



Churchfields News



Quality First
Education Trust

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19th July 2024

Dates for your Diary:

- Monday 22nd July
 - Children meet their new teachers
 - Reception stay and play 10.15 – 11.00am – Parents/Carers drop off
 - ARC Leavers' picnic, 2.30pm
- Tuesday 23rd July
 - ~~Inclusion forum for Parents/Carers, 9am~~ – postponed to new academic year at parents' request
 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 2.30pm, Main Hall
- Wednesday 24th July
 - **Last day of school year, all classes finish at 1.30pm, own clothes.** 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,

Another great week with lots of learning and fun events for the children. We are looking forward to the circus tonight and thank the PTA and everyone who has volunteered to make this event run.

Occasionally we have families or members of the local community who want to contribute a general donation to the school and this goes into the 'School Fund'. This money is solely used to help every child access what the school can offer, whatever their family circumstances may be. For example, help with the cost of residential trips. Donations can be anonymous and are very gratefully received - the details are to the right.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Sarah Atherton
Headteacher



School Fund

Account Name: Churchfields Primary School - School Fund

Account Number: 38773060

Sort Code: 30-65-41



2024: A Summer of Reading

GET CAUGHT READING

This summer, send us a photo of you, your family, (and your pets?) reading for us to share – it doesn't matter where and it doesn't matter what!

Let's celebrate a summer of reading together!

Great Places to Read Books

*It's lovely to read in the bathtub
(but be careful the book doesn't slip!)
You can read while you sit in a door frame
(but don't cause someone to trip)!*

*You can read while under the covers
(with the help of a secret flashlight).
You can climb up a tree and read there
(as long as you're not scared of heights)!*

*You can read in a tent if you're camping
(or out in the woods on a hike).
Or read whilst you sip hot cocoa
(by a fireplace if you'd like).*

*You can read on a bus or a subway
(but make sure you don't miss your stop)!
You can read while you swing in a hammock
(but don't swing too hard or you'll plop)!*

*You can read while you lounge in a beach chair
(wear an SPF that is strong).
You can read while you sit on the toilet
(but don't stay there too long)!*

*You can read by yourself in silence,
Or read out loud with a friend.
You can go see your local librarian,
And ask what books they'd recommend!*

Sarah Kay

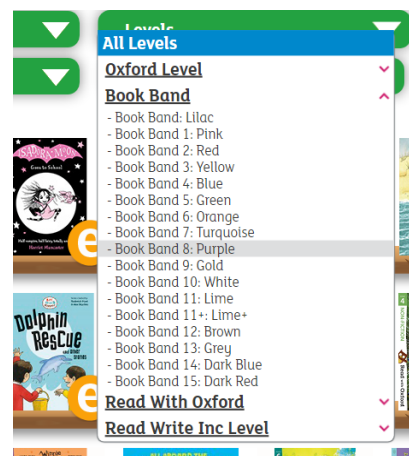
Reading Books for Home

Please **return all school reading books** (Big Cat series) by the end of term.

Children can borrow books from the libraries for summer reading.

There are **free banded reading books from Nursery to Year 5** on the [Oxford Owl website](#) to help children practise their phonics and reading skills.

When you go on the site, go to 'All levels' and choose 'Book Band' as below and you will see the colours of book you are familiar with. These are approximately equivalent difficulty to the Big Cat books we use in school.



For the older children, the colours above Lime+ are as below:

- Brown = Copper (typical Year 3)
- Grey = Topaz (typical Year 3/4)
- Dark blue = Ruby (typical Year 5)
- Dark red = Emerald (typical Y4/Y5)



Visit your Library

Libraries have great selections of banded books and general books to borrow.

You can join the summer reading challenge or attend an event (see details below)!



ARC Harvest their Crops



We harvested our French beans last week. Our sunflowers are doing well and we also planted some pumpkins.

Welcome to Nursery and Reception 2024



We welcomed all of the children joining Nursery and Reception in September along to a welcome picnic on Tuesday – they could even bring their families and teddy bears along too. We can't wait to see you all again in September!

Year 6 Get on Their Bikes



Our second group of Year 6 children completed their Bikeability training this week, learning how to ride safely out on the roads – a great skill to have!



Year 3 Pizza Parlour

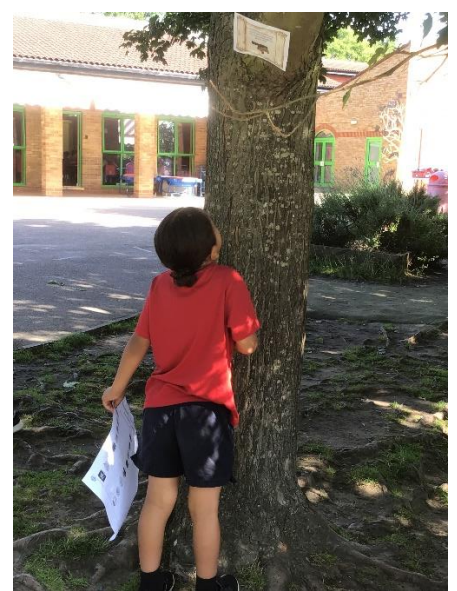


Year 3 had a great time designing and making their pizzas with a selection of bases and toppings in Design and Technology this week.

They were cooked in the oven and then came the best bit . . . the tasting!



Year 2 Treasure Hunt



Year 2 were on the hunt for clues this morning - they had to use their maths skills to solve them and find the treasure!

Two Types of Slam in One Day

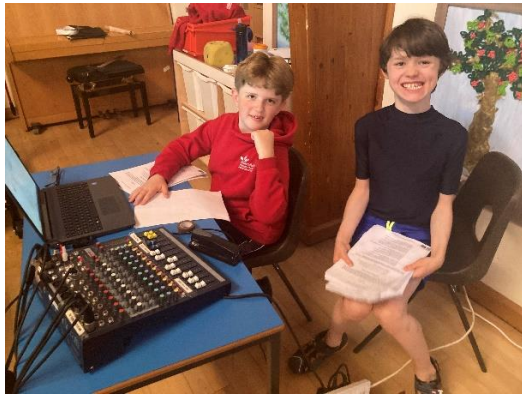


Year 4 have been writing some fantastic poetry inspired by Joseph Coelho. Today, we held a poetry slam where children from all three classes shared and celebrated their poems.

Finalists of the Year 5 Story Slam competition reading out their pieces to the year group. Some excellent authors in Year 5!



It's Showtime for Year 6!

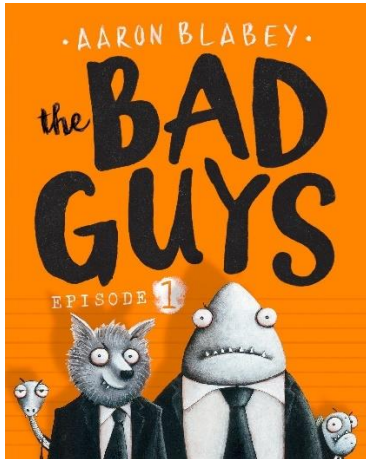


Year 6 gave three performances of their show 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' – first to the children in the school and their younger siblings and then a matinee and evening performance on Thursday to their families.

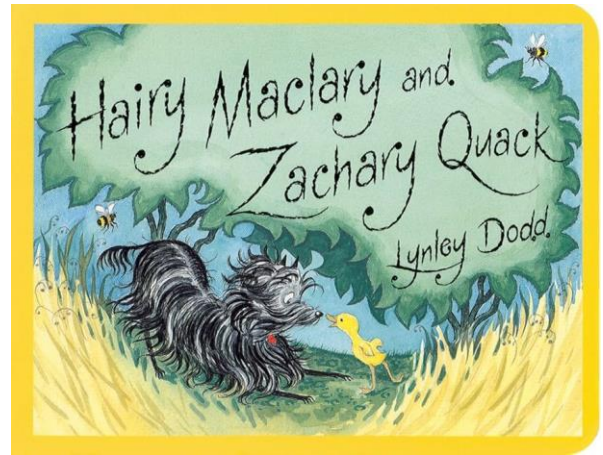
The cheers were loud and enthusiastic in all three – we are really proud of their efforts!



Birthday Book Donations



Happy birthday Oscar and thank you for 'The Bad Guys'!



Thanks you for this classic books and many happy returns to Lachlan!

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



Adela (right) and her older sister performed a very impressive salsa dance routine at a recent celebration of Columbian culture - her class really enjoyed the video of the dance and we can tell she loved performing it just from this picture!

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

Please do email us on

admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk



Young Carers Club



A Young Carer is a person aged 4-19 who looks after someone in their home. This could mean looking after a parent, sibling, grandparent or family friend, who has a disability or long-term illness.

We are starting a Young Carers club. The club will have monthly lunches together, regular group activities and outings, just for them!

If you believe one, or more, of your children is a Young Carer, please complete the form on the link <https://forms.gle/3P4VooSV25gaxtep9>

This is the first step in our new Young Carer support initiative – more information will be coming soon...

Debi Baldwin, Lisa McAndrew & Sally White
Young Carer Team

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



What's on at the Bromley Libraries?

It is best to contact the individual libraries directly for details and for booking, if needed. The Children's Team have organised two external events for each library and these are listed below.

Jams Owls

Jams Owls will be bringing along owls to each of our libraries giving a short talk followed by a chance to hold one of the owls

Thurs 1st August: Biggin Hill Library: 10.30-11.30am

Thurs 8th August: Chislehurst Library: 10.30-11.30am & Petts Wood: 2.30-3.30pm

Mon 12th August: Central Library: 10.30-11.30am & Mottingham: 2.30-3.30pm

Thurs 15th Aug: St Paul's Cray Library: 10.30-11.30am

Tues 13th August: Hayes Library: 10.30-11.30am & Shortlands: 2.30-3.30pm

Mon 19th August: West Wickham Library (temp accommodation): 10.30-11.30am & Orpington 2.30-3.30pm

Tues 20th Aug: Beckenham (temp accommodation): 2.30-3.30pm

Thurs 22nd Aug: Penge Library: 2.30-3.30pm

Cool Cases

Use colourful textile techniques to transform an ordinary fabric pencil case into a dazzling design with artist Momtaz Begum-Hossain. Ages 7-15 years.

Fri 16th August: West Wickham Library: 10.30-11.30am

Fri 16th August: Penge Library: 2.30-3.30pm

Fri 23rd August: Chislehurst Library: 10.30-11.30am

Fri 23rd August: Biggin Hill Library: 2.30-3.30pm

Kunda Kids

Kunda Kids are a children's EdTech and media company and will be doing a Summer Reading Challenge Marvellous Makers storytelling and craft session at the following libraries:

Mon 29th July: Orpington Library: 10-11am

Mon 29th July: Mottingham Library: 2.30-3.30pm

Fri 2nd Aug: Petts Wood Library: 10-11am

Fri 2nd Aug: St Paul's Cray Library: 2.30-3.30pm

Alom Shaha

Alom is a children's author and scientist, and will be running a Summer Reading Challenge Marvellous Makers craft activity making toys including Balancing Birds, Balloon-powered Cars, and magically moving Bewildering Beans at the following libraries:

Friday, 9th August - Bromley Central Library

Thursday 15th August - Hayes Library

Friday 23rd - Shortlands Library

Children's Team Puppet Show and Craft Activity 4-8 years and parents/carers:

Wed 7th August - 10.30-11.30am: Penge Library



THE
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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

 **07749 343116**

 **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

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| 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 22nd April 2025 | INSET – school closed to children |
| | Wednesday 23 rd 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 2 nd June 2025 | Children's first day back – Summer 2 |
| | Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 | Last day of Summer 2 |