



Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Hope

Big Festive Read & Jolly Jumper Day

Philosophy Friday

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

School everyday of the year. Good idea or bad idea?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

PTA Winter Fayre
6th December

Concerts
w/b 8th December

Class Parties
16th December
Nursery- 17th December

Last Day of Term
19th December

Half Term
22nd December- 2nd
January

First Day of Term
5th January

What a fantastic turnout we had to our Big Festive Read! We would like to thank all the adults who attended. It was lovely to see grandparents and other family members who joined us. The children enjoyed listening to stories and this event helps promote a love of reading. Everyone also looked fabulous in their jolly jumpers! Thank you to the ISS team for the delicious lunch. Please visit our website [here](#) for more photos from the day!



Chanukah Sameach!

In an assembly this week, we welcomed Rabbi Richard from the East London and Essex Liberal Synagogue. He talked to the children about the meaning of Chanukah and how Jewish people celebrate. He then discussed the Menorah, and how Jewish people light the candles to mark each night of the festival.



Christmas Concerts – NEXT WEEK



We are so excited to be preparing to perform our Christmas concerts! For those of you who have not attended one of our concerts before, please read the following carefully to ensure the health and safety of all.

As we are a large school, we perform each concert twice to accommodate our 120 families in each year group and **ask that the parents/carers from two classes attend on each day**. Our school hall is fairly small so please try to attend on your assigned day and keep guests to **two per family** so we can fit everyone in comfortably.

Please also note that we do not allow siblings or other babies/children to attend our concerts. We know that this may come as a surprise to some of you but this system works really well. Our children work very hard to perform for you and, with younger siblings in the audience, it is not always possible to hear our children speak or act. In the past, families have been supportive of this measure and have enjoyed giving their performing child their full attention. Please find suitable arrangements if you have other children. We will be hosting another Big Read before the end of term and would love to welcome your little ones into school then. We would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

For afternoon performances, we will open the pedestrian gate 15 minutes before each performance is due to begin so please do not feel the need to arrive before this time. For morning performances, we will lock all gates as usual for safeguarding purposes and then open the Y2 gates at 9:10. This allows us to register the children safely before the concerts begin.

Please note the following dates and times:

Tuesday 9th December at 9:15am - Y1 Penguin and Starfish

Tuesday 9th December at 2:30pm - YR Ladybird and Hedgehog

Wednesday 10th December at 9:15am - Y1 Octopus and Turtle

Thursday 11th December at 9:15am - Y2 Giraffe and Jaguar

Thursday 11th December at 2:30pm - YR Butterfly and Squirrel

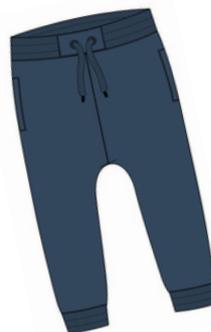
Friday 12th December at 9:15am - Y2 Koala and Panda

Traditionally, we have collection buckets at the end of our concerts so families can donate to our charity of the year - more information will be given on the day. We look forward to see you all there. Please do speak to Mrs Anderson or Mrs Beck if you have any queries.

Donation of Socks, Tights & Jogging Bottoms

The medical room is experiencing a shortage of socks, tights and jogging bottoms due to the colder (and wetter!) weather.

If you have any clean spares at home (in all sizes!), we would be extremely grateful for the donation. Please bring in any donations into the school office. Thank you.



Year 1 History Workshop

Over the last two weeks, our Year 1 children have taken part in two history workshops to find out if toys that children played with in the past are the same or different to toys now.

First, they travelled back in time fifty years, within living memory, with Mrs Paczynska to find out about the toys she played with when she was a little girl. In the following session they went even further back in time, beyond living memory, with a local historian to research what Victorian children played with one hundred and fifty years ago!

Both workshops enabled the children to develop their historical enquiry skills as they listened to oral evidence, handled artefacts and looked carefully at a diary from the past. They were all great historians and really impressed us with their observation skills and thoughtful questions.



Reception visit to Salway

This week, Reception classes visited Salway Church. We would like to say a big thank you to Ann Burgess for sharing the story of the very first Christmas. The children played party games such as; pin the tail on the donkey, the conga and pass the parcel. They had a fantastic time. Thank you to the parents who supported us in keeping the children safe on their first trip. We are very proud of the children's behaviour outside of school. See more photos on our website, [here](#).



Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st Panda 98%
- 2nd Penguin 97%
- 3rd Giraffe 96%

Well done everyone!



End of Term Parties

Christmas parties will be as follows:

YR to Y2 -Tuesday 16th December (PM)
Nursery - Wednesday 17th December

Children may wear their own clothes and shoes but they must be appropriate for school activities. Each teacher will be in touch regarding party food. We ask that families contribute a **small** amount of food for your child's class to enjoy during the afternoon. Please bring the food in with you on the morning of the party.

If your child has a **Special Diet Plan**, please send them to school with their own party food in a lunchbox or bag to ensure they have food that is safe for them to eat. Your child's teacher will be able to support with what to provide.

PTA Winter Fayre- TOMORROW!

Thank you for your generous donations of chocolate and sweets for our stall.

The Winter Fayre opens at **12pm tomorrow and finishes at 4pm.**

Make sure you stop by, we look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the PTA on pta.churchfields@gmail.com.



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](#).



New Value- Hope

This month we are focusing on the value 'hope'. We will talk to the children about having high aspirations for the future and a sense of confidence and purpose whilst building resilience and self-worth. We will encourage the children to work together to build a positive future for everyone in our school.



Nursery Tours

We are hosting tours for prospective families for September 2026 entry. The dates are as follows:

Thursday 8th January at 10am
Thursday 22th January at 10am

Please contact the school office to book a place on 0208 505 0386 or email admin@churchfieldsinfants.redbridge.sch.uk. Further information about our Nursery and an application form can be found on the school website [here](#).



Weekly Maths Challenge

Reception

Draw a Christmas tree without any decorations.

Now draw 6 different decorations on your tree - make them different colours and different shapes- do not show your family!

Now ask anyone in your family to draw a tree without any decorations. They must not look at what you have done.

When they have drawn their tree, you are going to tell them which decorations to draw and where to place the decoration.

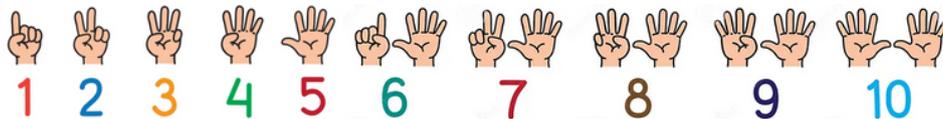
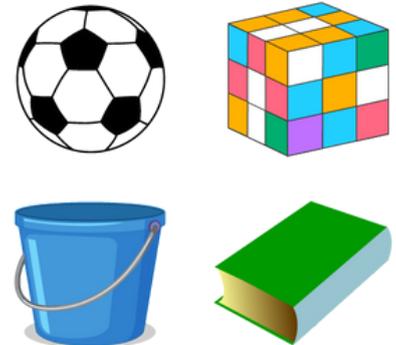
Did they get them all right?



Years 1 and 2

Find objects around the house which are 3D shapes and see how many 2D shapes there are on the object.

For example, a can of beans is a cylinder and it has 2 circles, one at each end and the middle is a rectangle.



E-Safety Tip of the Week!



Staying safe on a PlayStation

Internet Matters have teamed up with Sony Interactive Entertainment to create a quiz that you can play with your child to see who knows more about the safety options available on a PlayStation.

Play the quiz here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/press-start-for-playstation-safety/>

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SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER

CHURCHFIELDS PTA

WINTER FAYRE

OPEN 12 - 4pm

£1 ADULT
KIDS
FREE ENTRY

WREATH MAKING

12.30-13.30 | 13.45-14.45



Check Availability & Book Tickets (£25)

CHOIR

12.30

PANTO

15.00

RAFFLE

15.30

WITH SANTA



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Donations welcome
FREE CHRISTMAS BINGO

AMAZING STALLS

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