



# Churchfields News



Quality First  
Education Trust

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20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Churchfields Families,

I hope you all manage to stay cool this weekend during what is seeming like a heatwave! Please do remember to send your child to school with a **hat, water bottle and with suncream** applied as the sunny weather looks to continue into next week.

For those of us of a certain age, there was no Jemima, Hamble or Big Ted but **Floella Benjamin** visited the school today (see next page for details). We have also had the opportunity of BBC's **Operation Ouch** coming to do some filming with a small group of children – we will keep you posted!

We met with the new school meal caterers, The Lunchtime Co., this week to discuss arrangements and menu choices. From September we are looking to have **four hot main meal choices at lunch**; meat dish, vegetarian dish, jacket potato and topping and a pasta dish each day. The **after school club tea menu** will also be changing and we have asked for a way that children can have more choice about what they eat in these sessions. We've also made sure they know that we love fish and chips Friday here at Churchfields!

I hope you have a relaxing weekend,  
Sarah Atherton, Headteacher



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## Important dates:

**Open Classroom for Year 5** - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 2.45pm

**Reception Palm Class Assembly** - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45pm in Main Hall

**Year 2 Trip to River Thames** - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Year 5 Trip to Dulwich College** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

**Headteacher's Coffee Morning and Tour** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 9am

**Reception Beech Class Assembly** - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 2.45pm in Main Hall

**Class Photographs** - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Instrument and Choir Performance to Families** - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 6.30pm in Main Hall

**Headteacher's Coffee Morning and Tour** - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 9am

**ARC Coffee Morning** - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 9am

**Year 6 Production Performances to Families** - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm and 7pm in Main Hall

**ARC Leavers' Party** - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm

**Year 6 Residential to Cuffley** - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

**Nursery and Reception 2025 Teddy Bears' Picnic** - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July on school field

**Nursery to Year 5 Parent/Carer Evening** - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**PTA AGM Meeting** - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm at school

**Year 6 Parent/Carer Evening** - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 2.30pm – 5pm

**Year 6 Leavers' Assembly** - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 9.30am

**Last day of Summer Term** - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – school closes at 1.30pm. After School Club from 1.30pm – 4pm.



## Floella Benjamin Opens Her Churchfields Library

We were thrilled to welcome Baroness Floella Benjamin to our school this afternoon. She grew up in Beckenham from the age of 11 after emigrating from Trinidad. We chose to name one of our assembly families after her because of her work with children, as an author and as a campaigner and parliamentarian. We have also dedicated the library for the younger children to her and she officially opened it after giving an assembly and a Q and A session with the children.

### The Benjamin Library

Benjamin also supports many charities including being the Vice President of Barnardo's and Patron of the Sickle Cell Society. She grew up in Beckenham from the age of 11.

*'School gave me a sense of pride that I would like all children to have.'*

**Baroness Floella Benjamin**

Trinidadian-British actress, presenter, author, broadcaster and parliamentarian







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## Year 5

Year 5 went on a local history walk on Wednesday learning about which local people are remembered and how. As well as taking in four of the blue plaques on the walls of houses, we visited the Bowie Bandstand and the war memorial.



## Amazing Achievements

Many congratulations to Nikko in Year 3 who recently achieved a fantastic Merit in his Grade 1 piano exam!



## Secondary School Information

Thank you to all the Year 3, 4 and 5 parents and carers who came along to the Secondary Transfer event on Tuesday evening. We hope you found it useful.

The presentation about the Secondary Transfer process and the letter with the dates of open days for local secondary schools can be found on [the school website](#).

## Holiday Childcare

Do you need childcare in the holidays? We are partnering with Youngstars Holiday Camps again to offer childcare on site during the holidays.

They offer a mix of activities (sports, arts and crafts) for 4 – 11 year olds. Reception children can now stay for a full day if needed.

They accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax Free Childcare and Student Finance.

[Click here for more details and how to book.](#)

## Term Dates

Last day of term: Tuesday 22nd July – **school closes at 1.30pm. ASC from 1.30-4pm.**

### Autumn Term 2025

Inset Days: Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September - school closed to children

First Day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 3rd September

Last day of Autumn Term 1: Friday 24th October

Autumn 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

Inset Day: Monday 5th January – school closed to children

First Day of Spring 1: Tuesday 6th January

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

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