



Dates for your diary:

Open Classrooms

Year 1 – Monday 23rd January, 2.45pm. Please come to the Nursery gate.

Year 3 – Wednesday 25th January, 2.45pm. Please come to the Nursery gate.

Nursery – Friday 27th January, 2.45pm. Please come to the Nursery gate.

Oak Class Assembly

Thursday 26th January, 2.45pm in the Main Hall. Please come to the wraparound care entrance by the main office.

Football team trials – extra date added

NEW: Thursday 26th January, 8.00am – 8.45am. Entrance by the Nursery gate.

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

REMINDER: Tuesday 7th February

Deadline to apply for Nursery places starting in September 2023

REMINDER: Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February

Spring Term Parent/Carer evenings after school

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a real pleasure to see so many of you in school this week and I thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to support your children and the school.

It was great to have parents, carers, grandparents and super-fans admiring the children's work in our Open Classroom sessions for Year 2 and Year 4. We look forward to welcoming you to the Nursery, Year 1 and Year 3 classrooms next week.

Thank you also to the 30 or so parents and carers who attended one of the forums with me this week. It was great to talk with so many of you about the school and how we want to improve what we can offer together. We will hold these sessions regularly during the year so watch this pace for future dates.

One of the common questions was about the proposed strike action by the National Education Union that was announced this week. We will look to manage this with respect towards and in the best interests of children, families and staff. Staff have the right to not have to disclose whether they are a member of any union or whether they intend to strike, however, we will endeavour to get more information out to you next week as there is the possibility that some or all of the classes will be closed on the proposed strike days of Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend,

Sarah Atherton
Headteacher



Junior and Senior Choir Sing at the O2

On Wednesday, we went to the O2 Arena to sing with other schools and there were 8,888 children there.

We had practised all the songs over the months in Choir. It took great courage to sing in front of people we didn't know. The rehearsal at the O2 was 3 hours long!

The conductor, David, was a brilliant conductor - he was teaching us all the songs and lyrics. We saw World Champion beatboxers, incredible street dancers and a 17 year old violin player called Anna. The beatboxers taught us a bit of beat boxing! And would you believe that there was a school singing with us all the way from Croatia.

When they turned the lights off, everybody's torches shone like stars and fireflies. Some people's arms were linked together and everyone waved their torches. It was so beautiful the way everyone was happy and joyful. The crowds went wild. There were so many lights - even a huge disco light. We had a brilliant time!

Maya and Menna - Year 3 Junior Choir members



Want to hear the school choirs in a live and exclusive performance?

We will have a performance from the full Junior and Senior choirs on the last day of half term in the playground for everyone to

enjoy

Friday 10th February

3.15 – 3.25pm



Young Shakespeare Company Perform 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'



On Thursday, we were lucky enough to enjoy a hilarious play called 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' performed by The Young Shakespeare Company. Both Year 5, Year 6 and Ash class loved the performance. We especially enjoyed how enthusiastic the actors were and how they included the audience in the show. Our favourite part was when Bottom was turned into a donkey!

Barney and Franzi, Y6 Oak





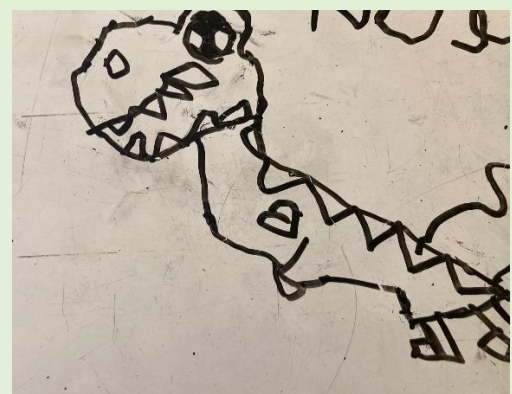
Meet the Dinosaurs



A very strange and surprising sight in school today as children from Reception and Acer class met dinosaurs and were palaeontologists for the day.

They met Bella, a 3 month old T-Rex, and her much older (and bigger) family member. The children had the chance to stroke the dinosaurs and later went searching for fossils.

Thank you to parents and carers for your contributions that mean we can make these magical events happen!



A Reception Artist's Impression of the Creature



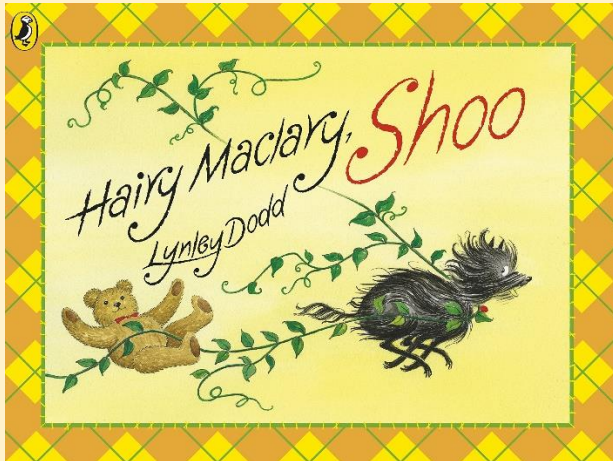
Churchfields News



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Birthday Book Donations – Thank You!



Happy birthday to Reuben and thank you for our copy of 'Hairy Maclary, Shoo'.
'When Hairy Maclary decides to snoop inside a delivery van, he's in for a chaotic adventure. Has Hairy ever created such havoc?'

Open Classrooms

We invite you to your child's classroom from **2.45pm** on the dates below where they can share work they are particularly proud of with you. **Please come to the Nursery gate.**

- Nursery – Friday 27th January
- Reception – Friday 3rd February
- Year 1 – Monday 23rd January
- Year 2 – Wednesday 18th January
- Year 3 – Wednesday 25th January
- Year 4 – Thursday 19th January
- Year 5 – Thursday 2nd February
- Year 6 – Monday 30th January

If you can't make these dates, we will share the work with you at the parent/carer evenings on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February.

School Car Park



A polite reminder that the school car park is not for use by parents/carers. We have had a number of occasions where staff have been unable to park as cars are waiting for children in morning clubs and children who arrive by transport have not been able to get to school as cars dropping off late arrivals are blocking the car park. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Spring Term 2023

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

Spring Term 2024

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

Summer Term 2024

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