



## Weekly Newsletter

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

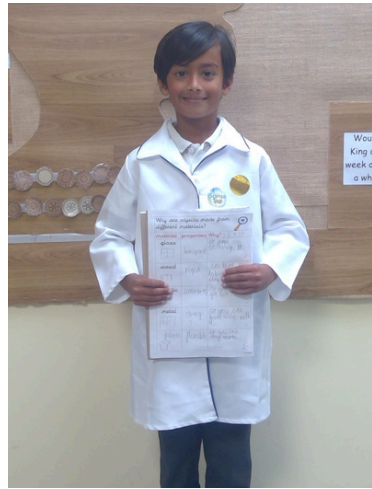
Value of the month  
**Cooperation**

### Scientists in Year 2!

In Year 2, we have been studying materials in Science. We are working hard to identify and compare the suitability of a variety of different materials for particular uses.

Would it be sensible to make a teapot out of chocolate and would it be sensible to make a raincoat out of plastic?

Why not discuss at home why objects are made out of different materials?



### Philosophy Friday

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

**Would you rather be king of queen for the day or a superhero for a week?**

**Why?**

#### DIARY DATES:

**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 Oct

w/b 20th Oct

**Phonics Workshop**

(for Reception families)

20th October 9am

**Half Term**

27th October - 31st  
October

**INSET Day**

3rd November

### Art with Year 1

This half term, Year 1 have been exploring line and shape in their art lessons. The children have learnt all about the different types of line (straight, vertical, horizontal, cross-hatch, dotted, broken, wavy, zig-zagged and curved) and then considered the ways in which they can use different levels of pressure and control to adjust their lines. This week, the children were given music as a stimulus and drew different lines in their sketchbook depending on the tempo, volume and feel of the music. Their use of different art materials and the ways in which they varied their pressure and control were very impressive and will help as we build towards our final piece of art later this half term! Well done Year 1.



## Big Read

We are very excited to welcome parents/carers into school for our Big Read, on **Friday 11th October, between 2:45 and 3:15pm.**

At Churchfields we want to share our passion for reading and know that this works best when a love of reading is modelled and developed both in school and at home. Our Big Reads are a chance to come into school, read and share stories with your child/ren. Weather permitting, we will set up books both inside and outside your child's classroom. It would be helpful if you could bring a blanket if you wish to sit outside. Please arrive promptly as reading begins straight away. If you have other commitments, please feel free to send another relative but school staff are always available to read with children.



**Unfortunately, this won't be for Nursery this time. We look forward to seeing you and sharing lots of wonderful books!**

**Please see below for information of our upcoming Stay & Play session.**

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## Digging with Nursery

The Nursery children have been discovering the digging area and mud kitchen in the garden this week. They have been using their imaginations and developing their physical and self help skills, all while having fun!



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## School Admissions 2026

If your child is starting Reception, transferring from Infant to Junior school, or transferring from Primary to Secondary school in September 2026, you must apply online at: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/school-admissions/>.

Application rounds are now open and must be submitted by **15th January 2026.**

Details of our dates for Reception 2026 are now on our website, [here](#).



## Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st** Starfish 100%
- 2nd** Giraffe 99%
- 3rd** Jaguar & Turtle 98%

Well done everyone!



## Nursery Stay and Play

Spend some time playing with your child in Nursery! Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Wednesday 5th November**.

**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.



## Reminder: Vomiting and Diarrhoea Guidance

At our school, keeping everyone safe and healthy is very important. We ask that all families follow the [government guidance](#) and [NHS guidance](#) if your child has any period of sickness (vomiting) or diarrhoea.

### The guidance/policy states that:

- Children must stay home for **48 hours after their last episode** of vomiting or diarrhoea.
- If your child is sick again during this time, the **48 hours starts again**.

### Why this matters:

- Sickness and diarrhoea spreads rapidly in schools, even with the health and safety measures taken.
- The guidance protects other children, staff and families.
- There may be a number of vulnerable individuals in our school community who could become very unwell if they catch these bugs.

### Please note:

- If a member of staff informs or reminds you about the 48-hour rule, we ask that you follow it carefully.
- This is not only school policy, but part of national health guidance.

**Thank you for helping to keep our school community healthy.**

## New Value- Cooperation

Our value for the month of October is cooperation. We will be teaching the children to work together towards common goals.

Different ways to show cooperation include playing together, group activities that encourage sharing, compromise, and supporting each other.

How else can you demonstrate co-operation at home?



## Weekly Maths Challenge

Have a go at one of the below challenges:

### Reception

Find some autumn leaves - which is the longest you can find? Is it longer than your hand? Which is the shortest? What could you use to measure the leaf?

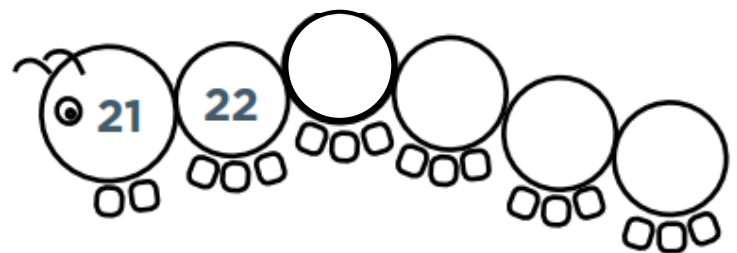
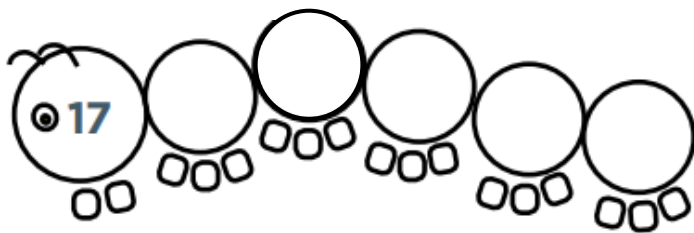
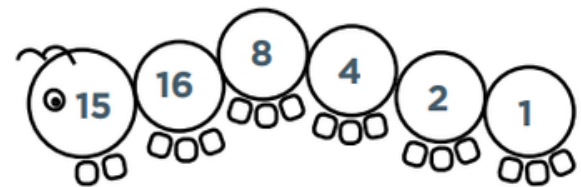


Helpful hints: Compare leaves to talk about length. Estimate which might be longer before checking. Use hands, fingers, cubes or other objects to measure. Only use a ruler if your child is confident using non-standard units of length, such as hands or counters.

### Years 1 and 2

Complete a caterpillar by adding 1 if a number is odd, or if a number is even- halve it.

Carry on until you get to 1. The first one has been done for you.



## E-Safety Tip of the Week!



### Parental Controls

Does your child have a games console? If yes, have you set up age appropriate parental controls? The controls vary across the different consoles, but all will allow you to restrict spending and communication for example.

- PlayStation

Set up your account as a family manager and create a separate child account so you can tailor their activities. Find out more here: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/parental-controls/>

- X-Box

You can download an app to manage your child's gaming experience. Find out more here: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

- Nintendo Switch

Nintendo also offer a free app to monitor what and how your children are playing. Find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo o-Switch-Family/Nintendo-SwitchParental-Controls>

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Half term is approaching fast, and our **October Half Term Camp (27th–31st at Churchfields Infants' School, E18 2RB)** is nearly here!

Packed with **sports, games, arts & crafts, prizes, and plenty of fun**, it's the perfect way for your child to spend the week making friends, staying active, and creating amazing memories.

☆ Spaces are limited – and they're filling quickly!

This is **not one to miss**, so make sure to book your child's place today to avoid disappointment.

👉 [Book your place now](#)

For more information, you can also reach us at:

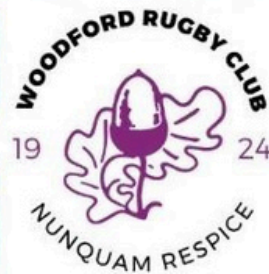
✉ [fundamentalsportsgroup1@gmail.com](mailto:fundamentalsportsgroup1@gmail.com)

We can't wait to see your child at camp!

Fundamental Sports Group

A colorful poster for the October Half Term Camp. The top half features a blue sky and green grass background with a group of diverse children running happily. The text "HALF TERM CAMP" is written in large, bold, colorful letters (red, blue, green). To the right, a pink banner says "OCTOBER 27TH-31ST". The FSG logo is in the top right corner. Below the image, the text reads "@ THE OUTSTANDING CHURCHFIELDS INFANTS' SCHOOL E18 2RB". A list of features includes "All Staff Trained &amp; DBS Checked", "Fully insured", "Safe &amp; secure grounds", and "Inclusive Environment". A blue speech bubble contains the text "Join us for a week of fun filled Activities Sports, Games, Prizes Arts &amp; Crafts &amp; More!!". At the bottom left is a QR code, and at the bottom right is the contact email "FUNDAMENTALSPORTSGROUP1@GMAIL.COM" with the note "Early bird &amp; Sibling Discounts available!".

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## **Woodford RugbyFest**

**Sunday 5 October 12.30 - 16.00**

### **Meet England Rugby Star Zoe Harrison!**

**Join us for a FREE family afternoon of rugby, crafts, games, food & fun!**

**12.30 Youth Rugby Match**

**14.00 Rugby Taster Sessions**

**15.30 Photos and Signing with Fly Half Zoe Harrison  
England Red Rose, Winner of Women's Rugby World Cup 2025**

**Rugby activities, Crafts & Fun for Boys and Girls of all ages**



**Zoe Harrison  
England Fly Half**