



Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Peace

Singing in Reception

The Reception children have been busy in the hall this week, practising songs for the upcoming concerts. They listened carefully, joined in with enthusiasm and are concentrating hard to learn all the words together as a group. We can't wait to see their hard work shine on stage!



Big Festive Read & Jolly Jumper Day

You are invited to our **Festive Read** on **Wednesday 3rd December** from **2:45-3.15pm**.

This time, **Nursery will also join in** (parents of the morning-only children can join at the start of the day). This will be a lovely end to the day for the children and for you. We would love for you (families) to wear something festive and bring a favourite book to read with your child/ren.

It is also our **Jolly Jumper Day!** Come to school in a 'jolly jumper'- it can be festive but that is not compulsory, any 'fun' jumper will be perfect! Finally, this day will also incorporate our Christmas lunch. Rather than the traditional roast dinner served on Wednesdays, a full festive lunch will be made for all the school-dinner children.

PTA Christmas Fayre

The PTA are collecting Christmas tree chocolates for the fayre.

Our PTA would be grateful to receive any donations of chocolate Christmas tree decorations by **Friday 5th December**.

We would also appreciate any dairy-free options to accommodate those with allergies.

Please bring any donations to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Beck on the gates or into the school office.



Philosophy Friday

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

The world would be a better place if people could fly. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

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
Nursery- 17th December

Last Day of Term
19th December

Half Term
22nd December- 2nd January

First Day of Term
5th January



Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st Giraffe 100%
- 2nd Koala 99%
- 3rd Octopus 97%



Well done everyone!



Computing with Year 1

This half term, Year 1 have been learning about digital audio as part of their computing curriculum. They have learnt some key vocabulary (audio, digital, virtual, algorithm) and been introduced to sprites (a graphical character in a program which we can give instructions to). Then, using ScratchJr, the children have attempted to program their chosen sprites with audio they have recorded themselves. We then explored how we can change the algorithm to make some of our recorded audio repeat! Some of the children were even able to make their sprites move and talk at the same time. Over the next few weeks we will move on to learning about putting sounds on top of each other, which is known as layering!



Scooters

Please remember that children must dismount from their scooter as they enter through the main school gate (by the main road). The reason for this is that children may not be able to control the speed and often knock into adults and children who are entering the school site. Sadly, last week another adult was hurt by a child riding their scooter at speed.

Scooters must be left at the top by the scooter rack and not used on our steep slope for the same reason.

Thank you for your support in keeping all of our school community safe.



Donations for Nursery

We are collecting **large cardboard boxes for a new topic in nursery in the new year**. In addition, we would love to receive any of the following for craft and play across both nursery and reception: clean bottle and jar lids, cardboard tubes, small boxes for junk modelling, wool, ribbons, used wrapping paper, old greeting cards, plastic and wooden cooking utensils, baskets and plastic jars.

Please bring any donations to the nursery or put in the box outside the infants school office. Thank you!



Year 2 Archery

Children in Year 2 have been getting to grips with archery in their outdoor PE lessons this week. They have been learning how to correctly hold a bow, load an arrow and release it safely. Now that they've mastered the basics, they are beginning to focus on building strength, power and control to ensure their arrows reach the target. They are also developing their accuracy, aiming to score as many points as possible. Well done Year 2!



Cinema Trip

This week, we were very lucky to secure some tickets to visit the Everyman Cinema in Stratford for a group of Y2 children. The children thoroughly enjoyed the film Dog Man and have collected lots of ideas for their writing back in school. Their behaviour on public transport and at the cinema was exemplary. We look forward to the other visits we have planned across the year.



Letter Formation Whiteboards

Non-cursive letter formation whiteboards are still available for Reception families to purchase from the school office.

We are asking for a minimum donation of £4, but anything extra is greatly appreciated as all profits will go towards new books for the school.



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/apply-to-start-primary-school/>.

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](#).



Concert Dates

Reception

Hedgehog/Ladybird
Tuesday 9th Dec at 2:30pm
Butterfly/Squirrel
Thursday 11th Dec at 2:30pm

Year 1

Penguin/Starfish
Tuesday 9th Dec at 9:15am
Octopus/Turtle
Wednesday 10th Dec at 9:15am

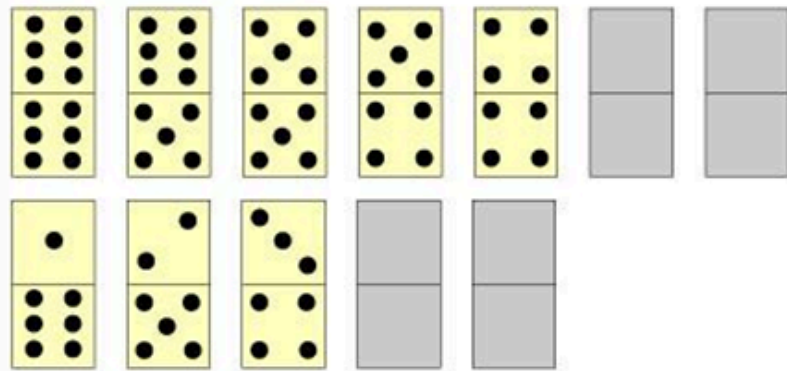
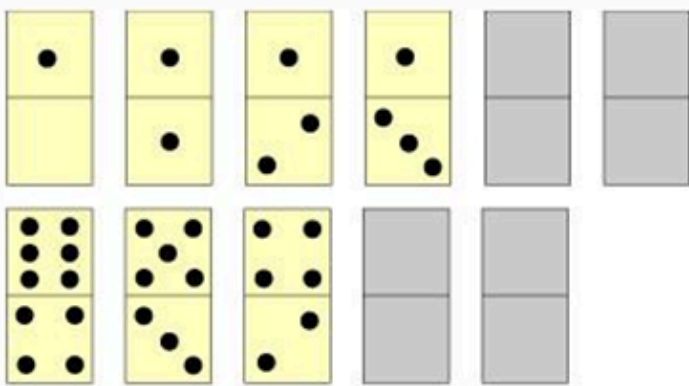
Year 2

Giraffe/Jaguar
Thursday 11th Dec at 9:15am
Koala/Panda
Friday 12th Dec at 9:15am

Weekly Maths Challenge

Reception

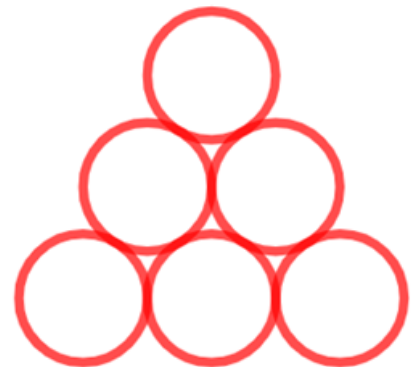
What might the next two dominoes be in each of these sequences?
Can you explain why you chose those two dominoes?



Years 1 and 2

Place the numbers 1 to 6 in the circles so that each number is the difference between the two numbers just below it.

1 4
2 5
3 6



Can you find more than one solution?

Can you find all the possible solutions?

How do you know you have found them all?



E-Safety Tip of the Week!

A Family Agreement

A family agreement is a great way to start a conversation with your whole family about how you all use the internet and discuss together how to behave in a positive way when online at home, at school or at a friend's house.

To support parents in creating a family agreement, Child Net have put together some free advice and a family agreement template:

www.childnet.com/blog/family-agreement/



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Churchfields PTA: Festive Ways to Support Our School!

Dear Parents and Carers,

This season, we're bringing the sparkle with a selection of joyful events that celebrate community, creativity, and cheer – all while raising vital funds for Churchfields Schools. Here's what's coming up:

1. Silent Auction – You are invited to bid until 5 December

Improving our school one bid at a time! Bid on a fabulous selection of items donated by local businesses and families – from luxury clothes, designer jewellery, fitness memberships, delicious meals and gifts to exciting experiences and vouchers.

How it works:

- Browse the auction catalogue and place your bids anonymously
- Highest bidder wins the item at auction close
- All proceeds go directly to enhancing our children's learning experience

Featured Lots at Churchfields Silent Auction:

- Sophia Webster Papillon Necklace & Earring Set (Value of £270) – A whimsical statement for your next night out.
- Papillon Silver Classic Pendant Necklace (Value of £180) – Sleek sophistication that shines every day.
- Papillon Silver Stud Earrings (Value of £90) – Subtle sparkle, perfect for pay day self-gifting.
- White Company Wool Double Breasted Coat (Value of £330) – Wrap yourself in timeless tailoring.
- ...and many more!

Everyone is welcome to bid – share [Silent Auction](#) with friends and family!

2. Join in Wreathmaking Workshops – Saturday 6 December

Make Your Own Christmas Wreath at the Winter Fayre at Churchfields Junior School

Join local designer and Churchfields mum, Charlotte Marsden-Abraham, for a joyful one-hour workshop using natural materials foraged from Epping Forest. Take home a beautiful, handmade treasure to adorn your door!

Family Friendly: Children are warmly encouraged to make a wreath with their parent/guardian! **Tickets: £25 (includes all supplies)**

Spaces limited to 20 per session – book early to avoid disappointment: [Tickets for Workshop 1: 12.30-1.30pm](#) [Tickets for Workshop 2: 1.45-2.45pm](#)



3. Festive Pantomime – Saturday 6 December, 3.00-3.30pm

Churchfields' Adventures in Pantoland! Presented by **Stage Up Theatre Company & ASPA**, this magical 30-minute pantomime is bursting with laughter, surprises, and festive cheer – perfect for the whole family!

Location: Main Hall (Infants School)

[Book tickets: £3 per person](#) (Capacity: 50 seats)



4. Churchfields Winter Fayre Raffle

It's that time of year again – the **Churchfields Winter Fayre Raffle** is back, proudly sponsored by [Stow Brothers](#) and [Improve Your Smile!](#) Each child will have brought home an envelope containing ten raffle tickets (each worth £1).

Prizes include:

- Amazon Fire Max Tablet (worth £280)
- £75 voucher for Namak restaurant
- Gourmet food hamper
- White Company pyjamas
- Access to Blueprint Fitness programme
- ...and many more exciting treats!



How to take part:

- Write your name and phone number on the stubs of the raffle tickets (up to ten).
- Place the completed stubs back in the envelope, along with your payment (£1 per ticket, up to £10).
- Seal the envelope and return it to the admin office.



The raffle will be drawn on **6 December at the Winter Fayre**. Don't worry if you can't attend – winners will be contacted directly! Every penny raised by the PTA goes towards enhancing your child's education and creating memorable experiences for our school community. Thank you so much for your support – together we make a real difference. **Please also return any unwanted tickets as we will use these on the day.**

5. Winter Fayre – Saturday 6 December, 12.00-4.00pm

Join us on Saturday 6th December! The PTA volunteers have been working hard to make this year's Winter Fayre fun, festive and affordable!

- Adults £1 entry, kids free!
- Outdoor games £2 a go / Indoor tabletop games 50p a go!
- There will be a **free PTA book stall** and a selection of **pre-loved toys** (small donations appreciated but not essential)
- Grab a sweet treat at the **PTA festive cake stall** or join in with some **festive biscuit decorating** (£2 - drop in no need to book!)
- Local legends **Namak Indian restaurant** will be serving us some delicious bites, and **Decanter Wine and Tapas** bar will be making sure you have lots of festive tipples to enjoy. With Caribbean fusion from **Nellies Kitchen** and a Pizza Bar, Bubble tea, Popcorn and treats, Tea and Coffee, there's something for everyone!
- The **Christmas Market bazar** has some great new additions this year with lots of local business selling gifts, toys and crafts. **Stem4Kids** will be giving us a demo of some of their robotics projects and **Together We Travel** will be testing our geography through a fun game, and much much more. We can't wait to see you there.
- **The Raffle** will be drawn at 3.30pm on the day so remember and hand your tickets in! Location: Main Hall (Juniors School)



Donations needed!

Please bring any home baking donations to the school office from Monday 1st December.

If you have any pre-loved toys or books you would like to donate please reach out directly to Lynsey on 07825627181 to arrange a drop off.

Thank you for your continued support. Every ticket purchased, bid placed, and moment shared helps us create a richer, more vibrant school experience for our children. We can't wait to celebrate with you! Warm wishes- [Churchfields PTA](#)

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SAVE THE DATES

2025 | 2026

More events
to come.
Watch this
Space!

21 NOV SILENT AUCTION

Quiet please...winning in progress!
Bid online to win some amazing items and
experiences from local businesses!



06 DEC WINTER FAYRE

Festive panto, wreath making, fun activities
and games for kids and parents alike, crafts,
toys and gift stalls, festive refreshments.
Its going to be SNOW much fun!



13 FEB VALENTINES CAKESALE

Love at first bite?

Treat yourself or a loved one to
some delicious valentines
themed bakes!



13 MAR MOTHERS DAY SALE

Let the kids pick something mum-
believable!
Our popular mothers day event
selling gifts from £3 -£15.



6 JUN SUMMER FAYRE

A sun-sational Summer Fayre supporting
our schools. Join the fun on the day and
help us with vital fundraising.




12 JUN FATHERS DAY SALE

Buy something rad for Dad!
Our annual kids shopping event
for fathers day gifts ranging
from £3 - £15.




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