



Dates for your Diary:

- Tuesday 16th July
 - Nursery and Reception September 2024 Welcome Picnic, 2pm
 - Year 6 Bikeability training
 - Parent/Carer Evening for Year 3 Baobab and Year 5 Cherry classes only, 3.45 – 5.30pm
- Wednesday 17th July
 - Year 6 Bikeability training
 - Parent/Carer Evening, 3.45 – 5.30pm
- Thursday 18th July
 - **NEW:** ARC coffee morning, 9am
 - Year 6 performances 2pm and 7pm, Main Hall
- Friday 19th July
 - Gymnastics club display for Parents/Carers – lunchtime and after school
 - PTA Circus on field, 4.30 – 8.30pm
- Monday 22nd July
 - Children meet their new teachers
 - Reception stay and play 10.15 – 11.00 – Parents/Carers drop off
 - **NEW:** ARC Leavers' picnic, 2.30pm
- Tuesday 23rd July
 - **NEW:** Inclusion forum for Parents/Carers, 9am
 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 2.30pm, Main Hall
- Wednesday 24th July
 - **Last day of school year, all classes finish at 1.30pm.** After school club 1.30 – 4.30pm (no ad hoc bookings)
- Thursday 25th July to Friday 30th August
 - **School closed for holidays**
 - Holiday childcare available every day, 8.30am – 5.15pm (except for Bank Holiday Monday 26th August). Discounts and payment plans available, [CLICK HERE for details](#)
- Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September
 - **School closed for INSET days**
- Wednesday 4th September
 - First day of Autumn 1 term for children



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are speeding towards the end of the school year and getting ready for the next! You should have received your child(ren)'s end of year report today – I thank the teachers for all of their work in completing assessments and writing reports, it's always the time when teachers have their highest workload. I am especially grateful as this hasn't meant that the teaching, learning and other events have stopped during this busy time for staff, as you will see in this newsletter.

You can discuss the report at the Parent/Carer evening next week – the bookings will open at 6pm tonight and close at 3pm on Monday. Children's books will be sent home in the last week of term.

You will also see an update on staff and classes for 2024/25 in my letter with the report – we have a strong team in place for next year, with extra capacity for supporting teaching and learning and SEND/additional needs in the school.

I hope you all have a great weekend, and for the football fans, a historic Sunday night!

Sarah Atherton
Headteacher

Don't forget: Wraparound Care payment changing in September

As I wrote to you on 19th April, **from September 2024, we will be changing to a system where you book and pay in advance for your childcare rather than being billed afterwards.** This can be a lump sum or by instalments.

This change is because we currently have a very significant amount in outstanding debts waiting to be paid to us which is making the wraparound care become unviable – it is an additional provision and we cannot and will not cover the debts from school funds intended for all children.

Further details on the new system will follow in the summer term, but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible so that you can plan ahead with your budgeting for next school year. As this will mean a change to how you pay for the childcare on offer, we will be freezing the prices for 2024/25 to help with planning for the costs.

School Council News



School council met with Michael Cleal from Harrisons today to give their feedback on the meals and the draft menu for autumn/winter next year.

The current menus are on our website here:

[Lunchtime menu](#)
[After School Club tea menu](#)

You can also feedback to Harrisons directly by completing their survey:

[Harrisons Meals Survey](#)



Reception 'Careers Day'

Reception children (and the ones disguised as spiderman and fairies) tried out all kinds of jobs today in the Pop-Up Play Village – they were vets, doctors, nursery nurses, construction and supermarket workers.



Year 6 Junior Citizens

Year 6 went to Beckenham Fire Station to learn more about keeping themselves safe – including some basic first aid with some great acting from the 'casualties'.





Year 3 Temple Visit



Year 3 visited the Lewisham Sivan Temple, finding out more about Hindu beliefs, gods, prayers and traditions.

Showcase of Musical Talent



The superfans came out on Tuesday night to see almost 60 children perform. The choir sang 4 songs and we had musicians playing guitar, piano and trumpet from Year 1 to Year 6.

Thank you to everyone who supports the children in their musical journey at home and at school and who made this event a great celebration. Thank you to the PTA for interval drinks and snacks!

Need some help?

Local Services

[Dyslexia Association of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich & Lewisham](#)

[Bayswater Support Group](#) - Gender Dysphoria Support for parents & carers

[Bromley Local Offer](#) - SEND services in Bromley Borough

[Kent Association for the Blind](#) - Children & Families Support Service

[Bromley Downs Syndrome Support Group](#)

[Bromley/Orpington Samaritans](#)

[Bromley Homeless Shelter & Foodbank](#)

[Bromley Living Well Foodbank](#) - Foodbank & a free community cafe in Penge

[Bromley Brighter Beginnings](#) - provides donations of clothes, toys & household goods for those in need. Referral needed.

[Bromley Foodbank](#) - referral needed

[Hays Community Foodbank](#) - no referral needed

[Bromley Citizens Advice Bureau](#)

[Bromley Healthcare 0-19](#) - Health care advice for children/young people in Bromley between 0-19 years of age

[Home-Start Bromley](#) - provides practical help & support for parent/carers of young children under the age of 5

[Talk Together Bromley](#) - Counselling Services



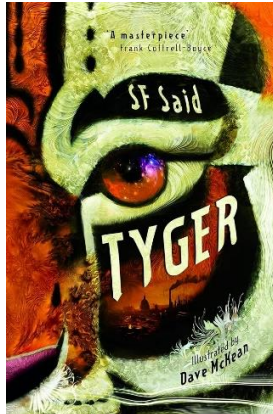
Churchfields News



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Birthday Book Donations



Happy birthday Natalia and thank you for 'Tyger'!



'Tyger' is another exciting adventure by the author of 'Varjak Paw' with brilliant illustrations like the one above by Dave McKean.

Is your birthday coming up?

We don't give out sweets or treats for our birthdays at Churchfields – bring a favourite book to share in our library instead!

Amazing Achievements



Tate in Year 3 came first place for his Kata at the BIKO Karate Championship in Nottingham and second place in the Kick Master Challenge – amazing! Congratulations also go to **Ivy** and **Eduard** who have achieved Grade 2 on the trumpet.

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

Please do email us on

admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk



If you are worried about something
If you are worried about someone else.....

ChildLine
0800 111111

You can talk to
ANYONE who works
for the school

Safeguarding is the
responsibility of EVERYONE



Our first priority is to ensure all children and adults are safe.

Please do talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or others in our community.



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Summer Reading Challenge

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#). Sign up for FREE at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.¹

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?


The Challenge will launch on **22 June** in Scotland and online; in England and Wales it will launch **6 July**. Local variations apply so please check with your library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](#) to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up!




SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP

 **25TH JULY - 30TH AUGUST**

 **Churchfields Primary School**
Churchfields Road, Beckenham, BR3 4QY

 **Age 3-11yrs**

 **8.15am - 5.15pm** (Half day options of
8.30am -12.30pm & 1pm - 5pm available)

 **£19 p/half day , £38 p/full day**

Contact Youngstars on

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 **campbookings@young-stars.co.uk**

 **www.young-stars.co.uk**

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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 2nd September 2024	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 3rd 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 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024	Half Term Holidays
	Monday 4th 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 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025	Holidays
Spring Term 2025	Monday 6th 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 17th to Friday 21st 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 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025	Holidays
Summer Term 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Children's first day back – Summer 1
	Monday 5th May 2025	School closed – Bank Holiday
	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Last day of Summer 1
	Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025	Half Term Holidays
	Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	Children's first day back – Summer 2
	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Last day of Summer 2