



# Churchfields News



Quality First  
Education Trust

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24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Dates for your Diary:

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June
  - **School closed to children – INSET day**
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June
  - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 and ARC Magnolia Sports Day, 9 – 11am at school
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June
  - Phonic screening checks in school
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June
  - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
  - Reception Palm class assembly, 2.45pm in Main Hall
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June
  - Year 2 Thames River cruise trip
  - Reception Beech class assembly, 2.45pm in Main Hall
  - **NEW:** Secondary Transfer Information Evening, 6.30pm in Main Hall – details to follow
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June
  - Year 5 and 6 Medium Size Schools Athletics at Norman Park
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June
  - Year 6 Residential at PGL Marchants Hill
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June
  - **NEW:** Police Schools Liaison team in to see Year 6 – secondary school advice
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July
  - Nursery Sports day at 9.30am (1 of 2)
  - **NEW:** Instrumental and Choir Showcase Evening, 6.30pm start in Main Hall – details to follow
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July
  - **NEW:** Year 6 to Junior Citizens event at Beckenham Fire Station
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July
  - Nursery Sports day at 9.30am (2 of 2)
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July
  - Nursery and Reception September 2024 Welcome Picnic, 2pm
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July
  - Parent/Carer Evening, 3.45 – 5.30pm
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July
  - Last day of school year, **all classes finish at 1.30pm**. After school club 1.30 – 4.30pm (no ad hoc bookings).



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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A bumper edition this week to finish off the Summer 1 term – it was a great pleasure to welcome the parents and carers of the Nursery and Reception children joining us in September last night.

Well done to the children in Oak and Elm who completed their SATs tests last week with a positive attitude and putting their best effort in – very proud of you all. Eduard in Year 6 won the '**Headteacher for the Day**' competition as voted for by children in Years 4, 5 and 6 and you can find his report below.

We have confirmed with our **holiday childcare** providers that they will be running on site every weekday from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August, apart from the bank holiday on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August. I will let you know when they open up bookings for the summer holidays.

Finally, if you can spare 5 minutes, I would appreciate hearing your feedback on this very **short survey by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May** which has three questions [CLICK HERE](#) :

- What is the best thing about Churchfields?
- What has improved about Churchfields?
- How could we make the school better in the future?

Enjoy your half term and we will see you on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** at the usual times,  
Sarah Atherton  
Headteacher

## Polite Reminders

For the safety and wellbeing of all of our children:

- Please do not **bring or carry dogs onto site**, including when picking up from clubs
- Please do not **walk around the back of the school** by the Year 5 and 6 classrooms to get to/from the office or Beech/Palm at drop off or pick up – our oldest children are often getting changed in the classrooms at these times and need privacy.

## Nature News



Vote for the Churchfields planter - [click here](#) !  
Voting is now open for the People's Choice Award at the Bromley Floral Fest 2024 – also on display at Market Square until 2<sup>nd</sup> June.



Thank you very much to the Baldock family (and friends) who took apart, transported and rebuilt this amazing Wendy house to donate to the Forest School area.





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## Headteacher for the Day's Report

On Wednesday, I showed parents through to the Maple class assembly and as well as enjoying their wonderful assembly, I also talked at the end of it.

The next day, I walked around the school with Miss Atherton and we went to and discussed almost every place in the school from Nursery to Year 6 to Forest School (I made notes about them as well) – we also took some photos for the newsletter.



*The new mud kitchen in Forest School*



*Saying well done and thank you in Maple's assembly*



*Year 2 programming their own digital music in Computing*

This made me realise just how much better the school has gotten since I was in Reception (and it was really good when I was in Reception) – a lot of the improvements happening after Miss Atherton took over as the new headteacher.

At lunchtime, I went around the school to ask other students how the school could be improved and wrote down their ideas as well as coming up with some myself.

For example:

- Making skipping ropes and hula hoops available at lunchtime
- Have the option to eat lunch outside in summer
- Bring back Eco-Council
- Put nets on the football goals
- Get a zipline!



*My final task as Headteacher for the Day, was to lead the Friday Celebration Assembly for the whole school on Zoom from the Headteacher's office.*





## Sport Report



On a wet and windy Tuesday, our cricket team went to the Bromley Boys' Tournament to compete with 23 other schools.

In the group stage, we won one game and lost two, being beaten by one of the top teams by just one run.

The rain took its toll and in the afternoon we were restricted to just one match: another close one which we just lost.

Despite the weather, everyone played with enthusiasm and energy which meant that we all had a lot of fun.

5 girls and 5 boys from Years 3 and 4 represented Churchfields at the 'Quad Kids' athletics event at Norman Park. They ran, threw and jumped superbly and were excellent team mates cheering each other on. They finished in an excellent 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 12 schools.

13 children from Years 3 and 4 took part in a small mixed football tournament at St Mary's School this week. There was some excellent football on show with great saves by the goalkeepers, some excellent defending despite a challenging pitch, our midfielders tried to control the game and our strikers worked tirelessly to get past some stubborn defences. Despite the results going against us the matches were very close and everyone that took part should be proud of their efforts.

Thank you to Mrs Horton for signing us up and supporting our sportspeople at so many events this year.

Sports day for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Holly class was a huge success – well done to all the competitors and thank you to Mr Sweeney, the Year 5 leaders and to all of the family and friends who came along to cheer!



*Mr Sweeney briefs the team*



*Ready to race*



*Excellent javelin throws*





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## Year 1 Meet the Zoolab

Children in Year 1 met an amazing array of creatures as part of their science learning. They found out about African land snails, corn snakes, frogs, cockroaches and scorpions.

Did you know that scorpions turn blue under moonlight? Nobody knows why!



## Transport Museum Trip

Holly class and Magnolia class travelled up to Covent Garden to visit the London Transport Museum last Friday – as you can see they had a great time!





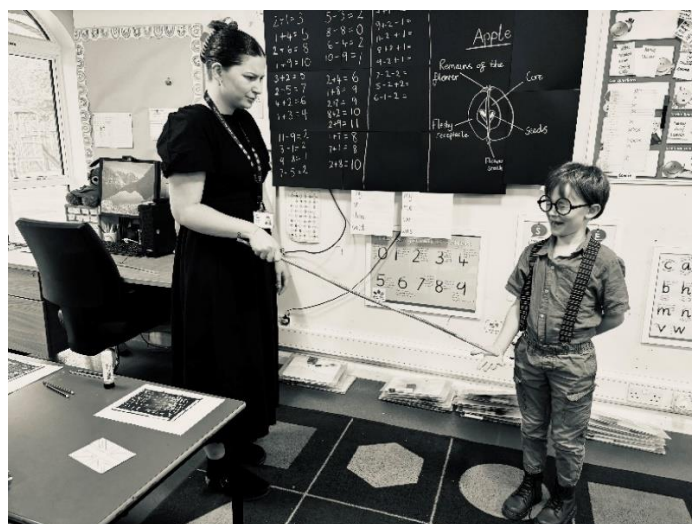


## Year 1 Step Back in Time

Year 1 experienced school life from the point of view of a Victorian child on Wednesday. They started the day with the rules and quickly learnt their day was going to be very quiet and very long!

The strict Victorian school mistresses then instructed the children in the 3R's, vocal gymnastics and physical drill. The children used slates and slate pencils to complete their work and all got to experience wearing the D hat for making a mistake (even 'Queen Victoria').

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day but were very happy to return to normal school life on Thursday!





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## Amazing Achievements



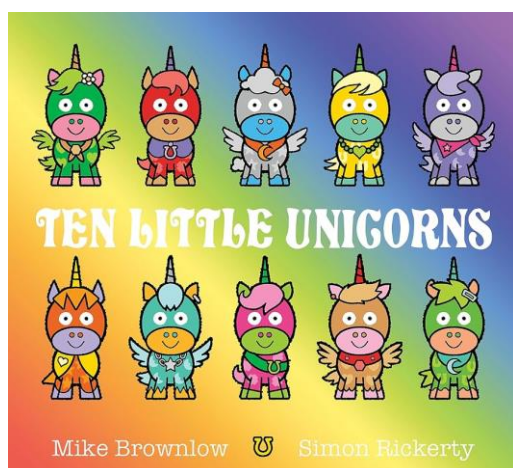
Congratulations to Eddie, Finlay and Oscar in Year 3. Their team, Beckenham United, won the gold trophy in an Under 8s football tournament – they look very proud.

**Any good news, something to share or celebrate with the Churchfields community?**

Please do email us on  
[admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk](mailto:admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk)

## Birthday Book Donation

## Your PTA Colour Run Needs You!



*Thank you Agnes for the book and Happy Birthday!*

### 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!



Epic activities require epic organisation and epic volunteers!

The colour run asks for all parents to give just 45 mins of their day to make this an amazing event. If you can volunteer for more than one wave that would be brilliant!

We are trying something new for this event. We're asking parents to volunteer via SignUp. This way you can pick your time, the role you play and who your team mates are too!

Please click on the link below and Sign Up to be space hopper lead astronaut, a mixologist or EVEN a powder paint thrower... body shots ONLY!

[CLICK TO SIGN UP HERE](#)

Get a ring side seat to the messiest, craziest event in the school calendar by volunteering today!





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## MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

 **TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

 **Churchfields Primary School**  
Churchfields Road, Beckenham, BR3 4QY

 **Age 3-11yrs**

 **8.15am - 5.15pm** (Half day options of  
8.30am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 5pm available)

 **£19 p/half day , £38 p/full day**

Contact Youngstars on

 **07749 343116 or 0845 222 1313**

 **campbookings@young-stars.co.uk**

 **www.young-stars.co.uk**

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## 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](mailto: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

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