



Churchfields Infants' School

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19th September 2025

Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Kindness

Pet Potato

Year 1 have been reading the story 'The Pet Potato' in their English lessons, and this week they were given their very own pet potatoes to look after! They have given their potato a name, a personality (complete with likes and dislikes) and have had lots of fun spending time with them in school! Some of them even made an appearance in assembly! The children have kept a diary to remember all the exciting things they have got up to while their pet potato was with us at school! See more fun potato adventures on our website, [here!](#)

Philosophy Friday

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

Would you rather swim in a tank of sharks or lay down in a tank of crabs?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Curriculum Workshops

- YR- 24/09/25
- Y2- 25/09/25
- Y1- 01/10/25
- YN- 02/10/25

PTA Coffee Morning

3rd October

Flu Vaccinations

7th October

School Photos

8th October

Big Read

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

Parent Consultations

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

Phonics Workshop

(for Reception families)
20th October 9am

Half Term

27th October - 31st
October

INSET Day

3rd November



Marvellous Me

We want to inform you that Marvellous Me (which we have used over the past few years to share and celebrate your children's learning and achievements) has recently been taken over by a new, larger company. We are currently looking into how the system now operates and what it looks like, to ensure it still works well for our school community.



Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st** Giraffe 99%
- 2nd** Starfish & Koala 98%
- 3rd** Panda 97%

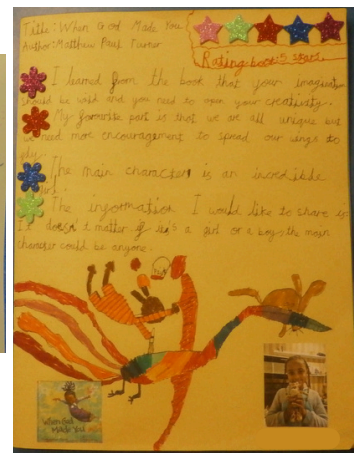
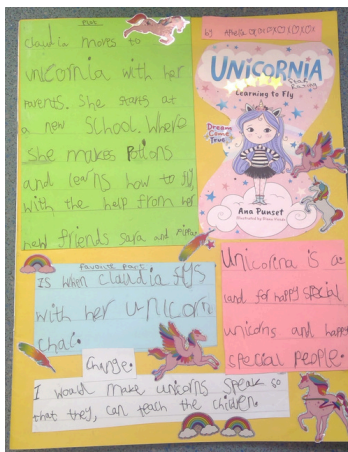
Well done everyone!



Reading Scrapbooks

At Churchfields Infants' we are always thinking of ways to encourage a love of reading. Our Reading Review Scrapbooks go home with a child each week creating a wonderful opportunity to share favourite books and receive recommendations from peers and other teachers.

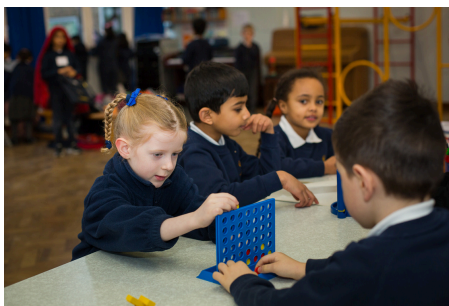
Please make sure that this is the children's work. Of course, support them where needed but this is something that they can then share in class and be really proud of.



We are looking forward to reading more of their lovely reviews.

Enrichment Clubs & Wrap-around Care

We have a few spaces remaining in some of our enrichment clubs. There is still some availability on certain days for Breakfast Club and Teatime Together. Visit our website [here](#) for information about each club and visit [Parent Pay](#) to check availability and book.



Photos for School

Please be extra smart for school in full school uniform on Thursday 25th September as we have a photographer attending to take photos for school use.

Individual school photo day will be on Wednesday 8th October.



Lateness & Independence– Reception, Year 1 and 2

Please ensure that your child is on time for school.

It is unsettling for children to arrive after their friends and they can feel embarrassed entering the classroom when everyone is already seated. Being late also means they may miss the first few minutes of the teaching session, which impacts on their learning.

A number of parents arrive late and walk their child to class which means staff need to monitor the door rather than attend to the children that have arrived on time, which again delays learning.

Lateness also puts additional pressure our office team who are trying to deal with queries both in person and on the telephone, alongside welcoming children through the office once the gates are closed. Mrs Anderson and Mrs Beck have a responsibility to secure the site and lock gates at 9:00 to keep everyone in school safe. This is delayed when children arrive late to school as we wait for parents to leave the premises.

The gates for the Infant school open at **8:45 am** and children should be in the playground, lining up with their friends by **8:55 am** when the bell is rung. The gates are locked at **9:00 am** to allow enough time for parents to leave, rather than to enable late children to enter.

Please make sure your child carries their belongings. Well done to children in Reception who are managing this exceptionally well so far!

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this matter.



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

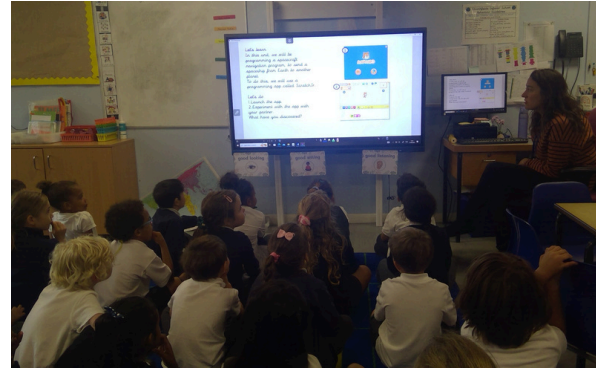
Nursery – Thursday 2nd October

Workshops will begin at 5pm. **Joining details for workshops have been emailed with this newsletter.**

**NEXT
WEEK!**

Year 2 Computing

This week, children in Year 2 have been learning all about algorithms and how they can be used to give instructions. They revisited their learning from Year 1 by reminding themselves of the language that can be used to direct a robot around (e.g. forwards, backwards, left, right and turn), and then began exploring ways they can do this on a screen! Children used the app Scratch Junior to experiment with giving instructions to a sprite (character) to move them around their screen, both in straight lines and using a turn. Over the next few weeks, they will refine these skills and become experts at controlling their sprite, or perhaps more than one at the same time!



PTA Coffee Morning

Our PTA is a much valued part of the Churchfields Infants' School community. It provides the opportunity to build links within our school, make new friends, organise fun events for the children and raise much needed funds for the school and our environment for our children. In recent years, the PTA has funded many additional resources, such as our outdoor play equipment, the musical pathway, the phone box library and our new scooter racks. We are looking for new ideas, new volunteers and new ways to help the PTA grow and become even bigger and better.

We are hosting a coffee morning on **Friday 3rd October from 9am**, so please come along to meet Mrs Anderson and some of the PTA team to find out how you can help. Every little helps! Please join us if you can.

The contact details for the PTA are: pta.churchfields@gmail.com and www.facebook.com/churchfieldsschoolpta.



Reception Phonics Workshop

Mrs Osborne is inviting you into school to learn about our exciting Phonics Scheme - Little Wandle.

Information will be given on the daily phonics lessons and you will also find out about reading practise sessions.

The workshop is for all Reception families.

It will be on Monday 20th October at 9am and will finish at 10am.



Weekly Maths Challenge

Have a go at one of the below challenges. If you'd like to share any pictures of your child/ren completing these, please send them to the school admin email address. We'd love to feature some of these on next week's newsletter!

Reception:

Play the game of 'Beetle' by taking turns to throw a die. If you throw a 1, you may draw a body; 2 is for the head; 3 is for two antennae; 4 is for six legs; 5 for the eyes and 6 will give your beetle a tail. First one to finish is the winner. Who will be first to complete a beetle? When you have won, you can add a nose and mouth!



Years 1 and 2:

Find some fruit or vegetables (such as an apple or potato or similar).

1. Find 3 different ones – which one do you think will be the heaviest?
2. Now hold them in your hand one at a time – were you right?
3. Can you find 3 things which you think will be lighter than a potato?
4. Can you find 3 things which are heavier?
5. Find your 5 favourite toys – can you put them in order, lightest to heaviest?



E-Safety Tip of the Week!



Safe Searching

There is so much online that we would not want our child to view and even an innocent search can result in inappropriate content being seen. To make our child's online world safer, we would firstly recommend switching on Safesearch settings for the search engine your child uses. However, as not all search engines allow you to 'lock' Safesearch on (so users may be able to simply turn it off), we would encourage you to apply further parental controls.

For some search engines, for example Google, you can set up a Family management account, which will ensure that Safesearch settings cannot be switched off. We would recommend using a family management account (either Google or Microsoft) so even if your child is using a search engine that cannot be locked, there will at least be an additional level of content filtering provided.

In addition to the above, make sure you have set up appropriate parental controls on your home broadband (and any consoles/ devices/ apps/ websites that your child uses/accesses) for example, to restrict access to explicit websites or access to websites that are not suitable for children.

Please remember that no filtering/ parental control is 100% safe, so it is important that you talk to your child about how they can stay safe online and that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they need to.

CEOP have produced an article exploring what you could do if your child sees something inappropriate online: <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/what-to-do-if-your-child-has-seen-something-inappropriate-online/>

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SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN
THE PTA COMMUNITY & TO
PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS FOR
FUTURE EVENTS



COFFEE MORNING



WELCOME TO OUR NEW NURSERY &
RECEPTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

**Please join us for tea or coffee after
drop off**
Mingle with other parents / carers and
meet the PTA

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 9AM
OUTSIDE INFANTS RECEPTION

