



Churchfields Infants' School

Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

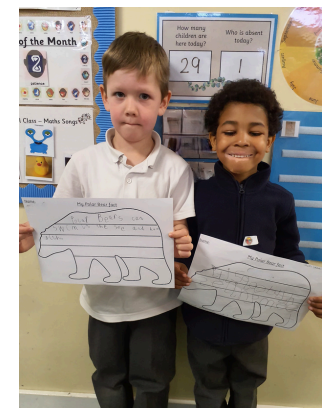
Value of the month
Patience

Reception's Expedition

Last term, Reception children explored the topic 'animals and habitats'. We went on an imaginary journey to visit the North Pole.

We travelled around the school climbing mountains, crossing seas and even got lost having to negotiate a wild jungle! Eventually we found ourselves at the North Pole. We experienced a chilly and noisy polar landscape and spotted Arctic animals such as polar bears, killer whales and walrus.

The children had fun demonstrating their knowledge of similarities and differences between the natural world around us and contrasting environments, drawing on their experience and what they have learned in class.



Philosophy Friday

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

Chocolate rivers. Good idea or bad idea?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Bank Holiday
5th May

Big Read
9th May (2:45-3:15pm)
(not Nursery)

YR Suntrap Trip
w/b 12th May

Nursery Stay & Play
16th May

Walk to School Week
w/b 19th May

Last Day of Term
23rd May

Half Term
26th -30th May

Inset Day
2nd June

First Day of Term
3rd June

Nursery Stay and Play

Spend some time playing with your child in Nursery! Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Friday 16th May**.

Morning session 8:45 - 10:00 am

Afternoon session 1:00 - 2:00 pm

(from 12:45 pm for parents of afternoon children)

Please remember **not to use mobile phones** while on-site. Younger children are welcome but must be kept with you.



For other important dates, please visit the Calendar page on our school website.

Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the **whole of last term** is as follows:

- 1st** Panda 97%
- 2nd** Starfish 96%
- 3rd** Octopus & Giraffe 95%

Well done everyone!



Park and Stride Reminder

Instead of parking on Churchfields or the roads surrounding the school, we are asking parents that drive their children to school to 'Park and Stride' from the Derby Road Car Park (behind Tesco) which is a five-minute walk from the school.

The council have agreed **FREE** parking during these times:

- Morning drop from 8.15am and 9.15am
- Afternoon collection from 3.00pm to 4.00pm



Taking advantage of the 'Park and Stride' scheme will have the many benefits, please see [Newsletter 24](#) for more information about this initiative. Thank you for being part of the solution.

Vaisakhi

This week, Mrs Beck led an assembly exploring the festival of Vaisakhi. Vaisakhi, also called Baisakhi, is the festival which celebrates the founding of the Sikh community, the Khalsa, in 1699.



In 2025 many Vaisakhi festivals took place on Saturday 13 April and Sunday 14th April with singing, dancing and lots of wonderful food being shared. We hope all of our families who celebrate had a wonderful Vaisakhi.

A Message from the PTA

To update on the Mother's Day Sale, we have made **£2037!**

This is absolutely incredible and we thank all of you for supporting this as well as the wonderful volunteers who helped us with the Infant and Junior Sales on the day! We hope that you all enjoyed your presents! For the Easter Egg Hunt, a fantastic **£1374** was raised! Thank you all. This will enable us to provide further enhancements to our school.

Climbing in Nursery!

The children in Nursery have been loving their new climbing frame. Thank you to our PTA and support from families who have made this possible with the additional funding we receive. Have a look at the photos below!



NumBots Roundup!

After launching NumBots for our Reception children last term, we're now pleased to announce that our engagement is at **90% across school!**

We're seeing a huge impact on children's subitising work and more fluent recall of key number facts. This half term we'll continue to provide opportunities for use within school and we're going to aim to improve our engagement percentage even further.



Well done everybody and keep up the fantastic work! Please do get in touch with Miss Williams if you would like any further support with NumBots, and please remember that 'little and often' is our recommended approach due to the ages and stages of our pupils.

Weekly Maths Challenge

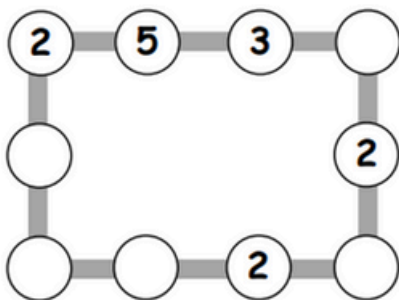
Reception

Can you lie down and get your adult to 'measure' you by putting a marker by your head and feet? Then stretch a piece of tape as long as you. Find out how many pens will match this, carefully placed end to end, making sure they are straight, with no gaps or overlaps. Repeat with other objects, such as spoons, buttons, Lego or Duplo bricks to make several 'trails' of equal length and compare the results.

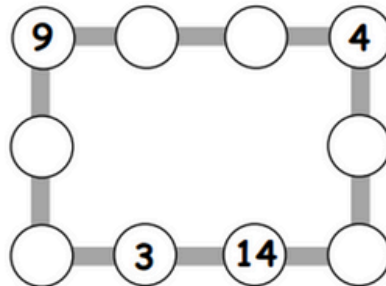


Year 1 and 2

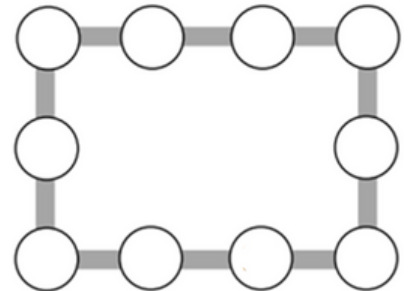
1. Make each line add up to 16.



2. Make each line add up to 20.



3. Make up your own puzzle like this. Ask a friend to do it.



E-Safety Tip of the Week!

YouTube Kids

YouTube Kids provides a more contained environment for children to explore YouTube safely. Here is a helpful link, which provides further information about YouTube Kids and a step-by-step guide for its use:

www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-kids-app/



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