



# Churchfields Infants' School

## Weekly Newsletter

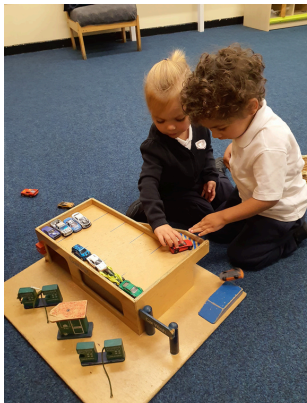
**Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way**

Autumn Term, Issue 2  
12th September 2025

Value of the month  
**Kindness**

### Reception & Nursery's Part-time Week

The Reception and Nursery children have made a fantastic start to their learning journey with us. They have settled well. The Reception children enjoyed their first school lunch time today (Friday). We have listened to stories about starting school, sang number songs and talked about our day. Well done, we are very proud! Please see our website for some more photos [here](#).



### Philosophy Friday

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

**Would you rather only be able to eat Peas or have to eat Brussel sprouts with every meal?**

**Why?**

### DIARY DATES:

#### Curriculum Workshops

YR- 24/09/24

Y2- 25/09/24

Y1- 01/10/24

YN- 02/10/24

#### PTA Coffee Morning

3<sup>rd</sup> October

#### Flu Vaccinations

7th October

#### School Photos

8<sup>th</sup> October

#### Big Read

10th October- Not  
Nursery  
(2:45-3:15pm)

#### Parent Consultations

w/b 13th/20th October  
To be confirmed

#### Half Term

27th October - 31st  
October

#### INSET Day

3rd November

### Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

**1st** Giraffe 99%

**2nd** Koala & Starfish 98%

**3rd** Turtle & Octopus 97%

Well done everyone!



# Growing Together: Every Day in Every Way

## Our Wildlife Garden

Over the last couple of years, we have been busy developing our own Wildlife Garden which you can see at the top of the slope as you enter our site. We use the space throughout our curriculum as well as it being an integral part of our nurture provision.

Our garden has been growing into a very special space for our children, with wildlife to appreciate, love and enjoy. From a neglected plot of land, it took vision, determination and hard work to create a beautiful sanctuary for our wildlife and for us, as a school, to grow and learn together.



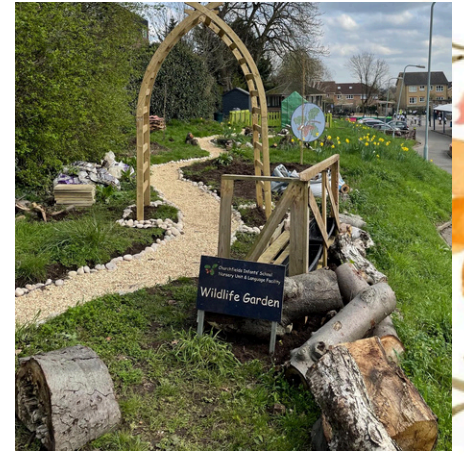
The children planted spring bulbs last year, with a second phase planned for November. They also planted silver birch, rowan, cherry and crab apple trees, providing food for birds. Wildflower seeds were scattered, attracting butterflies, bees and insects, while tomatoes, strawberries, vegetables and herbs were also grown. As part of “No Mow May,” grass and daisies were left to grow around the ponds, where the children observed frogspawn develop into tadpoles and froglets, and even spotted three newts. In autumn, the children made seed and fruit cakes for the birds and took part in the RSPB bird count. We look forward to welcoming even more wildlife to the garden this year.

**We are proud to announce that we have been awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the category ‘Best School Project’ at the Redbridge in Bloom Awards 2025.**

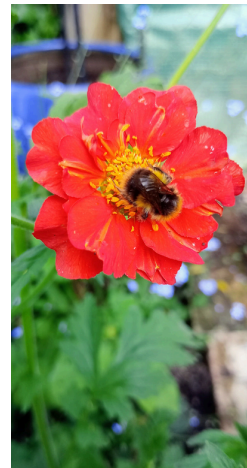
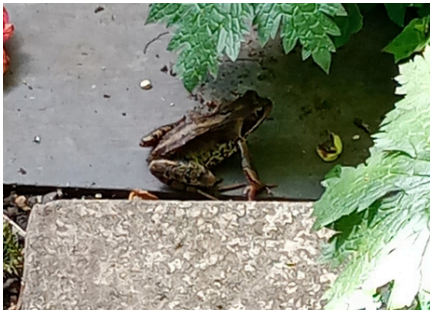
The project has included the whole school community and we would like to thank everyone who has been involved: families, teachers and governors who helped out at Community Days; our Gardening Club, local businesses and families who donated plants and other items; families who contributed financially at our concert collections and, of course, Mrs Pert, whose gardening skills and expertise have been pivotal in developing our vision into the wonderful space we have today.



# Before...



# After!



## Reminders

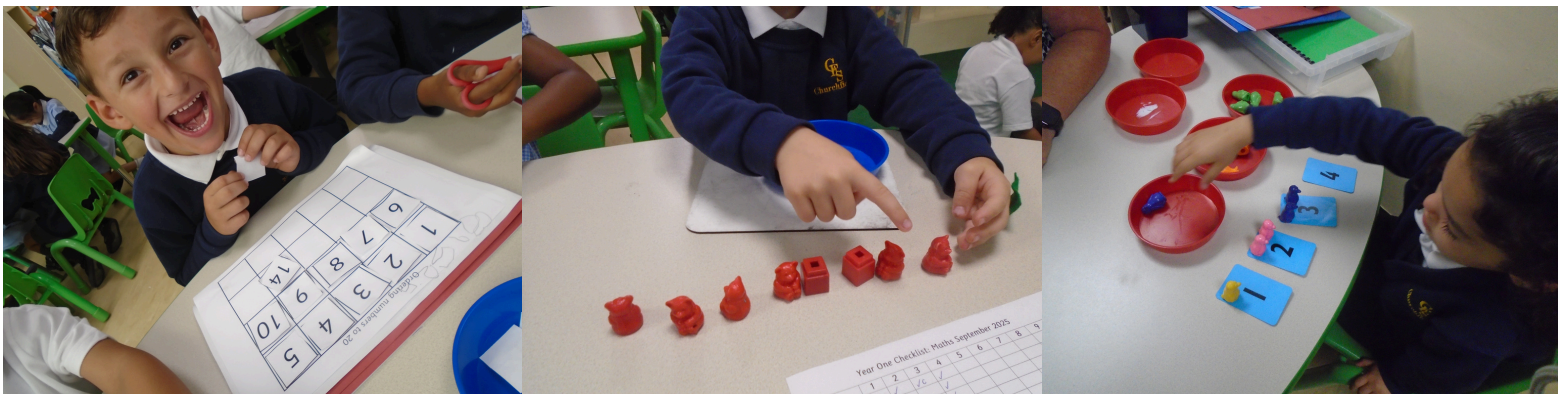
Starting from next Monday, our Reception children will be joining us full-time. We are so proud of how all of the children have settled so far and we would like for you to be reminded of following to help in keeping our site safe, secure and welcoming for all.

- There will be lots of families on school site, so be kind, patient and considerate of everyone.
- Use the pedestrian walkways, not the road or vehicle gate.
- If it is raining, be careful with umbrellas everywhere!
- Making sure the children carry their own belongings and are ready and prepared for the school day
- During times where the weather is unpredictable, children should always bring a coat just in case
- Please don't use the playground equipment out of school times or walk up or along the banks
- Collect your infant children before junior children- we open our gates slightly earlier to account for the timings.



## Maths with Year 1

This week in Year 1 the children have been working on their careful counting, consolidating their work on subitising (recognising numbers by sight) and counting in EYFS. They have also been thinking about ordering numbers to 20. Initially they worked on ordering the numbers consecutively before challenging themselves with non-consecutive numbers! They have impressed their teachers with their hard work and seem very excited to find out what their next challenge is! Well done, Year 1.



## Our Kindness Value

This month our new value is 'kindness'.

Can you discuss ways in which we can be kind to each other in school and at home?



## Empower a Child- Foster for Redbridge Council

You could be the one to guide, listen to, teach, and enrich a child's life, empowering them to become confident and independent young people.

If you have a place in your home and heart to foster a child, please call Redbridge Council on 020 8708 6068 or join us at our next virtual information session.

Visit

<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/fosteringschools>

to book a place.



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## School Uniform

Please be reminded of our school uniform policy.

We ask that:

- modesty shorts (if worn) should be in school colours
- over-the-top headbands (unicorns etc.) and earrings are not permitted in school
- socks should be in school colours
- sensible footwear should be worn

While we understood that children had outgrown school shoes at the end of term, all children must now be wearing appropriate school shoes. Further details can be found on our website [here](#).



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## Curriculum Workshops

We believe that children achieve their very best when we work in partnership with our families. We would like to invite you to our popular workshops which provide a valuable opportunity for you to understand how you can support your child at home with their learning. Last year we held this virtually in the autumn term and in school in the spring term. Listening to your feedback and looking at the attendance figures from last year, we have decided to hold these meetings virtually so as many of you can attend as possible. Dates are as follows:

Reception – Wednesday 24th September

Year 2 – Thursday 25th September

Year 1 – Wednesday 1st October

Nursery – Thursday 2nd October

Workshops will begin at 5pm and we will send joining details nearer the time

## Pupil Premium Funding

The Government allocates funding to schools to help children from lower income or disadvantaged families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. For every child registered, Churchfields Infants' School will receive a maximum of £1684 this year.

With this money we could provide:

- Additional interventions to accelerate your child's academic progress
- Interventions to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and social emotional skills
- Reduced costs for educational visits and experiences
- Additional opportunities to attend educational visits
- Free music tuition
- Subsidised after school clubs
- A free book from the school Book Fair and free signed copies of books following author visits

In the past, families entitled to Pupil Premium funding have received laptops and food vouchers. Applications are confidential and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. If you have any further questions or require support in applying, please contact either Mr Jelks in the admin team or see Mrs Anderson or Mrs Beck.

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## Snacks Before and After School

Please can we remind you that, due to allergies across school, snacks at the end of the school day should not be given or consumed until you are off the school premises.

A number of our pupils in school have allergies. These reactions can result in anaphylaxis and prove fatal. A person with an allergy does not have to eat the food to have a severe reaction - this can be caused by surface contact and airborne particles.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this.



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## E-Safety Tip of the Week!



### Age Ratings

There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs. One of the ways we can help keep our children safe online is by checking age restrictions/ratings as detailed below:

- Films: The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. This page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings': [www.cbbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online](http://www.cbbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online)
- Video games: PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration the chat facilities within games
- Apps: Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and use them yourself to check their suitability
- Social Media networks: All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+

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We are delighted to welcome you all back to Churchfields Infant's School after the summer holidays. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break. A very warm welcome as well to our new Reception families who are joining us for the first time – we are so pleased to have you as part of our school community.

As we begin the new term, we'd like to remind you that FSG's after school sports clubs are now open for booking, with spaces still available. Don't miss out on these fun and engaging sessions where children can learn fundamental skills, build confidence, and enjoy active play through sport.

Weekly Club Schedule:

Monday: Multi Sports

Tuesday: Gymnastics

Wednesday: Football

Thursday: Basketball

Friday: Football

👉 Book your child's place here: <https://fundamental-sports-group.classforkids.io>

Clubs run after school and are open to all year groups. We encourage you to book soon to secure your child's place.

We're looking forward to a wonderful term ahead, full of learning, growth, and exciting opportunities for all our children.

Kind Regards

Fundamental Sports Group