 academic years are available on our website.

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 9.30am and a Headteacher's talk at 10.15am, as well as small group tours every week throughout the year. 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.

Your help please!

If you are free from 9 – 11am on Wednesday 19 November to take a small tour round the school, we would be really grateful. Please email <u>admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk</u> or call into the school office. We will give you all the information you need.





Excellent Citizenship

We love to empower children to be leaders of their community and are celebrating two groups today.

Football Fundraiser Results

Well done to the Year 6 children below who organised the Football Fundraiser at the end of term and thank you to you all for supporting their initiative and hard work. They counted up all of the coins this week and raised a very impressive £365.94. As we pledged to match their total, we now have £732 to put towards new goals.



Churchfields's Got Talent 2025

A group of Year 5 children have been planning the next Churchfields's Got Talent since before the summer holidays and are finally ready to launch this week (see poster on the next page). This will be our 3rd year after a group of Year 6 decided they would like something for children to look forward to and enjoy in school and they started a new tradition.

Year 3 Romans

On Tuesday, Year 3 launched their new history topic on The Ancient Romans with a special visitor. They learned lots about life in Roman times and are excited to learn even more through their topic this half term. They particularly enjoying seeing the size and weight of the axe and shield – no wonder they were successful invaders.









Churchfields's Got Talent

2025

Are you proud of your talents? It could be dancing, singing, magic tricks, mime, comedy or anything else.

There will be a certificate for everyone who participates, a medal for each finalist and a trophy for the winner in Years 2/3/4 and one for the winner in Years 5/6.

We are looking for:

- Bravery
- Determination
- Entertainment
- The 'wow' factor

Auditions

- Monday 1st December Year 2 at 12.15pm
- Tuesday 2nd December Year 3 at 12.15pm
- Wednesday 3rd December Year 4 at 12.45pm
- Thursday 4th December Year 5 at 12.45pm
- Friday 5th December Year 6 at 12.45pm

After this we will choose a finalist for each class and one 'wild card' from any class in each year group It's back and better than ever!

Rules

- No more than 5 in a group
- No longer than 3 minutes
- No pets, stunts or anything rude!

Finals:

Thursday 18th December perform your talent for the children in Years 2—6

Come along and be the best you can be! We are in Cypress class if you have any questions or need help.

Your Organising Committee,

Fred, Liana, Betty, Teddy, Meryem, Ziki, William and Henry





Amazing Achievements

Congratulations to Claudia and Rose in Year 6 who won first place for their lyrical duet in the 11-14 year olds category at the Vibe dance competition.



PE and Forest School Kits Reminder

PE kit should be brought to school and stay in school until the end of each half term to reduce the chance of forgetting kit.

Forest school kit will be sent home each week as the children need kit appropriate for the weather that day and they can get wet and muddy. Apple class have waterproof suits provided.

If your child has **Forest School in the morning**, they should come to school in their kit and have their uniform in their bag to change into. Autumn 2 classes: Beech, Palm, Sycamore, Ash, Elm

If your child has **Forest School in the afternoon**, they should come to school in uniform and their kit in a bag. They will come home in their kit. Autumn 2 classes: Holly, Magnolia, Hickory, Maple, Oak

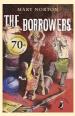
Children in **Hazel class in Autumn 2** should come to school on Wednesdays in Forest School kit, they will change for PE in the afternoon and come home in Forest School kit.

Birthday Books

Thank you for the birthday book gifts of The Borrowers from Anna, Dog Man – Mothering Heights from Jarvis, and Katie Morag Delivers the Mail from Thomas.







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

Autumn Term 2025

Last day of Autumn Term 2: Friday 19th December Holidays: Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January

Spring Term 2026

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

Summer Term 2026

Inset day: Monday 13th April – school closed to children

First day of Summer Term 1: Tuesday 14th April Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May – school closed Last day of Summer Term 1: Friday 22nd May Half Term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May First day of Summer Term 2: Monday 1st June Last day of Summer Term 2: Friday 17th July

Full term dates are on our website.