

Big Festive Read & Jolly Jumper Day

What a fantastic turnout we had to our Big Festive Read! We would like to thank all the adults who attended. It was lovely to see grandparents and other family members who joined us. The children enjoyed listening to stories and this event helps promote a love of reading.

Please visit our website [here](#) for more photos from the day!

Everyone also looked fabulous in their jolly jumpers! Thank you to Bev and the ISS team for the delicious lunch.

Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown-up!

School everyday of the week, even on weekends. Good idea or bad idea?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

PTA Winter Fayre
7th December

Concerts
w/b 9th December

Class Parties
16th December
Nursery- 19th December

Last Day of Term
20th December

Half Term
23rd December- 3rd
January

First Day of Term
6th January



Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st Turtle 99%
- 2nd Octopus & Jaguar 98%
- 3rd Penguin & Panda 97%

Well done everyone!



End of Term Parties

Christmas parties will be as follows:

Yr to Y2 - Monday 16th December
Nursery - Thursday 19th December

Children can wear their own clothes. Each teacher will be in touch regarding party food. We ask that families contribute a **small** amount of food for your child's class to enjoy during the afternoon. Please bring the food in with you on the morning of the party.

If your child has a **Special Diet Plan**, please send them to school with their own party food in a lunchbox or bag to ensure they have food that is safe for them to eat. Your child's teacher will be able to support with what to provide.

PTA Winter Fayre

Thank you for your generous donations of chocolate and sweets for our stall.

The Winter Fayre opens at 12pm tomorrow and finishes at 4pm. Make sure you stop by, we look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the PTA on pta.churchfields@gmail.com.



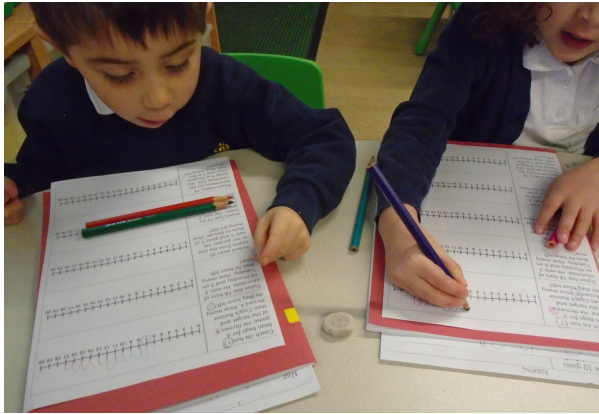
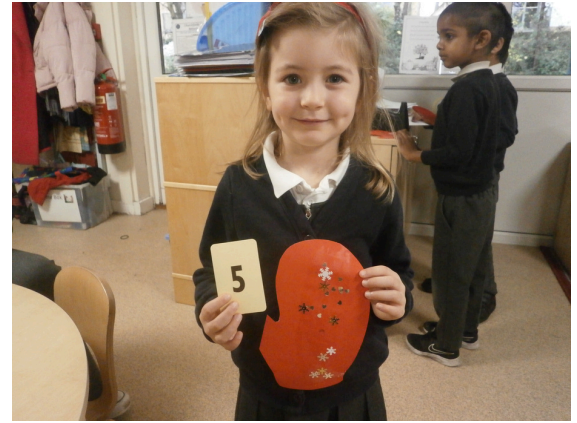
Christingle

Helen and the Christian Education Project team visited Y1 and Y2 to learn about the significance of Christingles for Christians who believe that the orange represents the world, the red ribbon symbolises never ending love, the dried fruits represent God's many wonderful creations and the candle, hope in the darkness. You can find more photos on our website, [here](#).



Marvelous Maths!

In Reception, children have been focusing on the composition of 5. We have used objects, such as conkers, to drop into an area or space; we have then talked about what we can see and notice. For example, "I can see a 4 and a 1. There are 5 altogether." We have been so impressed with the children's ability to apply their subitising knowledge, identify the parts and recognise the whole!



Year 1 are spectacular at subtraction! Last week, the children began their subtraction learning and this week they have progressed to using a numberline with individual jumps. Children have been able to do so accurately, confidently and efficiently, and this has allowed them to apply their understanding when presented with a range of tricky word problems and reasoning questions.

This week, Year 2 have also been busy subtracting. They have been using numberlines too, but have focused on subtracting both tens and ones. Lots of the children have challenged themselves by starting to regroup and by limiting the number of jumps. Well done, Year 2!



Year 1 History Workshop

Last week our Y1 children took part in a fascinating workshop run by historians from Epping Forest Museum. They travelled back in time 150 years, beyond living memory, to find out if toys that children played with in the past are the same or different to toys now. The workshop enabled the children to develop their historical enquiry skills as they looked carefully at a diary from the past and handled artefacts. The children impressed our visitors with their observation skills and thoughtful questions.



Christmas Concerts – A Reminder

We are so excited to be preparing to perform our Christmas concerts! For those of you who have not attended one of our concerts before, please read the following carefully to ensure the health and safety of all.

As we are a large school, we perform each concert twice to accommodate our 120 families in each year group and ask that the parents/carers from two classes attend on each day. Our school hall is fairly small so please try to attend on your assigned day and keep guests to two per family so we can fit everyone in comfortably.

Please also note that we do not allow siblings or other babies/children to attend our concerts. We know that this may come as a surprise to some of you but this system works really well. Our children work very hard to perform for you and, with younger siblings in the audience, it is not always possible to hear our children speak or act. In the past, families have been supportive of this measure and have enjoyed giving their performing child their full attention. Please find suitable arrangements if you have other children. We will be hosting another Big Read before the end of term and would love to welcome your little ones into school then. We would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

For afternoon performances, we will open the pedestrian gate 15 minutes before each performance is due to begin so please do not feel the need to arrive before this time. For morning performances, we will lock all gates as usual for safeguarding purposes and then open the Y2 gates at 9:10. This allows us to register the children safely before the concerts begin.

Please note the following dates and times:

- Tuesday 10th December at 9:15am - Y1 Turtle and Penguin**
- Wednesday 11th December at 9:15am - Y1 Starfish and Octopus**
- Wednesday 11th December at 2:30pm - YR Butterfly and Squirrel**
- Thursday 12th December at 9:15am - Y2 Giraffe and Panda**
- Thursday 12th December at 2:30pm - YR Ladybird and Hedgehog**
- Friday 13th December at 9:15am - Y2 Koala and Jaguar**

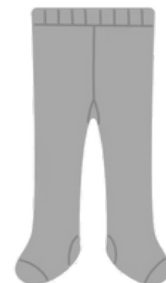
Traditionally, we have collection buckets at the end of our concerts so families can donate to our charity of the year - more information will be given on the day. We look forward to see you all there. Please do speak to Mrs Anderson or Mrs Beck if you have any queries.

Donation of Socks, Tights & Jogging Bottoms

The medical room is experiencing a shortage of socks, tights and jogging bottoms due to the colder (and wetter!) weather.

If you have any clean spares at home, we would be extremely grateful for the donation. Please bring in any donations into the school office.

Thank you.



Nursery Tours

We are hosting tours for prospective families for September 2025 entry. The dates are as follows:

12th December 2024

9th January 2025

23rd January 2025

Please contact the school office to book a place on 0208 505

0386 or email Tours@ChurchfieldsInfants.Redbridge.sch.uk.

Further information about our Nursery and an application form can be found on the school website [here](#).



Weekly Maths Challenge

Reception

Draw a Christmas tree without any decorations.

Now draw 6 different decorations on your tree - make them different colours and different shapes- do not show your family!

Now ask anyone in your family to draw a tree without any decorations. They must not look at what you have done.

When they have drawn their tree, you are going to tell them which decorations to draw and where to place the decoration.

Did they get them all right?



Years 1 and 2

Find objects around the house which are 3D shapes and see how many 2D shapes there are on the object.

For example, a can of beans is a cylinder and it has 2 circles, one at each end and the middle is a rectangle.



E-Safety Tip of the Week!



Staying safe on a PlayStation

Internet Matters have teamed up with Sony Interactive Entertainment to create a quiz that you can play with your child to see who knows more about the safety options available on a PlayStation.

Play the quiz here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/press-start-for-playstation-safety/>

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