



# Churchfields Infants' School

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14th November 2025

## Weekly Newsletter

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

Value of the month  
**Peace**

### Year 2 Visit London

Our Year 2 children had a wonderful time visiting the Cenotaph and special landmarks in central London as part of our Geography topic. The visit enabled the children to develop their mapping skills and also provided the opportunity to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features of our city. It was also a lovely opportunity to see all the poppies on display for Remembrance Day. Have a look at some more photos on our website, [here](#).

### Philosophy Friday

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

**Working together is better than working on your own. Do you agree or disagree?**

**Why?**

#### DIARY DATES:

##### Book Fair

20th November &  
21st November

##### Day Glow Day

21st November

##### Jolly Jumper Day

3rd December

##### Festive Big Read

3rd December PM

##### PTA Winter Fayre

6th December

##### Concerts

w/b 8th December

##### Class Parties

15th December

##### Last Day of Term

19th December

##### Half Term

22nd December- 2nd  
January

##### First Day of Term

5th January



We would like to thank the parent volunteers who helped to make this visit happen. We really appreciate your support and hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did.

## Bev

It is with great sadness that I inform you that a member of our staff has died this week. Bev, our senior cook, passed away following a short illness.

Bev was an amazing lady who always thought about the children, was passionate about gardening, growing and cooking and also strived to ensure every child enjoyed lunchtime at school each day. We will miss her greatly.

Mrs Beck and I shared the sad news with the children in Year 1 and 2, who knew Bev well, in assembly today. Our focus was to think about Bev and remember how she cooked lots of delicious food for us to enjoy and we sang a special song in her memory. We made sure that additional staff were available to talk to the children if they were upset. You may wish to discuss this with your child. The Local Authority have also offered additional support to the school.

We have opened a book of condolence for her family. We know Bev went above and beyond in her role, especially with children with additional needs or special dietary plans. If you would like to contribute to the book, please email your message to the admin email address.

I would like to thank the Kitchen Team who have continued to provide an exceptional service this week.

Thank you for your support in this challenging time.



## Year 1 Design & Technology

In Year 1, we have just started a new project in design and technology. Over the next few weeks children will be designing bird feeders using their technical knowledge and skills with knot tying. When we build our structures, we will explore together how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable so that we can ensure we complete our design criteria! Last week the children learnt to tie a single knot and a reef knot and this week we discussed the problem (squirrels keep eating the bird feed) and the design criteria we will need (it must be strong, it must be able to resist weather, etc). The children seem very excited at the prospect of solving a real life problem so keep your eyes peeled on the grassy areas of the Y1 playground over the next few weeks to (hopefully) see some finished bird feeders!



## Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st** Starfish & Koala 99%
- 2nd** Octopus 98%
- 3rd** Turtle 97%

Well done everyone!



## Clubs

Please see the letters that were sent earlier this week giving details on how to book onto:

- Enrichment Clubs**
- Breakfast Club**
- Teatime/Teatime Extra Club**

Bookings for Spring 2026 will go live today at 4pm.

Bookings with Fundamental Sport will go live on Monday 17th November at 4pm. You will receive a separate letter attached with further instructions regarding this.



## Cinema Trip

On Tuesday, we were very lucky to secure some tickets for a group of Year 2 children to visit the cinema. The children thoroughly enjoyed the film and have collected lots of ideas for their writing back in school. Their behaviour travelling to/from and at the cinema was exemplary. We look forward to the other visits we have planned across the year.



## A Trip to the Opera!

This week, a small group of our children had the exciting opportunity to visit Nightingale School to watch a performance by the English Touring Opera. The show was an inclusive, immersive experience filled with live music, acting, and plenty of fun interaction. The children were captivated- laughing, joining in, and enjoying every moment as the story unfolded through beautiful music and lively performances.

A huge thank you to Nightingale for hosting such a wonderful event, and to the English Touring Opera for providing such a memorable experience. Well done to our children for representing our school so beautifully with their exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the visit!



## Shapes with Reception

This week in Reception, the children have been exploring shape in their maths learning. They enjoyed a special 'visit' to an art exhibition inspired by Yayoi Kusama and Piet Mondrian, who both used shapes in their artwork. Each child received a ticket to enter the gallery and took part in rich discussions about the shapes they could see- describing their properties using words like curved, straight, angle, sides and lines. The teachers were so impressed by the children's observations and understanding. Well done, Reception! Find more pictures on our website, [here](#).



## Book Fair!

We are hosting a Book Fair on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November** from **3.00-4.00pm**. You can collect your child from 3pm on these days and come and choose from a wide selection of lovely books.



We will also be opening on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> from 8.55-9.30am** for **adults only browsing and buying**. This is a perfect chance to stock up on Christmas gifts without your child(ren). Books make wonderful presents for all ages!

Thank you so much to everyone that entered our **Book Fair Poster Competition**. All entries were very much valued and the children have explored lots of book talk from taking part in this activity. There were some super titles, which made it very hard to pick between them.

We have chosen a winner from each year group, as well as an overall winner and they are:



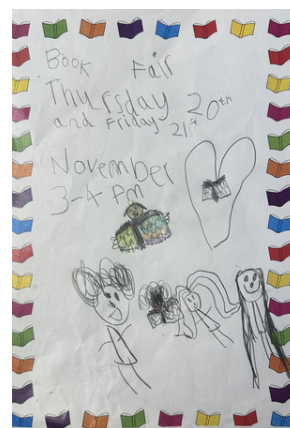
**OVERALL WINNER**  
**Nyla M**  
**from Octopus**



**Cameron C**  
**from Nursery**



**Ariana M-I**  
**from Ladybird**



**Phoebe S**  
**from Turtle**



**Ayla A**  
**from Jaguar**

Children who receive pupil premium will be eligible for a £5 book voucher.

**Take a look at the poster below for more info about our book fair.**

## PTA Winter Artwork

Have you seen your child's winter artwork yet? Why not turn your child's creativity into personalised gifts that everyone will love?!

There are many wonderful products you can purchase with your child's artwork on, such as Christmas cards, mugs, gift labels and more!

All of our proceeds go directly to the PTA, funding future amazing opportunities for our school.

### PARENT INSTRUCTIONS

You should now be the proud owners of a fantastic piece of art.

MyCardProject works with schools, nurseries and clubs to turn their children's artwork into cards, mugs, calendars and gift labels whilst also helping them to fundraise.



### THE STEPS...

1 Visit [mycardproject.com/order](http://mycardproject.com/order) and enter the code:

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or use the camera on your phone to follow the QR link below.



1 You will be asked to either upload a photo of the drawing from your camera phone or scan it in. Find somewhere well lit and follow the website instructions for the best results.

2 Follow the website instructions to place your order for Christmas cards, mugs, calendars and much more. You do not need to return the artwork.



3 We'll get started! And your orders will be delivered to the school for your child to bring home no later than the first week of December!



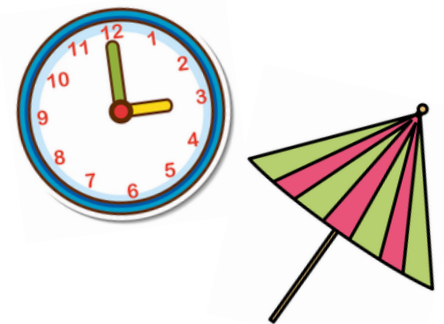
Thanks for ordering with MyCardProject!

## Weekly Maths Challenge

### Reception

This week, we have been identifying and naming circles and triangles. Can you find any examples of circles and triangles within your home or outside environment?

Can you take photographs of your findings?



### Years 1 and 2

Can you find a pair of socks for everyone in your house? Who has the biggest pair? Who has the smallest pair of socks?

Can you put them in order from the biggest to the smallest? You can do this challenge with lots of things around the house.

You could use feet, shoes, hands or even hats.

What else can you find to put in order of size?

Can you record what you have done?



## E-Safety Tip of the Week!

Children are accessing technology and the internet at a younger age than ever before. It's never too early to talk to your child about what they do online and who to tell if they come across anything online that makes them feel worried, scared or sad.



Jessie & Friends is a series of three animations that follow the adventures of Jessie, Tia and Mo as they begin to navigate the online world, watching videos, sharing pictures and playing games. There's also a storybook for each episode, to help you and your child keep the conversation going.

This series of three animations aims to give 4-7 year olds knowledge, skills and confidence to help them respond safely to risks they may encounter online.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/)

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Taking into account the rising cost of living as well as the need to recycle, we will also be selling second hand books for a small donation.

Did you know that our school earns **FREE** books for every book sold at the fair? So this is a great opportunity to stick up our classrooms with brand new resources.

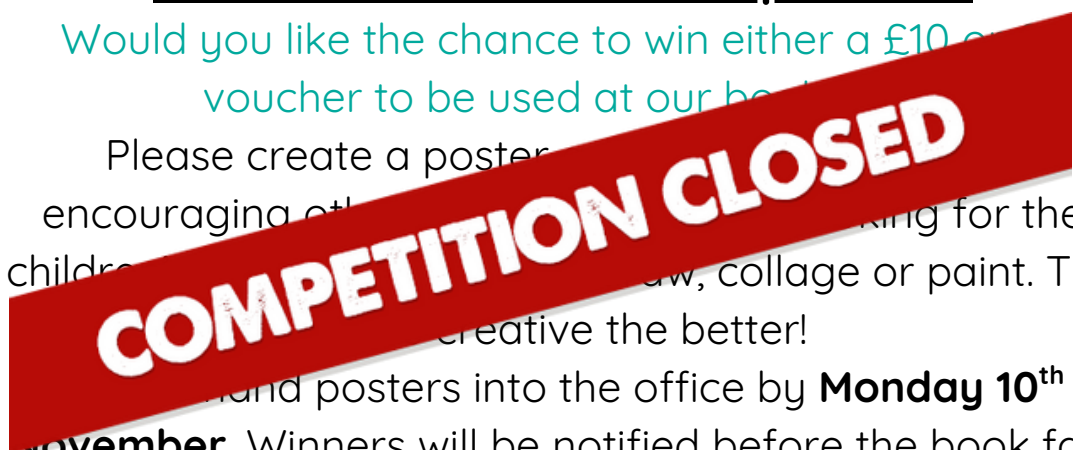
Please note that this is a **CASH ONLY** event.

## Book Fair Voucher Competition:

Would you like the chance to win either a £10 or £20 voucher to be used at our book fair?

Please create a poster encouraging others to buy books for the children. You can draw, write, collage or paint. The more creative the better!

Send your posters into the office by **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. Winners will be notified before the book fair.



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PTA



## Winter Fayre

A note from the PTA regarding the upcoming Winter Fayre:

🎄 Dear Parents and Carers 🎄

Our annual Churchfields Winter Fayre will be held on **Sat 6th Dec**. As part of the PTA fundraising efforts, Stow Brothers Estate Agents are kindly sponsoring the school £10 for each advertising board put up in the local area.

We are looking to raise £1,000 sponsorship through this effort.

If you can support us by having a board placed in front of your house for a few weeks, please fill in this short questionnaire (will only take a minute!):

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFdG5EyVvF-7424qQmX2pGVXXIfuCz-QYH0ZnmjMEzZICALw/viewform?usp=header>

All funds will go directly to our school to help purchase extra equipment, books and supplies for the children's benefit.

We thank you for your continued support!

Churchfields PTA Team



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Thursday 1st January	1.00 pm & 5.30 pm	£19.00
Friday 2nd January	7.00 pm	£19.00
Saturday 3rd January	12 noon & 4.30 pm	£19.00
Sunday 4th January	12 noon & 4.30 pm	£19.00
Tuesday 6th January	7.00 pm	£15.00
Wednesday 7th January	7.00 pm	£16.00
Thursday 8th January	7.00 pm	£17.00
Friday 9th January	7.00 pm	£19.00
Saturday 10th January	12 noon & 4.30 pm	£19.00
Sunday 11th January	11 am & 3.30 pm	£19.00

Please note that wheelchair spaces are limited to 2 wheelchairs per performance.  
 Late arrivals may not be permitted to enter the auditorium until a suitable point in the show.  
 Card payments incur a booking fee.



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