



Upcoming dates:

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

- **School closed** – half term holiday
- Childcare available on site [Click here for details and to book](#)

Thursday 31st October

- **DEADLINE:** Applications for Year 7 September 2025 must be submitted by midnight

Monday 4th November

- **School closed** – INSET day

Tuesday 5th November

- Children's first day back, start and finish at the usual times
- **NEW:** School council selling poppies for Poppy Appeal until Friday (see below)

Wednesday 6th November

- Poet Karl Nova in school with Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (postponed from October)

Thursday 7th November

- PTA meeting, 7pm at school – everyone welcome

Tuesday 12th November

- 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

Tuesday 12th November

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

Friday 15th November

- ARC trip to the London Aquarium
- **Reminder:** Children in Need non-uniform day, all donations welcome

Monday 18th November

- **NEW:** 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

Friday 22nd November

- **NEW:** Year 3 Roman workshop at school



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week and it was great to see so many of you at our Parent/Career evenings this week – we really appreciate you taking the time to come in and discuss how we can support your child's learning and wellbeing together. I thank the teachers for the extra preparation and long evenings (with lots of talking) that these evenings entail. These scheduled dates are short catch ups and, as always, if you want to discuss any matter about your child, you can make a time to meet the teacher when you see them on the playground or by emailing the class email address.

If you haven't already, please do share your views with me on this open survey: [Parent/Carer Feedback October 2024](#) . It asks two questions:

- o What is working well at school for my child(ren)/family?
- o What could school do better?

You don't have to leave your name but if there is something specific you would like me to follow up with you, please do put it in your answer so I can get in touch with you.

I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 5th November** at the usual times.

Sarah Atherton
Headteacher



Thank you to our wonderful community!



Six crates of food were donated to the Living Well Bromley Harvest Festival appeal – well done to School Council for organising the event!



Over 500 toothbrushes/tubes of toothpaste have been donated by you for the Bromley Brighter Beginnings Christmas Bag appeal – thank you!



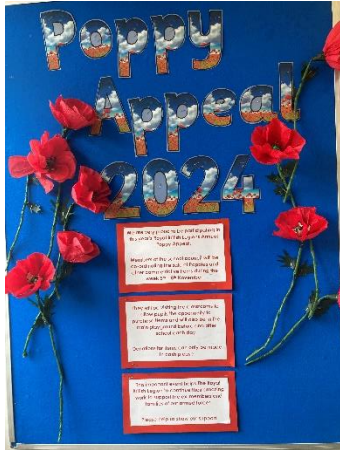
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Poppy Appeal 2024



During the week **5th - 8th November**, our school council members will be organising our annual British Legion Poppy appeal. They will have a range of poppy themed items that they will be taking around the classrooms during the week for anyone who would like to make a (cash only) donation to this important cause. They will also be on the main playground during the week, directly before and after school.

Personalised Christmas Items



Please keep an eye out for a sample Christmas card featuring your child's artwork, which they will be bringing home before the end of the half term.

If you would like to order any items featuring their original design please follow the instructions on the card.

Orders need to be placed **before midday 8th November**.

Year 5 Debate the Big Issues



On Wednesday, Year 5 debated the issue of whether we should 'Just Stop Oil'. This was a culmination of the learning this half-term where we have looked at the pros and cons of different energy sources. The two sides presented their arguments before answering questions on the topic and summarising their points of view.

A fantastic well done to Maya, Claudia, Magnus, Bea, Natalia and Billy who showed great knowledge, confidence and understanding to present the opposing views in such a thoughtful way.

Thank you also to Miss Tarbuck who worked with the children preparing them for the event.



Amazing Achievements



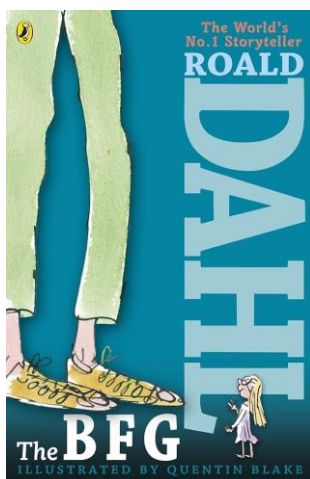
Congratulations to Thea in Year 5 who has won her second ever show jumping competition! She came 1st out of 37 in the 50cm jump (all different ages, she was one of the youngest) and was first out into the arena as well. Her family are super proud of her as are we!

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

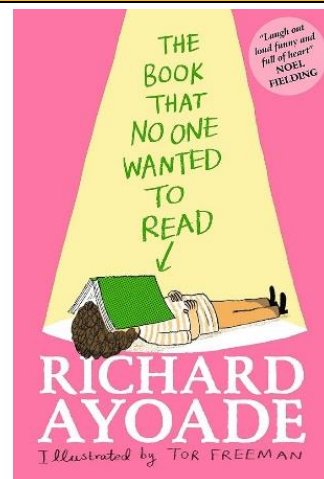
Please do email us on

admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk

Birthday Book Donations



Thank you Freddie for this classic tale – happy birthday!



Happy birthday Lily and thank you for this very funny book!

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!



What have we been learning about in assembly?



We learned about the festival of Diwali celebrated by millions of Hindus, Jains and Sikhs around the world. The younger children learned about the traditions of Diwali and the older children heard the story of 'Rama and Sita' and how it represents victory of light over darkness and good over evil.

Next week's theme: Remembrance Day

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 25.11.24, 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.



Can you spare some time? Reading volunteers needed



Could you (or any adult family member) spare an hour each week to hear children in our school read?

Last year, we were lucky enough to have a fantastic team of parents who came into school to hear readers from Reception to Year 6. We'd love to hear from you if you would like to help this year.

Volunteers come into school for approximately one hour in the afternoon and we can work around your availability. Training and support on what to do is provided and all help is **hugely** appreciated.

If you are interested, please email admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk and let us know:

- Your name and best contact email address
- Your children's class/es (we try to place you in a different year group if possible)
- Your availability in the afternoons
- Whether you have volunteered before and attended the zoom training session
- Whether we have previously issued a DBS for you to be a reading volunteer, if not, we can apply for one for you





Class Assemblies 2024/25

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

Autumn Term

19.11.24 Year 6 Elm
26.11.24 Year 6 Oak

Spring Term

14.01.25 Year 5 Olive
21.01.25 Year 5 Cypress
28.01.25 Year 5 Cherry
04.02.25 Year 4 Aspen
04.03.25 Year 4 Hazel
11.03.25 Year 4 Sycamore
18.03.25 Year 3 Poplar
25.03.25 Year 3 Sumac

Summer Term

06.05.25 Year 2 Hickory
13.05.25 Year 2 Maple
10.06.25 Year 1 Rowan
17.06.25 Year 1 Silver Birch
24.06.25 Reception Palm
01.07.25 Reception Beech

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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	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