



# Churchfields News



Quality First  
Education Trust

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16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** INSET day – school closed to children

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** First day of Spring term, return to school at the usual times

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Football team trials open to all children as below:

- Boys in Year 5 and Year 6
- Girls in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

8.00am – 8.45am - come to all three sessions if you can, or just one. Entrance by the Nursery gate

**NEW: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

Workshops on Zoom for Year 3 – 6 Parents/Carers about how to help your child learn their times tables, 1.30 – 2.30pm and 6 – 7pm (the content is the same in each session)

**REMINDER: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Deadline to apply for Reception places starting in September 2023

**NEW: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Spring Term Parent/Carer evenings after school

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've come to the end of the longest term of the school year and have had the extra excitement of snow on Monday (and ice to tackle for the rest of the week).

We had a wonderful week of concerts and are grateful to join together as a community and celebrate the children's performances. Thank you for making time in your busy schedules to come and support the children and for your enthusiastic clapping and cheering. It means so much to them and makes memories for you and your families.

Our youngest children have shown us how much confidence and independence they have gained in just a few months and Year 6 children finished off the term and their learning about World War 2 with a VE day today – sharing their ration book cooking, dressing up, dancing and learning about how Mrs Holland's father survived the sinking of his submarine.

In the new year we will be offering a range of ways that you as our parents/carers can come into the school to talk with me, the team and to see your children in action. Look out for dates in our coming newsletters. In the meantime, I and the rest of the team wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023!

Sarah Atherton  
Headteacher



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



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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## Farewell and Welcome



We say goodbye and good luck to Mr Oliveri today after four years with us. He is moving to work at a school closer to his home. We thank him for his service and wish him well.

Mrs Wakefield (left) will be joining us and teaching Ash class from January. She has been in school over the last two weeks getting to know the school and the class, including the Christmas performance! We're sure you'll join us in making her welcome.

## A New Arrival



Miss Maxwell has had a girl, Cleo, born at 8.28 on 10th December weighing 7lb15oz and doing well. We send them our love.

## Correction

The script for the Year 4 – 6 performance described Nazareth as being located in modern-day Israel rather than in Roman Palestine at the times of Jesus.

We apologise for any upset caused by this.

## Enrichment Clubs in Spring



The details of all of the clubs available and links to join them are now on our website: [Click here](#)  
There are new clubs on offer from more football opportunities to cheerleading, science, tennis, cooking and cardboard engineering.  
We will continue to work on expanding these further and thank you for your recommendations!

## Reading over the Holidays



If there's one 'school' thing to do over the holidays, it's to read, read, read!

All children have been encouraged to bring books from the library home with them and children on banded books have access to Bug Club for even more books to enjoy.

## Tree Works



When you return in January some of the trees on site will be smaller or have been cut down altogether for safety reasons.

All of the trunks and large branches will be shredded and recycled/reused as biomass.



## Reception Shine in the Nativity



## Year 3 – 6 Parent/Carer Workshop – Times Tables

The National Curriculum states that by the end of Year 4, pupils should know their times table facts up to 12 x 12 and have introduced a test called the 'Multiplication Tables Check' to be taken in June for all children in Year 4.

Having quick recall of times tables facts gives children a solid foundation in mathematics that will help them work out a variety of calculations easily and quickly. Knowing times tables facts provides the building blocks for understanding learning in Years 4, 5 and 6, such as long multiplication, long division, fractions and fraction of numbers, algebra and solving word problems.

To help parents/carers with strategies to support children learning their times tables in Years 3 - 6 we are pleased to offer a virtual 'workshop' on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30-2.30pm and again at 6-7pm. The content is the same in each session, the link will be emailed to you all nearer the time.



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## Year 6 'VE Day'





## Gardeners Plant for Spring

The children in gardening club picked the ripe tomatoes and also enjoyed tasting them. They even showed them to their classmates and answered questions. They have also been planting the bulbs which parents and carers have generously donated. Can't wait to see them all bloom in spring! We've also applied to become part of the 'Superbloom 2023' project, run by Historic Royal Palaces.

Anyone can come and join us the next time you see us out planting at lunchtime!

Mrs Madhavan



## Football Team Trials



**Team trials (open to all children in the year groups below):**

- Boys in Year 5 and Year 6
- Girls in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

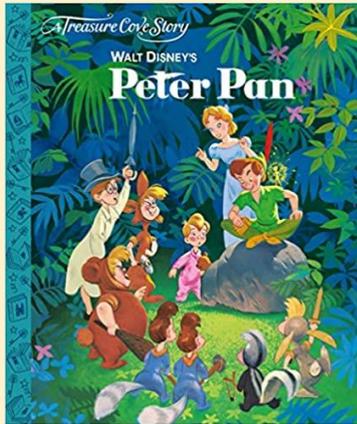
Trials will take place from 8.00 – 8.45am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 12<sup>th</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> January for boys and girls - come to all three sessions if you can, or just one.

Entrance will be by the Nursery gate.

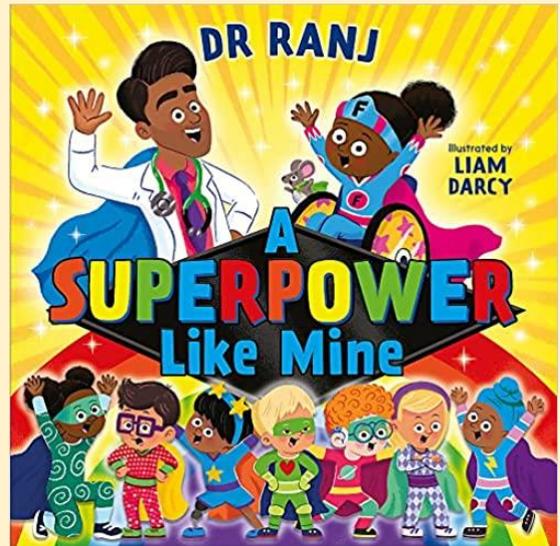
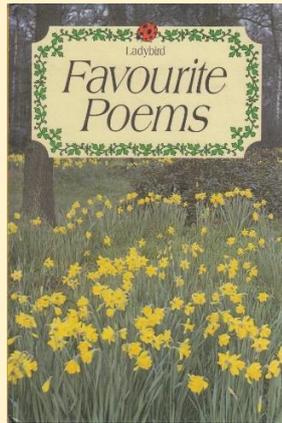


## Birthday Book Donations

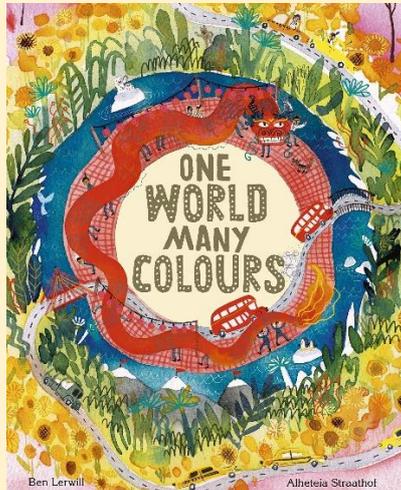
A bumper week for birthdays – happy birthday and thank you to you all!



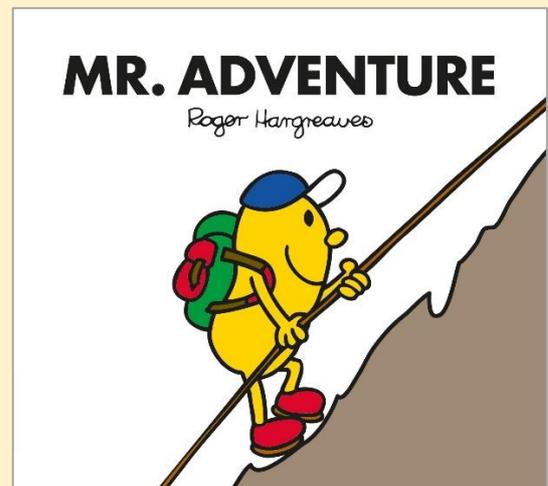
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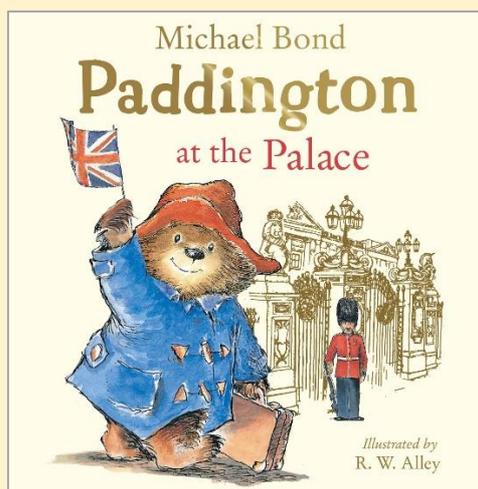
Holly



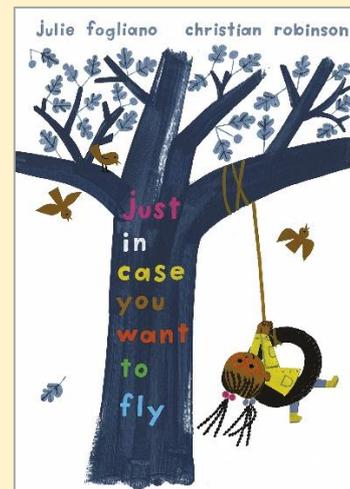
Oliver



Jacob



Sophie



Rosa



## Class Assembly Dates 2022/23

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

### Spring Term

26.01.23	Oak
02.02.23	Silver Birch
02.03.23	Hickory
09.03.23	Sumac
16.03.23	Olive
23.03.23	Ash

### Summer Term

04.05.23	Cherry
11.05.23	Rowan
18.05.23	Palm
25.05.23	Acer
15.06.23	Beech

## Term Dates 2022/23

### Autumn Term 2022

Last day of Autumn 2 term: Friday 16 December

### Spring Term 2023

Inset Day: Tuesday 3 January – school closed to children

First day of Spring 1 term: Wednesday 4 January

Last day of Spring 1 term: Friday 10 February

Spring half term holiday: Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February

First day of Spring 2 term: Monday 20 February

Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 31 March

### Summer Term 2023

Inset Day: Monday 17 April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1 term: Tuesday 18 April

Bank holiday: Monday 1 May – school closed to children

Bank holiday: Monday 8 May – school closed to children

Last day of Summer 1 term: Friday 26 May

Spring half term holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Inset Day: Monday 5 June – school closed to children

First day of Summer 2 term: Tuesday 6 June

Last day of Summer 2 term: Friday 21 July

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## Term Dates 2023/24

### **Autumn Term 2023**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	INSET days, school closed to children
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	First day of Autumn 1 term
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Last day of Autumn 1 term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Autumn half term holiday
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	First day of Autumn 2 term
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Last day of Autumn 2 term

### **Spring Term 2024**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	First day of Spring 1 term
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Last day of Spring 1 term
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Spring half term holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	First day of Spring 2 term
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Last day of Spring 2 term

### **Summer Term 2024**

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	First day of Summer 1 term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	May Bank Holiday, school closed
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Last day of Summer 1 term
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Summer half term holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	First day of Summer 2 term
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Last day of Summer 2 term