



Upcoming dates:

Monday 30th September

- Year 6 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm

Tuesday 1st October

- How we teach maths workshop – for parents/carers of children in Reception to Year 6
 - In person, 2pm in the Main Hall at school
 - Online, 5.30pm on Zoom (see separate email for link)

Wednesday 2nd October

- ARC coffee morning with Monique (Speech and language Therapist), 9am

Thursday 3rd October

- Year 5 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm

Friday 4th October

- Year 4 trip to the Science Museum
- Parent/Carer Forum with Headteacher – any topic, 9am at school

Monday 7th October

- Year 3 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm

Tuesday 8th October

- Year 4 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm
- **NEW:** Karl Nova, award winning poet, in school – see below for details

Friday 11th October

- **Change of date:** Parent/Carer Forum with Headteacher – inclusion focus, 9am at school (changed from 10th October, with apologies)

Monday 14th October

- Year 1 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm

Tuesday 15th October

- Reading beyond phonics (Years 3 – 6) workshop for parents/carers, 9.15am at school

Wednesday 16th October

- Inclusion coffee morning, 9am at school
- Year 2 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm

Tuesday 22nd October

- Reception Open Classrooms – 2.45pm

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October

- Parent/Carer Evenings to meet with teachers, 3.45 – 6.30pm



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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,
We can't believe it's already October next week – we have had a really strong start to the school year with lots of good things to come. I've been told that the council have recruited a **new lollipop person** who should be starting in the next few weeks – fingers crossed! Lots of news for you below, including **term dates for 2025/26** on the final page. Finally, I'm really pleased that we are offering **Parent Gym, free parenting workshops**, at school starting in late October – more details below. I hope you all have a lovely weekend,
Sarah Atherton, Headteacher

Churchfields Tours

Secondary School Open Days

Do you or a friend, family member or neighbour have a child starting Nursery or Reception in September 2025 or looking for a school place in Years 1 - 6?
We have a number of tour dates available as well as our virtual tour video on our website [here](#) . We can also offer individual tours as necessary. Help us spread the word about our school!

Secondary schools tend to only offer open days and tours this half term.
If your child is in Year 6 (and we would also recommend visiting schools in Year 5 as well), you can find the Bromley state schools and application information [here](#) - each school will also have details of open days/tours on their websites. Do take your child with you to have a look – if you can, please bring them in to school to register and then sign them out to keep their attendance up!

Workshops

Coffee Mornings

Parent/Carer Forums

Find out how we teach and how you can support your child to succeed.

How we teach maths

01.10.24 – 2pm at school and 5.30pm on Zoom

Reading beyond phonics (Years 3 – 6)

15.10.24 - 9.15am at school

NEW: Helping your child manage their emotions with Zones of Regulation

13.11.24 – 9.15am at school

Informal meetings with a range of leaders and guest speakers – at school, 9am.

Inclusion/SEND -

16.10.24
27.11.24

ARC

02.10.24 (with Monique, speech and language therapist)

11.12.24

Early Years (Nursery and Reception)

13.11.24
15.12.25

Ask questions and share your views in an informal meeting with the Headteacher at school.

Open forum – any topic

04.10.24, 9am
25.11.24, 2pm
24.01.25, 9am

Inclusion/SEND forum

Change of date to: 11.10.24, 9am
18.11.24, 2pm
29.01.25, 9am

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.



parentgym

Sign up for six weeks of free parenting workshops

Have happier
and more
confident child

Get your
children to open
up and talk
more

Feel calmer
and have more
fun time with
your family

"No matter whether you are acing this parenting game or feel like you are struggling, there are ideas and learnings and sharing opportunities. So grateful to have had access to this resource, so a big thank you to both Parent Gym and my school."

Limited places

Worth £1000 per parent,
available free of charge.



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Parent Gym is coming to Churchfields



We know from talking with parents and carers that many of you wonder what you can do to give your children the best start in life (and make your life as a parent/carer a bit easier too).

This is why we're delighted to offer Parent Gym, a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive. The sessions are run by a trained parenting coach from Parent Gym.

All parents and carers are welcome to apply and places will be filled on a first come first served basis. Through our relationship with Parent Gym, the programme is free of charge to you.

Each weekly session lasts two hours, and will take place in Juniper Room (refreshments available) on Tuesdays as below:

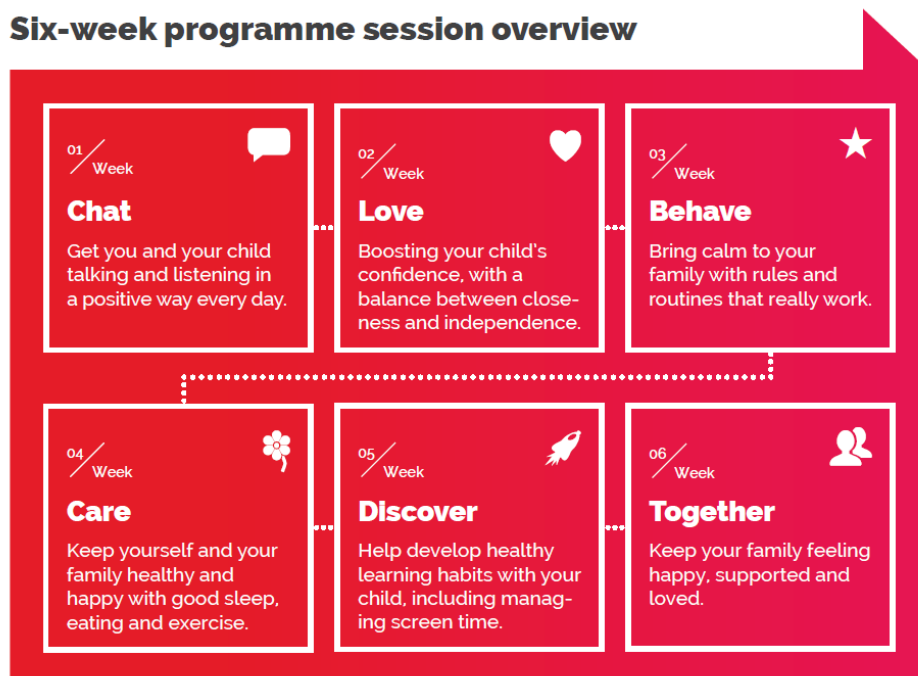
- 22nd October, 2.15 – 3.00pm: Taster (45 mins) – meet the coach, find out about the sessions
- 5th November, 1 – 3pm: Chat (2 hours)
- 12th November, 1 – 3pm: Love (2 hours)
- 19th November, 1 – 3pm: Behave (2 hours)
- 26th November, 1 – 3pm: Care (2 hours)
- 3rd December, 1 – 3pm: Discover (2 hours)
- 10th December, 1 – 3pm: Together (2 hours)

Want to know more? There is a short online video [CLICK HERE](#) or contact Miss McAndrew at school lisa.mcandrew@churchfields.q1e.org.uk

To confirm your place, please register on this link [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

If we have high demand and run out of places, we will look to run another course in the new year.

Six-week programme session overview





School Council Need Your Help

Our new school councillors have been elected by their peers and are keen to get going! Their first action is to organise a Harvest collection of the items below, all donations will go to Living Well Bromley.

**AUTUMN
HARVEST
FESTIVAL**

TINNED TOMATOES
TINNED SOUP
CEREAL
BISCUITS
DEODORANT

**PLEASE
DONATE
BY 18TH
OCTOBER**

DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE



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





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Karl Nova Returns to Churchfields – Tuesday 8th October

Karl Nova will be visiting school to share his talents with us! Years 3 – 6 will have an assembly with him and Year 6, who are studying his award-winning book *'Rhythm and Poetry'*, will have workshops to inspire their writing. If you would like to order a book for Karl to sign, please use the codes below!

Hello

We are thrilled to tell you that rap poet Karl Nova is coming to your school!

Karl's sessions aim to nurture and develop students' skills and enthusiasm towards reading, writing and poetry.

Books are available to order now - scan the QR code to buy online, or order through school if this is supported (cash/parentpay etc).

Karl will sign and personalise the books!

Authors Abroad



Karl Nova

Karl Nova is one of the UK's leading poets and hip hop artists delivering his work in his own unique, witty and energetic style.

Born and raised in London, as well as Lagos, Karl always found it difficult to fit in. This reflects in his music because he speaks as one who knows what it is like to be on the margins, in a world where conformity seems to be the key in gaining acceptance. He has always been one to defy expectations and go against the grain. Karl has also recently won the CLIPPA 2018 Award, and one of the UK's most prestigious literary awards "The Ruth Rendell Award 2020"



Rhythm & Poetry

£6.99

In Karl Nova's award winning debut, the beauty of rap lyricism and Hip Hop influenced poetry is displayed with wit, humour and positivity. A lot of the verses have already impacted many lives as he travels and delivers them with his unique and energetic style.



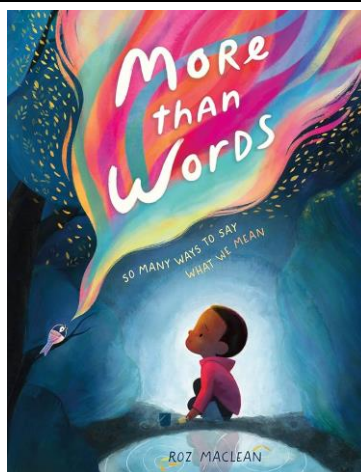
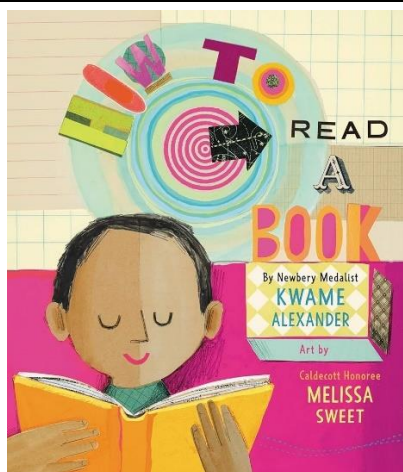
The Curious Case of Karl Nova

£6.99

A collection of very personal poetry based on his own unique story. From the UK to Nigeria, and back again, Karl seeks to share his life journey, and explain how it has shaped who he has become today in this very particular and curious case....



What have we been learning about in assembly?



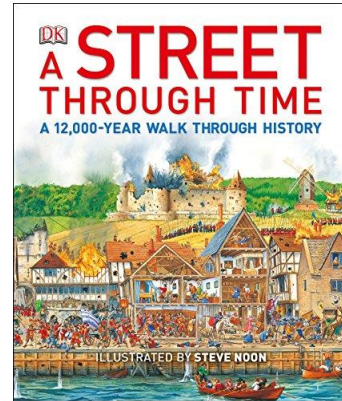
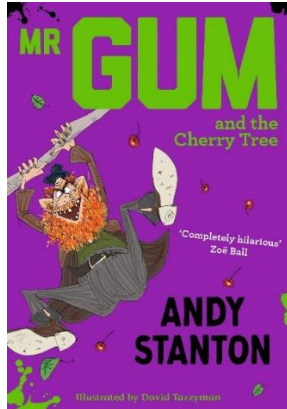
THANKS/PLEASE

Last week, we thought about how reading can enrich our lives to recognise UNESCO International Day of Literacy. This week, we have been looking at how people can communicate in all kinds of ways with a special focus on British Sign Language.

Next week's theme: National Poetry Day



Birthday Book Donations

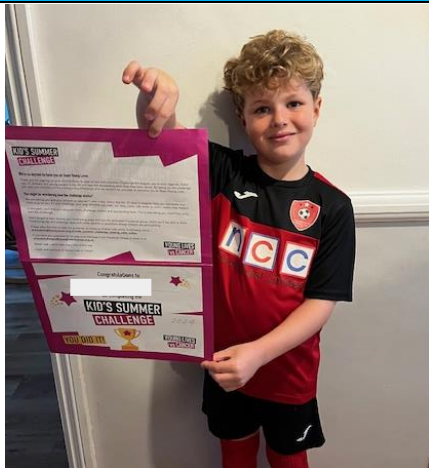


Thank you and happy birthday to Matilda – this looks like a funny one!

A really interesting non-fiction read from Jonah, thank you and happy birthday!

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.

Amazing Achievements



Stanley spent part of his summer this year raising money for charity. He managed to raise £100 by walking, running and jumping!



Here's Ada proudly showing her certificate. She has completed and collected lots of brownie badges and received a Bronze award for her efforts.



Georgia (left) was very excited to receive a Blue Peter music badge recently, and wanted to share this news! This was for her achievement in performing in a dancing and drama show on stage and recording a song in a recording studio for fun.

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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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.

Autumn Term

30.09.24 Year 6
03.10.24 Year 5
07.10.24 Year 3
08.10.24 Year 4
14.10.24 Year 1
16.10.24 Year 2
22.10.24 Reception

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

Autumn term

Wednesday 23rd October, 3.45 – 6.30pm
Thursday 24th October, 3.45 – 6.30pm

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, 3: Monday 16th December, 2pm at St Michael's Church
 - Years 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



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South London
Children and Young
People's Community
Immunisation Service

Protect your child from flu this winter!



The Bromley School Immunisation team
will be visiting your child's school soon



For more information
on the Children's Flu
vaccine, search:
"NHS Children's Flu"

Scan the QR code to
complete the Flu
consent form

Contact the Bexley
School Immunisation
team on: 020 3903 3375



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 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



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NEW: Term Dates 2025/26

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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