



Churchfields News



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Dear Churchfields Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the opportunity, at open classroom and parents evening, to see your children's work and talk about the learning and progress that has taken place so far this year, I know the teachers all enjoyed sharing this with you.

Assemblies this week have all been themed around **Responsibility and Choices** – ask your child about our new display which fits this theme – thank you Mrs Holland for working on this for the whole school.

Mrs Cassidy, one of our wonderful TAs, is leaving us to start an exciting new venture and will be opening a coffee shop in Beckenham Road, called Loki. Her last working day with us will be Monday 24th February and I know you will join me in wishing her success and happiness.

UK Power Networks have informed us that over the ½ term break they are carrying out maintenance work on Clement Road, meaning there will be temporary 4-way lights and a diversion around Churchfields Road and Blandford Road. These are expected to be completed by Sunday 23rd February, but please be aware they may overrun (as these things often do) into the week of 24th February, when we are back at school.

I wish all our community a happy, safe and peaceful break and I am sure you will join me in wishing all our wonderful staff team a restful break, too. Enjoy the (slightly) lighter mornings and evenings!

Sally White

Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Spring Half Term: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February.

First day of Spring Term 2: Monday 24th February.

Harrison's Food Tasting: Friday 28th February 3-4pm, Main Hall.
Further details on the next page.

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

Year 4 Hazel – 4th March, **Year 4 Sycamore** – 11th March,
Year 3 Poplar – 18th March, **Year 3 Sumac** – 25th March.

World Book Day: Thursday 6th March.

Churchfields Culture Celebration Week: Monday 31st March – Friday 4th April. If you would like to take part this year, please [email Mrs Blundell](mailto:email%20Mrs%20Blundell) by Friday 7th March.

Last day of Spring Term 2: Friday 4th April.

Inset Day: Tuesday 22nd April. School closed to children.

First day of Summer Term 1: Wednesday 23rd April.

PE Update

Years 3 & 4 have been preparing for the Crystal Palace Cross Country run which is coming up in March.

ARC have been practising their ball skills in their PE lessons with Mr Sweeney.



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Celebrating World Book Day!

To celebrate World Book Day this year, we have some really exciting activities planned. Throughout the week, children will have story time in their daily reading lessons with a chance to listen to a choice of new, contemporary books.



We are also really lucky to have a fantastic storyteller coming in to school. A big thank you to the PTA for funding this and the purchase of new books which will be available for children to borrow from the library. The PTA will also be running a book swap where children can donate unwanted books and choose a new one to take home.

Children are also invited to come into school in pyjamas, onesies or cosy clothing (and bring a cushion if they wish) ready to listen to the last part of their story. More detailed information is in the attachment called *World Book Day Details*.

Food Tasting Session

Our caterers, Harrison's will be offering a family food tasting event from **3-4pm** on **Friday 28th February** in the main hall. You will be able to pop in and have a sample of a school meal and see how the salad bar and hydration station are set up on daily basis. Please do pop in!

On World Book Day, Thursday 6th March, Harrison's are offering a special themed lunch for the children. You can [view the menu here](#).

Valentine's Day Art

Have you seen our wonderful St Valentine's themed artwork displayed in Elmers End Station? If not, pop down and have a look!



Apple Class Update

The children in Apple Class really enjoyed showing their work to parents and grandparents at their open classroom. They have worked hard in the last few weeks learning about 'our world'. We read the story of 'What the ladybird heard' looking at the route around the farm yard. You may have seen a horse, some sheep and the odd prize cow in our playground!





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Birthday Book

Dora has given our library a wonderful birthday book. She was lucky enough to meet Hannah Gold, the author!



Year 1 Update

Year 1 have been reading 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. The children have focused on the ocean setting, using adjectives to describe the different animals, plants and objects they could see. They have also practiced using positional language to describe the scene. The children have created their own ocean settings in a diorama in preparation for their descriptive setting writing.



Year 6 Reading

Year 6 enjoyed library time this week, choosing books that interested them and showing a love for reading.



Forest School

This week, our pupils had the opportunity for independent exploration in the Forest School and they thoroughly enjoyed it. They showed incredible dedication to caring for nature and supporting our Forest School. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and responsibility to preserve nature in our Forest School.



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.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2025

Inset Day: Monday 6 January – school closed to children
First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 7 January
Last day of Spring 1: Friday 14 February
Spring half term: Monday 17 to Friday 21 February
First day of Spring 2: Monday 24 February
Last day of Spring 2: Friday 4 April
Holidays: Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April

Summer Term 2025

Inset Day: Tuesday 22 April – school closed to children
First day of Summer 1: Wednesday 23 April
Bank holiday: Monday 5 May – school closed
Last day of Summer 1: Friday 23 May
Summer half term: Monday 26 to Friday 30 May
First day of Summer 2: Monday 2 June
Last day of Summer 2: Tuesday 22 July

The term dates for 2025-26 year are [on our website](#).