



# Churchfields Infants' School

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## Weekly Newsletter

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

Value of the month  
**Responsibility**

### Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. We hope that you had a relaxing break.

Thank you to all who sent warm wishes, cards and gifts to our staff at the end of term. We really do appreciate your kind words and thoughts.

We are impressed how quickly the children have settled back into their learning and look forward to watching the children learn and grow throughout the term.

### Philosophy Friday

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

**Would you choose no iPad's or no television?**

**Why?**

### DIARY DATES:

#### Curriculum Workshops

- Y2- 20/01
- YN- 22/01
- YR- 27/01
- Y1- 28/01

#### Nursery Stay & Play

13th January

#### Parent Consultations

- Mon 2nd February
- Thurs 12th February

#### PTA Cake Sale

13<sup>th</sup> February

#### Last Day of Term

13th February

#### Half Term

16th-20th February

#### First Day of Term

23rd February



### Nursery Stay and Play

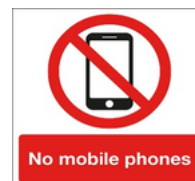
Spend some time playing with your child in Nursery!  
Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Tuesday 13th January**.

**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.



## Curriculum Workshops

We believe that children achieve their very best when we work in partnership with our families. This term we will be resuming our popular parent workshops that provide a valuable opportunity for you to understand how you can support your child at home with their learning.

Workshops will be virtual and will begin at **5pm**. The links with details will be sent out next week.

The dates are as follows:

**20th January- Year 2    22nd January- Nursery    27th January- Reception    28th January- Year 1**

Individual consultations will take place on 2nd and 12th February and further details will be sent next week.

## New Value of the Month

The value for January is '**responsibility**'. We will be focusing on caring for our own belongings and environment, contributing to our classroom community and showing independence in ways such as tidying up the classroom, completing our work and helping others. Can you help your friends and family to show responsibility at home?



## Reception Drawing Club

This week, we have been enjoying the story Tiddler by Julia Donaldson. During Drawing Club sessions, the children created a brand-new adventure for Tiddler. Ideas included Tiddler receiving an alarm clock so he is not late for school or hiding from a shark in some wonderful and imaginative places.



## 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**.

## Weekly Maths – NumBots

We are excited to share that since September, the children have collected a huge 1,121,285 coins which far exceeds the number from last year at this time! Well done to **Leah** (Turtle), **Musa** (Starfish) and **Giyansh** (Octopus) who have each individually earned over 50,000 coins!

Thank you for your continued support with NumBots across Key Stage 1. Our engagement numbers remain strong but we are always looking to improve them! Playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. These are critical foundations in maths so we are excited by the impact that NumBots has had for our children regularly engaging with it. We find that children who regularly engage with NumBots at home find it easier to engage in many of the problems and challenges which they encounter in maths lessons. If you need any assistance with the system or have misplaced your child's login details, please speak with your class teacher or Mr. Morgan (our Maths Champion) so that we can help.

This term, our **Reception** children will be added to the system, which will support their developing knowledge of number and subitising. We will communicate further information about this as it happens, so please keep your eyes peeled for this.

We have introduced (for **Year 1**) and updated (for **Year 2**) a weekly activity goal on the system. For our Year 1 children, this activity target is **10 minutes of activity per week**. For Year 2 children, this target is **15 minutes of activity per week**.

As well as our weekly trophy which is presented to a class by Mrs. Anderson each Friday for their efforts, we will continue to reward children with individual certificates celebrating their achievements and improved attempts or effort. We can't wait to share these achievements with you!



## E-Safety Tip of the Week!



### Age Ratings

There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs. One of the ways we can help keep our children safe online is by checking age restrictions/ratings as detailed below:

- Films: The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. This page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings': [www.cbbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online](http://www.cbbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online)
- Video games: PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration the chat facilities within games
- Apps: Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and use them yourself to check their suitability
- Social Media networks: All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+

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# Tell us what **you'd like** at Elmhurst Gardens

We're creating something new for Elmhurst Gardens, in place of the pavilion that is being removed.

**Would you like a new pavilion?  
Something else?**

Tell us what you'd like to see in this space! - **scan the QR code.**

