



Churchfields News



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14th June 2024

Dates for your Diary:

- Tuesday 18th June
 - Year 2 Thames River cruise trip
 - Reception Beech class assembly, 2.45pm in Main Hall
 - Secondary Transfer Information Evening, 6.30pm in Main Hall – details to follow
- Thursday 20th June
 - Year 5 and 6 Medium Size Schools Athletics at Norman Park
- Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th June
 - Year 6 Residential at PGL Marchants Hill
- Thursday 27th June
 - Police Schools Liaison team in to see Year 6 – secondary school advice
- Wednesday 3rd July
 - **NEW:** Class photographs taken
- Tuesday 9th July
 - Nursery Sports day at 9.30am (1 of 2)
 - Instrumental and Choir Showcase Evening, 6.30pm start in Main Hall – details to follow
- Wednesday 10th July
 - Year 6 to Junior Citizens event at Beckenham Fire Station
- Thursday 11th July
 - Nursery Sports day at 9.30am (2 of 2)
- Tuesday 16th July
 - Nursery and Reception September 2024 Welcome Picnic, 2pm
- Wednesday 17th July
 - Parent/Carer Evening, 3.45 – 5.30pm
- Wednesday 24th July
 - **Last day of school year, all classes finish at 1.30pm.** After school club 1.30 – 4.30pm (no ad hoc bookings)
- Thursday 25th July to Friday 30th August
 - **School closed for holidays**
 - Holiday childcare available every day, 8.30am – 5.15pm (except for Bank Holiday Monday 26th August). Discounts and payment plans available, [CLICK HERE for details](#)
- Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September
 - **School closed for INSET days**
- Wednesday 4th September
 - First day of term for children



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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final half term of the year is always a very busy one and this year is no exception. We have our traditional end of year events with sports days, PTA extravaganzas, residentials and concerts as well as the teachers completing the statutory assessments required by the government as well as their own assessments and end of year reports.

We are also in the process of reviewing this year and looking forward to next year (and beyond) with feedback from children, staff, parents and carers and our local governors to help decide our goals for the future – I will share these with you when finalised.

A huge thank you and as always to the PTA and for your support for fundraising events – we have been able to install a much-needed sound and projection system in the small hall over half term so that both halls can be used for lessons, music, assemblies, clubs and events. The choir were the first to test it out and you can catch a clip of their beautiful singing at churchfields_primary on Instagram.

I hope you all have a great weekend and see you on Monday,

Sarah Atherton
Headteacher

Don't forget: Wraparound Care payment changing in September

As I wrote to you on 19th April, **from September 2024, we will be changing to a system where you book and pay in advance for your childcare rather than being billed afterwards.** This can be a lump sum or by instalments.

This change is because we currently have a very significant amount in outstanding debts waiting to be paid to us which is making the wraparound care become unviable – it is an additional provision and we cannot and will not cover the debts from school funds intended for all children.

Further details on the new system will follow in the summer term, but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible so that you can plan ahead with your budgeting for next school year. As this will mean a change to how you pay for the childcare on offer, we will be freezing the prices for 2024/25 to help with planning for the costs.

What's on the menu?

We have happily seen an improvement in the school meals over the last couple of months and will continue to work with the caterers to make these as enjoyable as possible for the children.



If you want to see the current lunchtime and after school club menus, these were emailed directly to you on **28th March** and are also available on our **school website** here:

[Lunchtime menu](#)

[After School Club tea menu](#)



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Sports Day Fun

The sun was shining, the skies were blue and the field was looking extra green for the sports day for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 and Magnolia class last week.

There was a great mix of competitive events (tug o' war anyone?) and 'just for fun'. Thanks to Mr Sweeney and all the staff for making the event so seamless and most of all to all of the fans who came out to watch and cheer our athletes on!





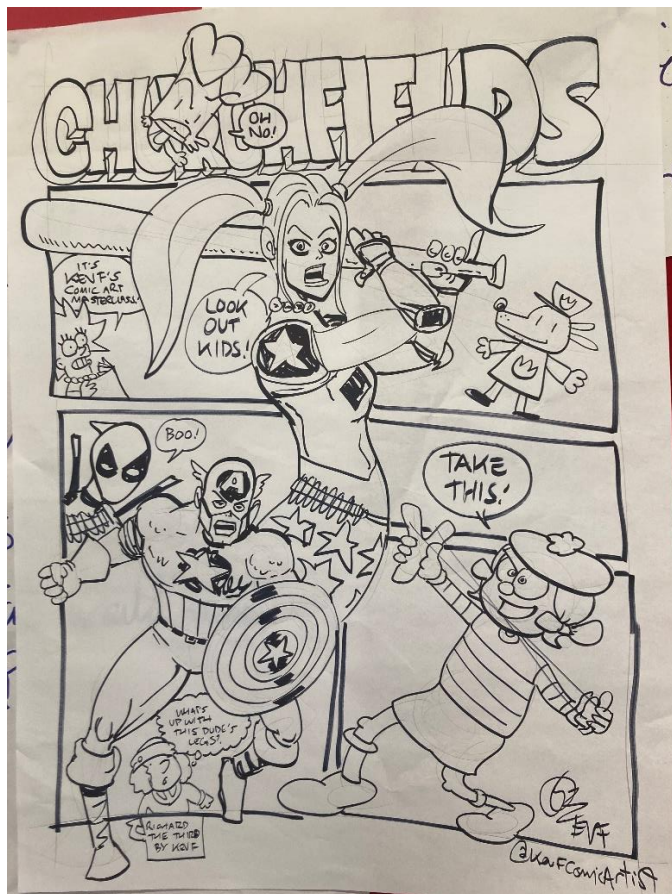
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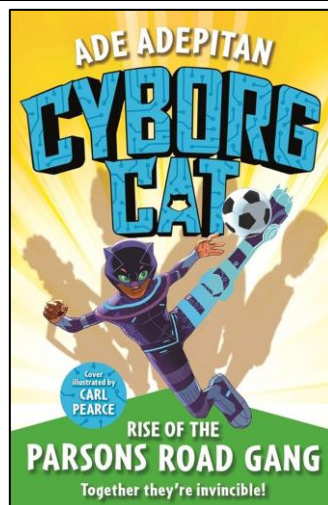
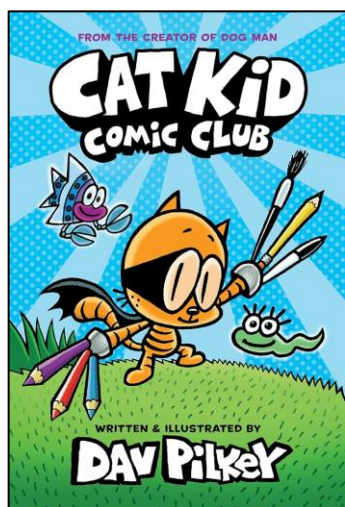
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Comic Book Artist Inspiration



Comic book artist and illustrator, Kev F Sutherland, was in school last week leading a workshop for Year 6 as part of their 'end of primary' enrichment days. He produced an illustration for the school, each class and every child to keep as well as inspiring the children to produce their own artwork.

Birthday Book Donations



Three from Ms Atherton this week: *Cat Kid* for the Year 1 and 2 library, *Cyborg Cat* for the Year 3 and 4 library and *'ain't burned all the bright'* for the Year 5 and 6 library.

Is your birthday coming up? We don't give out sweets or treats for our birthdays at Churchfields – bring a favourite book to share in our library instead!



We are part of the Penge School Uniform Hub

Penge School Uniform Hub

Save money and the planet: buy preloved uniform!

**Sense charity shop,
104 High Street, Penge
(next to the Post Office)**

General uniform suitable for all schools available, as well as specifics for Alexandra, St John's and Churchfields Schools, with more coming soon!

Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm,
Sun 10am-4pm

Organised by Alexandra Junior School PTFA.
For more info, contact: treasurer@ajsptfa.org.uk
Supported by Penge BID



Penge School Uniform Hub!

Pre-loved Churchfields school uniform in sizes age 2 to 15 is now available 7 days a week from the Sense charity shop on Penge High Street.

100s of items in stock - so much it won't all fit on the shop floor, so please ask if you cannot find the size you need. **Dresses, skirts, trousers, shorts, jumpers and cardigans all £1. Polos shirts 50p.** This new collaboration between Sense Penge and multiple local primary schools means that parents now have a single one-stop-shop to find affordable second-hand school uniform for their primary age children.

All proceeds to the Sense charity.



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Term Dates 2024/25

Autumn Term 2024	Monday 2nd September 2024	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 3rd September 2024	INSET – school closed to children
	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Children's first day back – Autumn 1
	Friday 25 th October 2024	Last day of Autumn 1
	Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024	Half Term Holidays
	Monday 4th November 2024	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 5 th November 2024	Children's first day back – Autumn 2
	Friday 20 th December 2024	Last day of Autumn 2
	Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025	Holidays
Spring Term 2025	Monday 6th January 2025	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Children's first day back – Spring 1
	Friday 14 th February 2025	Last day of Spring 1
	Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025	Half Term Holidays
	Monday 24 th February 2025	Children's first day back – Spring 2
	Friday 4 th April 2025	Last day of Spring 2
	Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025	Holidays
Summer Term 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Children's first day back – Summer 1
	Monday 5th May 2025	School closed – Bank Holiday
	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Last day of Summer 1
	Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025	Half Term Holidays
	Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	Children's first day back – Summer 2
	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Last day of Summer 2