



Churchfields News

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23rd January 2026

Coming up this term:

Year 5 Cherry class assembly - Tuesday 27th January, 2.45pm

Reception & Year 6 NHS Height, Weight and Vision screening - Thursday 29th and Friday 30th January

Year 6 Ash class assembly - Tuesday 3rd February, 2.45pm

DEADLINE Closing Date for Nursery Applications for September 2026 – Friday 6th February

Children's Mental Health Week - Monday 9th - Friday 13th February

- 'Come as Yourself' own clothes day - Monday 9th February - see below for details

World Book Day Costume Swap - Monday 9th - Friday 13th February

Year 6 trips to National Portrait Gallery - Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February

ARC Magnolia Parent/Carer evenings - Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February, 3.45 - 6.30pm

Whole school Parent/Carer evenings - Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February, 3.45 - 6.30pm

Anti-Racism Parent/Carer Forum - Friday 13th February, 9am

Churchfields Sing Off Finals - Friday 13th February

Last Day of Spring Term 1 - Friday 13th February, school closes at usual times

Spring Half Term Holidays - Monday 16th to Friday 20th February

- Childcare available on site, [click here for more details](#)

First Day of Spring 2 term - Monday 23rd February, school starts at usual times

Year 3 Poplar class assembly - Tuesday 24th February, 2.45pm

Online forum with Headteacher - Thursday 26th February, 5.30pm

Year 3 science trip to Beckenham Place Park - Friday 27th February

SEND mainstream coffee morning - Friday 27th February, 9am

PTA Discos for children - Friday 27th February, after school

Year 6 Bikeability training - Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th March

Year 3 Sumac class assembly - Tuesday 3rd March

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March, see below for details

PTA Book Swap - Friday 6th March

Year 2 Hickory class assembly - Tuesday 10th March, 2.45pm

Headteacher forum and tour - Friday 13th March, 9am

ARC coffee afternoon - Tuesday 17th March

Year 2 Maple class assembly - Tuesday 17th March, 2.45pm

PTA Quiz Night - Friday 20th March

Year 3 and 4 Bromley Cross Country Competition - Saturday 21st March

Whole school Open Classroom - Wednesday 25th March, 3.15 - 3.45pm

Anti-Bullying Parent/Carer forum - Friday 27th March

Last day of Spring 2 term - Friday 27th March, school closes at the usual times

Holidays - Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

INSET day - Monday 13th April, school closed to children

First day of Summer 1 term - Tuesday 14th April, school starts at usual times

Full term dates for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 academic years are available [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 11 11



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Dear Churchfields Families,

A busy week and a busy term as always at school - please do have a look at the dates on the first page for upcoming events and **dates for your diary** this term.

We have changed the way we offer '**open classrooms**' this year. On Wednesday 25th March, parents and carers are all welcome to come and visit their child(ren)'s classrooms to see what they have been learning between 3.15pm and 3.45pm. We will have another open classroom session at the end of Culture Celebration Week in May.

It's important to us that we give children as many opportunities as possible to have a wide range of experiences, pursue their passions and represent their school with pride. This week, we were proud to host an **inter-school debating competition** and our **boys' football team** had an emphatic victory at home against Worsley Bridge, winning 5 - 1. A special mention to Reggie in Year 5 who scored four of the goals!

The children in **ARC** had a dance workshop this morning and **Reception** met some baby and some not so small dinosaurs this afternoon. Finally, we are so proud of **Scarlett and Jasmine in Year 3 for organising a bake sale** (with the help of their families). They had seen the sad adverts about animals that need help on TV and decided to raise some money for Battersea Dogs and Cats home - well done for all their hard work and enthusiasm and thank you to you all for supporting.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend,

Sarah Atherton
Headteacher

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Children's Mental Health Week - 9th to 13th February

The theme is 'This is My Place' and we will be marking the week with special assemblies, creating a whole-school display and thinking about activities to promote our own mental health and sense of belonging.



On Monday 9th February, we will start the week with a 'Come as Yourself' day. This means children (and adults) can wear an outfit which makes them feel most comfortable, confident, and like they truly belong — whether that's cosy clothes, cultural dress, favourite colours, or something totally unique. Celebrate what makes you, you!

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March



Preparations are well underway for World Book Day 2026. Children can wear a costume based on their favourite book or wear clothes (or pyjamas!) they love to read in. If you have a costume that no longer fits, we are having a costume swap Monday 9th to Friday 13th February - all donations welcome.

On the day, children will be swapping classes for 'story time' sessions, Year 6 will be visiting Nursery to read to them, the PTA have funded a storyteller and will be holding a book swap that week as well as a Read-a-Thon (more details to follow)

We will be releasing a new video of a 'Masked Reader' each week until World Book Day on our Instagram page, can you work out which staff member is behind the mask? All will be revealed on World Book Day!



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Debating Competition

On Tuesday we held a heat of the 'Cicero Cup' - the national debating competition for primary schools. Our six children all showed great confidence, passion and quick thinking when discussing the issues of whether we should tax junk food and whether e-sports should be taught in school.

Highlights included Dora being named as one of the 'Star Speakers' for her opening argument of the day which the Judge described as 'fun and personable' and Annabel leaving one of the other competitors silent after answering his question so effectively. While we didn't progress to the next round this year, everyone had a great time and learned a lot about the art of debate.



Year 6 Science

In science, Year 6 have been studying the circulatory system. So far, the children have investigated a real lamb's heart to help them understand the structure of the heart and this week they have made a model of the components of blood using cheerios (red blood cells), oats (platelets), marshmallows (white blood cells) and coloured water (plasma).



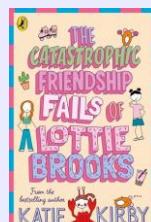
Dance Workshop

Magnolia and Holly class had a fantastic time taking part in the Magpie Dance sensory workshop. The children enjoyed movement games, explored a range of materials, and danced along to live percussion.



Birthday Books

Many thanks and happy birthday to Dora who has donated 'The Catastrophic Friendship Fails of Lottie Brooks' to the school library.



Amazing achievements

We want to celebrate our children in every way we can - if you have an achievement to share in the newsletter, please email the office at: admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk