



Monday 11th November

- **NEW:** Two minute silence for Remembrance Day at 11am. Children in Brownies, Guides, Cubs or Scouts can wear their uniform to school

Tuesday 12th November

- **Reminder:** Individual and sibling group **photographs** taken in school, QR code will be sent home if you wish to purchase copies

Wednesday 13th November

- Year 6 trip to Chislehurst Caves
- EYFS (Nursery and Reception) coffee morning, 9am at school
- Workshop - Helping your child manage their emotions with Zones of Regulation, 9.15am at school

Friday 15th November

- ARC trip to the London Aquarium
- **Reminder:** Children in Need **non-uniform day**, all donations welcome
- **NEW:** School council **cake sale** after school – see below, cake donations needed

Monday 18th November

- Liam Conlon MP visiting school as part of UK Parliament Week
- Inclusion Parent/Carer forum with Headteacher, 2pm at school

Tuesday 19th November

- Year 6 Elm class assembly, 2.45pm in Main Hall

Thursday 21st November

- **New date:** General Parent/Carer forum with Headteacher, 2pm at school

Friday 22nd November

- Year 3 Roman workshop at school

Tuesday 26th November

- Year 6 Oak class assembly, 2.45pm in the Main Hall

Wednesday 27th November

- Inclusion Coffee Morning, 9am at school

Tuesday 3rd December

- **NEW:** Year 3 Poplar trip to the Bromley Reform Synagogue
- **NEW:** ARC Magnolia Open Classroom, 9.15am
- **NEW:** ARC Holly Open Classroom, 2.40pm

Friday 6th December

- **NEW:** Year 3 Sumac trip to the Bromley Reform Synagogue

Saturday 7th December

- **NEW:** PTA Christmas Fair, 1 – 4pm at school (12 – 1pm, inclusion quiet hour)



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have certainly started the Autumn 2 term with a bang! I had a very proud Headteacher moment on Tuesday morning as the children came back into school and by just after 9am we had engaging and exciting lessons up and running in all classrooms and all of our fabulous outdoor space being used with rugby on the field, hockey in the MUGA and Forest School in full swing. We continued to have a great week with visitors, sports matches, clubs and a theme day in Year 4 as you will see below.

Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete my survey before half term – your feedback is always helpful. A few questions about communications came up, so to clarify:

- **Emails from school**

We try to only use these for detailed communications, those that are specific to a class or year group or information that would not go in a public newsletter. We are aware that parents/carers can feel bombarded by emails so general information is in newsletters.

- **Medical Tracker**

We notify you of accidents etc. that have needed first aid using medical tracker to ensure you have been informed (children do tend to lose paper letters/stickers). These are notifications for your awareness, they do not include all of the details of the accident.

Most medical /first aid needs are met in school and children are well enough to stay e.g. a small head bump you need to be aware of but is not affecting the child.

If a medical issue may need more attention, e.g. a head bump where a child is showing signs of concussion or a child isn't responding to their asthma plan, we will call you directly – please make sure we have **at least 2 accurate numbers for emergencies**.

- **Emails to school**

The class email address will not be checked by teachers during the day. We do our best to be available for all parents/carers and aim to respond in a reasonable timeframe given the commitments of teachers and staff during a busy teaching day/week.

If you are reporting your child's **absence**, call the office or email

attendance@churchfields.q1e.org.uk . If you are **changing who is picking up your child** from the usual arrangement, please email the office admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk **before 2.30pm** and they can pass the message on to the teacher/after school club.

- **Newsletters**

This is sent to you regularly throughout the year by email and is also posted on our school website [HERE](#) . The purpose of the newsletter is to share key information with the whole school (for example, upcoming dates are always on the first page and term dates are on the last page), community information that may be of interest and to celebrate what is happening at school and beyond.

- **PTA Classlist**

This is optional for parents/carers to use to access PTA information, buy tickets etc. The school does not communicate directly through Classlist as not all families use this.

- **WhatsApp (or similar)**

You may choose to form or join groups for communications between families. The school does not use WhatsApp to communicate – our communications come directly from us in email or the newsletters. We don't monitor or participate in WhatsApp communications. These can be helpful communities but I would remind you that negative or personal comments about children, families or staff are rarely useful in resolving issues but often damage relationships.

Thank you for your support as always and I hope you have a lovely weekend,
Sarah Atherton, Headteacher



School Council Support Children in Need - Friday 15th November



BBC

Children in Need

Our wonderful school council team, who have been elected by their peers, have been meeting regularly over the past few weeks to plan and share ideas. They are very pleased to announce their first fundraising event which will be for Children in Need.

Friday 15th November will be a **non-uniform day** – all donations are gratefully received. They are also organising a **cake sale** – see below – and the staff are having a 'bake off' competition in the staffroom!



Churchfields School Council are proud to announce that they will be holding a cake sale after school on Friday November 15th. This is Children in Need Day and all of the profits raised will be going towards this worthy cause.

We would be extremely grateful for any donations - homemade or shop bought
(NO NUTS PLEASE)

Donations can be brought into school either through the main office or left with your child's class teacher.

We will sell the cakes outside the art room on the KS1 playground after school,
cash only



Karl Nova Captivates the Crowd



We were thrilled to welcome award-winning poet Karl Nova back to Churchfields this week. He had all of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 eagerly listening and participating in an assembly where he shared some of his life story and his poetry skills.

He then worked with each Year 6 class (who have been studying his book 'Rhythm and Poetry') to explore finding your voice through poetry and inspiring them to write their own pieces.

Hi Karl my name is Ted. I am 7 years old and I saw you today at primary school. I am really a big big fan of you and I have just brought one of your books because I love you as a fan so much. I can't wait to read it with my mum and dad. I love the bit when you said poetry and clicked as it made me think about writing poetry. I liked the story about the nan and the money one. I really really really want to get your autograph a lot. I won't forget you coming into school. I love the bit where you talked about the countries, it was very very very very funny. I was the one who was at the front second next to a teacher. Thanks Ted [redacted] at Churchfields

YESTERDAY AT 21:20

Hello! Thank you so much for this wonderful message. I enjoyed being at your school. Thank you for buying my book! I wish I could sign it for you!



Thanks again! :)

Ted in Year 3 wanted to send a message of thanks!

Peer Pressure

*In the classroom where the bright lights shine,
Your heart feels heavy, like a heavy vine,
The teacher calls you, and your hand starts to shake,
Like a tiny leaf on a branch in a quake.
Your voice is a whisper, like a breeze in the trees,
But the eyes all around fell like a swarm of bees.
Your friends laugh and chatter, but behind your back,
Their words are like shadows, ready to attack.
Like a puzzle with pieces that just don't fit,
You want to be brave, but you feel like you should quit.
Their whispers are raindrops, falling so near,
You wish for a moment that you could disappear.
But remember, dear heart, you're a bright shining star,
You're stronger than you think, no matter how far,
Stand tall like a mountain, don't let them bring you down,
For being yourself is the best kind of crown.
So when the teacher calls, take a deep breath in,
Let your words flow out, let your true self begin.
In the garden of friendship, let your colours show,
For being yourself is the best way to grow!*

Amelia, Year 6



Churchfields's Got Talent Returns!



Last academic year a small group of Year 6 children decided to run a talent show and when they left they passed on the baton to the current Year 6. The new organising committee have been working hard to put on the event open to Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 – please take a look below!

What can the acts be?

Each act has no longer than 3 minutes to show off their talent individually or in a small group.

It could be dancing, singing, comedy - anything creative!

Nothing rude, dangerous or acts involving pets allowed.

Auditions

Monday 25th November – 12.15 Maple, 12.45 Aspen

Tuesday 26th November – 12.15 Hickory, 12.45 Sycamore

Wednesday 27th November – 12.15 Sumac, 12.45 Hazel

Monday 2nd December – 12.15 Poplar, 12.45 Cherry

Tuesday 3rd December – 12.45 Olive

Wednesday 4th December – 12.45 Cypress

Thursday 5th December – 12.45 Oak

Friday 6th December – 12.45 Elm and Magnolia

The Finals

In the afternoon of Thursday 19th December, one act from each class, plus a 'wildcard' act for each year group, will perform in front of Years 2 – 6 and the panel of judges: Mr Matthews, Mrs Blundell and Miss Luker.

This is an event for the children and organised by the children – unfortunately we can't have parents/carers in the audience.

Every participant will get a certificate and a badge.

Each finalist will win a medal with a trophy for the overall winner on the day.

The judges' decisions are final – we want this to be fun, please don't be upset if you don't win – you'll all be great!

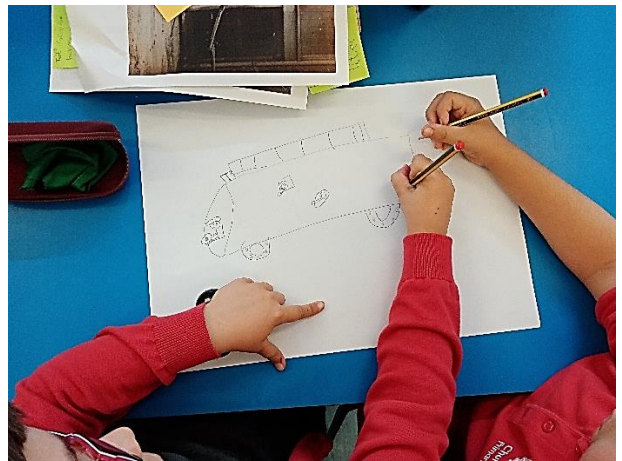
The Organising Committee



Year 2 Design and Technology: Fire Engines with Axles



Analysing



Designing



Making



Testing and evaluating

Amazing Achievements



Exciting News!

Coco, Zoe, Mani and Lyra have danced their way to the finals of the Lucy Lovick competition with their amazing street dance routine!

Join us in cheering them on and wishing them the best of luck for the big day on November 22nd!

Any good news, something to share or celebrate with the Churchfields community?

Please do email us on

admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk



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Sports News



Yesterday, we welcomed Farnborough School to our netball court for a round robin tournament. We had two teams, with one representing Year 5 and one representing Year 6. The games were very competitive and played with great spirit and sportsmanship. Over the course of the afternoon we won 5 games and drew one against Farnborough. We finished with a 7-a-side game between our two squads which the Year 6 team won 3 - 1.

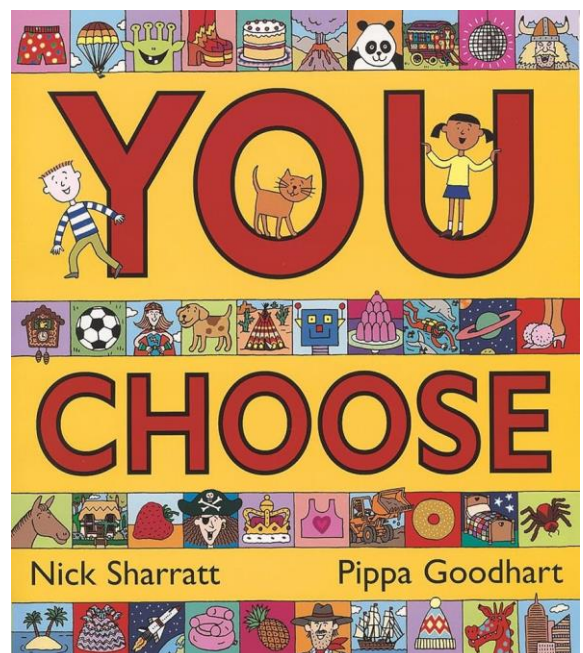
Birthday Book Donations

We really appreciate the birthday books that come into school to keep our libraries fresh and exciting – they can be new or one of your favourites from home.

Stuck for a new book?
Bored of reading the same old thing?
Need some inspiration?

The interactive tool on the Book Trust website <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/> is where you can get great recommendations.

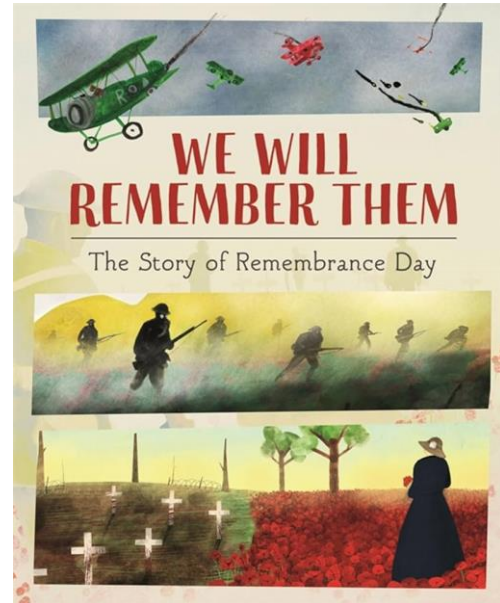
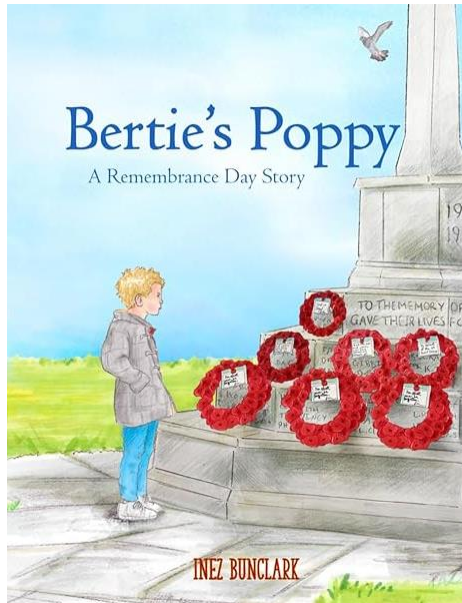
Enter your age and the types of book you like and it will give you lots of great titles to choose from!



Thank you Maddie and Happy 5th Birthday!



What have we been learning about in assembly?



With Remembrance Day fast approaching, the younger children learned about the traditions of Remembrance in the UK. The older children learned more about how it started after World War I and into World War II; the contribution of the Commonwealth countries and how Remembrance takes place across the world. They also learned about how the poppy became a symbol of Remembrance and how different coloured poppies are used to remember peace and groups who may have been forgotten.

We will be having a 2-minute silence in school at 11am on Monday 11th November.

Next week's theme: Anti-Bullying – Choose Respect

Workshops	Coffee Mornings	Parent/Carer Forums
<p><i>Find out how we teach and how you can support your child to succeed.</i></p> <p>Helping your child manage their emotions with Zones of Regulation 13.11.24 – 9.15am at school</p>	<p><i>Informal meetings with a range of leaders and guest speakers – at school, 9am.</i></p> <p>Inclusion/SEND 27.11.24 22.01.25</p> <p>ARC 11.12.24 05.02.25</p> <p>Early Years (Nursery and Reception) 13.11.24 15.12.25</p>	<p><i>Ask questions and share your views in an informal meeting with the Headteacher at school.</i></p> <p>Open forum – any topic New date: 21.11.24, 2pm 24.01.25, 9am 13.03.25, 9am</p> <p>Inclusion/SEND forum 18.11.24, 2pm 29.01.25, 9am 21.03.25, 9am</p>

With all of our busy lives, we know it's not possible to make all meetings available to all parents/carers – we aim to provide the content on our website and/or provide a summary in the next newsletter if you cannot attend.

We also regularly send surveys to families so you can share your views and ideas.



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Class Assemblies 2024/25

Class assemblies will be held in the school's Main Hall, starting promptly at 2.45pm.

Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
19.11.24	Year 6 Elm	14.01.25	Year 5 Olive	06.05.25	Year 2 Hickory
26.11.24	Year 6 Oak	21.01.25	Year 5 Cypress	13.05.25	Year 2 Maple
		28.01.25	Year 5 Cherry	10.06.25	Year 1 Rowan
		04.02.25	Year 4 Aspen	17.06.25	Year 1 Silver Birch
		04.03.25	Year 4 Hazel	24.06.25	Reception Palm
		11.03.25	Year 4 Sycamore	01.07.25	Reception Beech
		18.03.25	Year 3 Poplar		
		25.03.25	Year 3 Sumac		

Open Classrooms 2024/25

Come along to the classroom at 2.45pm so the children can show off their learning and work.

Spring term

22.01.25	Reception
27.01.25	Year 1
29.01.25	Year 2
30.01.25	Year 3
03.02.25	Year 5
05.02.25	Year 4
06.02.25	Year 6

Summer Term

05.06.25	Year 6
09.06.25	Reception
12.06.25	Year 1
16.06.25	Year 2
18.06.25	Year 3
19.06.25	Year 4
23.06.25	Year 5

Apple class, ARC Holly and ARC Magnolia will write to you separately about when the children will share their learning with you.

Parent/Carer Evenings 2024/25

Spring term

Wednesday 12th February, 3.45 – 6.30pm

Thursday 13th February, 3.45 – 6.30pm

Summer term

Wednesday 16th July, 3.45 – 5.30pm

Please note – in the summer term you will receive your child's end of year report before the parent/carers evening.

Special Events 2024/25

- Christmas concerts:
 - Reception: Tuesday 17th December, 9.30am in Main Hall at school
 - Years 1, 2: Monday 16th December, 2pm in Main Hall at school
 - Years 3, 4, 5, 6: Tuesday 17th December, 2pm at St Michael's Church
- World Book day: Thursday 6th March
- Churchfields Culture Celebration Week: Monday 31st March – Friday 4th April
- Sports days on school field:
 - Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and ARC Holly on Friday 23rd May, 9 – 11am
 - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 and ARC Magnolia on Friday 13th June, 9 – 11am



We are part of the Penge School Uniform Hub

Penge School Uniform Hub



Save money and the planet: buy preloved uniform!

**Sense charity shop,
104 High Street, Penge
(next to the Post Office)**

General uniform suitable for all schools available, as well as specifics for Alexandra, St John's and Churchfields Schools, with more coming soon!

Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm,
Sun 10am-4pm

Organised by Alexandra Junior School PTFA.
For more info, contact: treasurer@ajsptfa.org.uk
Supported by Penge BID



Penge School Uniform Hub!

Pre-loved Churchfields school uniform in sizes age 2 to 15 is now available 7 days a week from the Sense charity shop on Penge High Street. 100s of items in stock - so much it won't all fit on the shop floor, so please ask if you cannot find the size you need. **Dresses, skirts, trousers, shorts, jumpers and cardigans all £1. Polos shirts 50p.** This new collaboration between Sense Penge and multiple local primary schools means that parents now have a single one-stop-shop to find affordable second-hand school uniform for their primary age children.
All proceeds to the Sense charity.



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Term Dates 2024/25

Autumn Term 2024	Monday 2 nd September 2024	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	INSET – school closed to children
	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Children's first day back – Autumn 1
	Friday 25 th October 2024	Last day of Autumn 1
	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November 2024	Half Term Holidays
	Monday 4 th November 2024	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 5 th November 2024	Children's first day back – Autumn 2
	Friday 20 th December 2024	Last day of Autumn 2
	Monday 23 rd December 2024 to Friday 3 rd January 2025	Holidays
Spring Term 2025	Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Children's first day back – Spring 1
	Friday 14 th February 2025	Last day of Spring 1
	Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st February 2025	Half Term Holidays
	Monday 24 th February 2025	Children's first day back – Spring 2
	Friday 4 th April 2025	Last day of Spring 2
	Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April 2025	Holidays
Summer Term 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	INSET – school closed to children
	Wednesday 23 rd April 2025	Children's first day back – Summer 1
	Monday 5 th May 2025	School closed – Bank Holiday
	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Last day of Summer 1
	Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th May 2025	Half Term Holidays
	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Children's first day back – Summer 2
	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Last day of Summer 2 – finish at 1.30pm, After School Club until 4pm



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Term Dates 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025	Monday 1st September 2025	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 2nd September 2025	INSET – school closed to children
	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	Children's first day back – Autumn 1
	Friday 24 th October 2025	Last day of Autumn 1
	Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025	Half Term Holidays
	Monday 3rd November 2025	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 4 th November 2025	Children's first day back – Autumn 2
	Friday 19 th December 2025	Last day of Autumn 2
	Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026	Holidays
Spring Term 2026	Monday 5th January 2026	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Children's first day back – Spring 1
	Friday 13 th February 2026	Last day of Spring 1
	Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026	Half Term Holidays
	Monday 23 rd February 2026	Children's first day back – Spring 2
	Friday 27 th March 2026	Last day of Spring 2
	Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026	Holidays
Summer Term 2026	Monday 13th April 2026	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 14 th April 2026	Children's first day back – Summer 1
	Monday 4th May 2026	School closed – Bank Holiday
	Friday 22 nd May 2026	Last day of Summer 1
	Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2026	Half Term Holidays
	Monday 1 st June 2026	Children's first day back – Summer 2
	Friday 17 th July 2026	Last day of Summer 2 – finish at 1.30pm, After School Club until 4pm