



Churchfields News



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12th September 2025

Dear Churchfields Families,

We have had a great first full week of school for the children who are getting into the swing of the new year brilliantly and have already launched into their learning. You can see the curriculum for all subjects on our school website [here](#). We've also had our first visitors into school and the first day trip out (see below).

We want to share all of the key event dates for the year with you (below) as we really value you coming and getting involved in your children's learning and school life – you might want to save this newsletter for reference! There's also a welcome from the PTA – you are all automatically members, please do get involved if you can.

After listening to feedback from yourselves about how you and your children enjoy the Open Classroom events but many families found them too frequent, we have reduced these to two whole school events over the year (dates below).

Wishing you a relaxing weekend,
Sarah Atherton, Headteacher



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Children from Thomas's Academy

Churchfields is part of the **Quality First Education Trust (Q1E)**, an outward looking Trust of five London primary schools. We believe in primary schools improving primary schools and in learning from the best, whether locally, nationally or internationally.

We are delighted that Thomas's Academy in Fulham has joined our Trust this September, alongside ourselves and our other existing Trust schools of Belleville Primary School, Belleville Wix Academy and The Alton.

Our aim is to provide an excellent 'quality first' education for all children and to ensure that all children and adults are safe, excellent learners, have excellent social and emotional skills and fulfil their potential.

Across the Q1E Trust we have built a strong, enriched curriculum and shared language of pedagogy, and we deliver high-quality training to school staff in all aspects of the curriculum. To find out more about the Quality First Education Trust, please [visit our website](#).

Coming up soon . . .

ARC Coffee Morning
Wednesday 17th September at
9.10am

Year 2 trip to the Tower of
London
Friday 19th September

Netball competition at Royal
Russell School
Tuesday 23rd September

Year 4 trip to the Science
Museum
Wednesday 1st October

Boys' Football competition at
Royal Russell School
Wednesday 1st October

Bromley Borough Netball
Championships
Thursday 2nd October



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Class Assemblies 2025/26

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

Autumn Term

11.11.25 Year 6 Elm
18.11.25 Year 6 Ash
02.12.25 Year 6 Oak

Spring Term

13.01.26 Year 5 Olive
20.01.26 Year 5 Cypress
27.01.26 Year 5 Cherry
24.02.26 Year 3 Poplar
03.03.26 Year 3 Sumac
10.03.26 Year 2 Hickory
17.03.26 Year 2 Maple

Summer Term

21.04.26 Year 1 Willow
28.04.26 Year 1 Pine
05.05.26 Reception Palm
12.05.26 Reception Beech
09.06.26 Year 4 Hazel
16.06.26 Year 4 Sycamore

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 2025/26

Autumn term: 3.45 to 6.30pm

- Tuesday 21st October - Year 6 Elm and ARC Magnolia only
- Wednesday 22nd October – all classes
- Thursday 23rd October – all classes except Year 6 Elm and Arc Magnolia

Spring term: 3.45 – 6.30pm

- Tuesday 10th February – ARC Magnolia
- Wednesday 11th February – all classes
- Thursday 12th February – all classes except ARC Magnolia

Summer term: 3.45 – 5.30pm

- Wednesday 16th July – all classes

Please note – in the summer term you will receive your child's end of year report before the parent/carers evening.

Residential Trips

- Year 4 Sycamore to Frylands: Thursday 30th April to Friday 1st May
- Year 4 Hazel to Frylands: Thursday 7th to Friday 8th May
- Year 6 to Cuffley: Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July

Special Events 2025/26

Christmas Concerts:

- Reception: Monday 15th December, 9.30am in Main Hall at school
- Year 1 Pine and Year 2 Hickory: Monday 15th December, 2pm in Main Hall at school
- Year 1 Willow and Year 2 Maple: Tuesday 16th December, 9.30am in Main Hall at school
- Years 3, 4, 5, 6: Wednesday 17th 2pm, at St Michael's Church

World Book Day:

- Thursday 6th March

Whole School Open Classroom:

- Wednesday 25th March, 3.15 – 4pm

Churchfields Culture Celebration Week:

- Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May
- Whole school open classroom Friday 22nd May 2.45pm
- Family sharing fair on playground 3.15pm – 4pm

Sports Days on school field, 9 – 11am:

- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 and ARC Magnolia - Friday 5th June
- Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and ARC Holly - Friday 12th June



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Churchfields PTA
Primary School
ASPIRATION CITIZENSHIP EXCELLENCE

Welcome BACK TO SCHOOL

DEAR PARENTS & CARERS

As the new school year kicks off, we're excited to welcome all our families, especially those joining Churchfields for the first time this September. We have our first committee meeting coming up, please do come along or attend remotely to see how our activities make a real difference to our children's school experience. Here's to a successful and rewarding year ahead!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 30th, 7pm: PTA Committee Meeting

Juniper Room (next to After School Club Entrance) & Zoom. Details to be sent shortly.

YOUR PTA

Whether you're a **parent, carer**, or part of the amazing **staff** at Churchfields, we're so glad to have you with us! You're part of a friendly community that's all about supporting our children and making school life the best it can be, for everyone.

The PTA is a great way to **get involved**, meet other families, and **help shape the experiences** our kids have both in and out of the classroom. Whether you've got a few minutes to spare or want to dive into a project, **there's always room** for your ideas, energy, and voice.

Thanks to **your support**, last year the PTA was proud to fund items including a new **Forest School** shelter, the celebration of **Culture Week**, classroom **Chromebooks**, and other initiatives.

Our PTA is entirely **volunteer-led**, and its impact is made possible by the generosity and involvement of **families like yours**.

WHY VOLUNTEER WITH THE PTA?

- **A Sense of Reward**
Volunteers find it rewarding to contribute directly to the life of the school and its community. PTA efforts directly fund resources and experiences that benefit all students.
- **Inspire your Children**
Pupils genuinely enjoy seeing their parents or carers actively involved in school activities; it fosters pride and a stronger sense of belonging.
- **Connect and Collaborate**
Volunteering offers a chance to build relationships, share ideas, and enjoy working alongside other parents in a supportive environment.
- **Stay Engaged with School Life**
Being involved helps you feel more connected to the school's culture, events, and everyday experiences.
- **Grow Personally and Professionally**
Volunteering can enhance confidence, develop new skills, and provide opportunities to apply your expertise in meaningful ways.
- **Make a Tangible Impact**
Bringing a wider range of perspectives, traditions, and ideas, helping the school community feel more inclusive and representative of its families.

Let's make a change.

Please look out for further information about our upcoming committee meeting and volunteering opportunities.



Class Reps via WhatsApp



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[Download your PDF copy of the PTA Newsletter here](#)



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Communications and Working Together

Most conversations about your child will be with the **class teacher in the first instance**. If you need to contact them, you can speak with them on the playground at the start and end of day, call the office who will pass on a message, or email the class email address found on the year group pages [here](#). Our **senior staff** are out on the playgrounds every day to speak with and they can also be contacted by calling the office on 020 8650 5247 or emailing admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk

Important note on email to teachers:

We want to have good communication with you, but we don't expect (and don't think you would want) your child's teachers to be checking their email throughout the day. Similarly, an email sent late at night may not be responded to by the start of the next day.

We do our best to be available for all parents /carers and aim to respond in a reasonable timeframe.

If you are **reporting your child's absence**, call the office or email attendance@churchfields.q1e.org.uk

If you are **changing who is picking up your child** from the usual arrangement, please **email the office** admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk **before 2.30pm** and they can pass the message on.

Q1E Trust, Lunchtime Co and ProVeg UK launch Climate-Conscious Silver Award Menu

From the start of term, the Q1E Trust's new partnership with [Lunchtime Co](#) and [ProVeg UK](#) brings Churchfields pupils a healthier, more sustainable menu - recognised with a [School Plates Silver Award](#).

Across the Q1E Trust, we are committed to [embedding sustainability](#). Our school catering plays a key role in achieving our sustainability goals. ProVeg UK's evidence-based approach focuses on small but powerful changes - such as the wording and presentation of vegetarian and plant-based dishes - to make climate-friendly choices easier and more appealing for children.

The Silver Award-winning menu includes:

- More appealing plant-based dishes
- Tasty and nutritious vegetarian options
- Tweaks to reduce environmental impact while maintaining variety, flavour and keeping meat options

All meals continue to meet the School Food Standards and have been designed with pupil health and satisfaction in mind. There will be opportunities for parents and carers to taste some of the dishes later this term. The menu for this term and information about school meals is [available on our website](#).

Secondary School Open Days

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 4 and 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 Year 6 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!



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Year 3 Love Library Day

Our Year 3 children visited Beckenham Library today after reading 'Luna Loves Library Day' for a storytelling session and a browse of the shelves.



Birthday Books

Thank you for the birthday book gift of *Nina Peanut Mega Mystery Solver* from Ada.

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.



'Something wicked this way comes' for Year 6

We welcomed back the Young Shakespeare Company to Churchfields on Wednesday and thoroughly enjoyed their interactive performance of 'Macbeth' with our Year 6 children – was that a dagger they saw before them?



Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe. If you are worried about something or if you are worried about someone else, you can talk to ANYONE who works for the school.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of EVERYONE.

Childline: 0800 1111

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

Last day of Autumn Term 1: Friday 24th October
Half Term: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October
Inset day: Monday 3rd November – school closed to children
First day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 4th November
Last day of Autumn Term 2: Friday 19th December
Holidays: Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January

Spring Term 2025

Inset day: Monday 5th January – school closed to children
First day of Spring Term 1: Tuesday 6th January
Last day of Spring Term 1: Friday 13th February
Half Term: Monday 16th to Friday 20th February
First day of Spring Term 2: Monday 23rd February
Last day of Spring Term 2: Friday 27th March
Full term dates are [on our website](#).