



Churchfields Infants' School

Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

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25th September 2026

Value of the
month
Friendship

Year 2 Texture Hunt

The Year 2 children have been learning about texture in Art. They have already explored outside in their playground to find objects and label them as knobbly, jagged, coarse, velvety and smooth (among many other appropriate words!) depending on their texture. This week, they continued this learning on a visit to Elmhurst Gardens! Children were very excited to learn how to make rubbings of different textures with a crayon, and collected as many as they could find to take home! They then searched for items with as many different textures as possible and used these to create a collaborative sculpture with the other children in their group! Next children will be learning different techniques to help them create different textures in their own Artwork! We were so impressed with children's behaviour and the excellent learning that took place - well done, Year 2! See more photos on our website, [here](#).

Philosophy Friday

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

Making new friends is very important. Do you agree or disagree?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Curriculum Briefings
available to watch from
28th September

Flu Vaccinations
28th September

Big Read
2nd October- Not
Nursery
(2:45-3:15pm)

PTA Coffee Morning
2nd October at 8:55am

School Photos
7th October

Parent Consultations
w/b 12th/19th October
Invitations to be sent on
Monday

Half Term
26th October - 30th
October

INSET Day
2nd November

Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

1st Octopus 99%

2nd Koala & Panda 97%

3rd Starfish & Jaguar 96%

Well done everyone!



The Big Read

We are very excited to welcome families into school for our Big Read, on **Friday 2nd 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 and 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 note, **NO PHONES are allowed on site.** Additionally, if reading with your child outside, you should stay close to their classroom as staff need to be aware of where all children are.

Friendship in Reception

As our current value has been friendship, the reception children have been working together to create magical friendship potions, developing their teamwork and communication skills.

They also made friendship bracelets for one another, practising their fine motor skills through cutting, sticking and careful crafting while celebrating the importance of being a good friend.



Developing Skills in Nursery

We have been enjoying the warm weather in Nursery and taking part in lots of activities which help develop our physical skills, including balance, strength and coordination.



Mini English Champions

Our English Champion Mrs Osborne is pleased to announce the new Mini English Champions for the year. These children have been selected because they are passionate about books and reading. They will have a range of responsibilities - being role models, recommending books to peers, tidying the libraries, ordering new books and lots of other important jobs.



"I like art books because I am an expert at art. I read at home by myself. I want to teach the younger children in school how to read art books. I'm looking forward to tidying the library. I can also make my own books out of paper, even activity books."



"Dev I like reading and I am excited to read to the younger children. I love reading at home and I like reading Gruffalo Granny and The Gruffalo. I also like reading books so that I can learn about Science."



"I want to help the Reception and Year 1 children to read. I read with my mum and dad at home. I like reading the Gruffalo books."



"I like Bunny vs Monkey because they are funny stories and they have cool words and adjectives in them. I'm looking forward to tidying the library and reading to the younger children."



"I like reading lots of books with my mum and dad. I also read to my little brother, he really likes Bluey books. I really like Julia Donaldson books. I'm really looking forward to tidying up the library."



"I love reading books because that is my hobby. I can't wait to read to read to the other children in school because I just love reading so much."



"I wanted to be a Mini English Champion because I like reading to younger children to help them understand how to read. I want to share with everyone that reading is fun. I like reading Harry Potter books and also lots of other books."



I love to read, especially emotional books. I can't wait to become a white level reader. I read with my friends. When I am a Mini English Champion, I want to be read to the younger children.

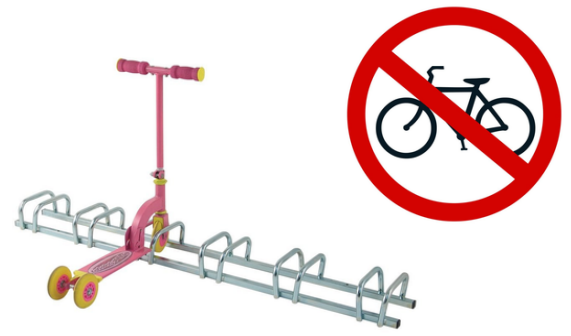


Bikes and Scooters

Today is National Fitness Day! We love that our children enjoy riding scooters to school to keep fit and healthy, however, we do have some rules to keep everyone on our site safe.

Please note that the scooter rack is for **scooters only, not bikes** as they are too bulky and take up too much space, protrude into the pathway as a trip hazard.

If the main scooter rack is full, please make sure to use the nursery rack which often has some spaces left in it.



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. Last year, an adult was hurt by a child who crashed into their legs knocking them over.

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.



Lost Property- Names

Please make sure your child's name is clearly marked on all uniform and belongings. Many families come to the office to ask about lost property, but without a name we cannot return it. Putting a name on every item helps lost items be returned to the rightful owners. If you have pre-loved uniform, please check it is named correctly.



Curriculum Briefings

At this time of year, we host our popular Curriculum Briefings, delivered by the teachers in your child's year group. These sessions give you the opportunity to discover more about our curriculum, find out about key routines and procedures, and learn how you can support your child's learning at home. The briefings are an important part of our partnership with families and help children to thrive at school.

The recorded presentations and slides will be shared with families from **Monday 28th September**, allowing you to watch them at a time that suits you.

Please remember that the presentations focus on general year group information. If you have a question relating specifically to your child, please contact their teacher or discuss it at your consultation meeting in October.

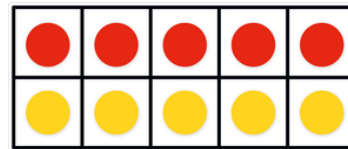
Welcome to our Autumn Briefing



Weekly Maths Challenge

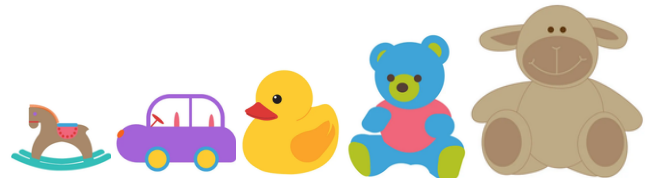
Reception

Can you hop on one foot 10 times? Can you clap 10 times?
What else can you do 10 times and count?
Can all your family do it too?



Years 1 and 2

Choose 5 of your favourite toys.
Put them in order from shortest to tallest.
Are any taller than the length of your hand?
Now put them in order from lightest to heaviest.
Are they in the same order?
Which are in a different place?



E-Safety Tip of the Week!

Staying Safe

Our children may not have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse all situations yet so it is important to talk to your child about hoaxes and challenges that may appear on the internet. Some challenges are fun and provide no risk, however there will be challenges that are risky/dangerous. Your child may see others complete certain challenges online without being harmed and therefore may want to repeat them and not consider the potential risks to themselves. Make sure they know that they should talk to you (or another trusted adult) about what they see online, particularly if they plan to try a challenge or if something scares or upsets them. We would always advise that if your child has not heard about an online challenge, then do not draw attention to it as this may lead to them searching for it out of curiosity, so just talk about challenges in a general sense. Reassure your child that challenges that suggest that bad things will happen if they do not complete the tasks are not real.



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PTA Coffee Morning

Our PTA is a much valued part of the Churchfields Infants' School community. It provides the opportunity to build links within our school, make new friends, organise fun events for the children and raise much needed funds for the school and our environment for our children. In recent years, the PTA has funded many additional resources, such as our outdoor play equipment, the musical pathway, the phone box library and our new scooter racks. We are looking for new ideas, new volunteers and new ways to help the PTA grow and become even bigger and better.

We are hosting a coffee morning on **Friday 2nd October from 8:55am**, so please come along to meet some of the PTA team to find out how you can help. Every little helps! Please join us if you can.



The contact details for the PTA are found at the bottom of this page.

PTA Halloween Circus

Get ready for a spooktacular adventure under the Big Top!

Churchfields PTA is delighted to invite families to Happy's Circus Halloween Special at Churchfields Junior School on **Friday 23 October** (from 4pm) and **Saturday 24 October** (from 1pm).

With thrilling circus acts, Halloween fun, spooky surprises and the chance for children to come in costume, it's set to be a fantastic event for the whole family.

Tickets are selling fast, so be sure to book yours [here](#) and join us for an unforgettable Halloween celebration!



Volunteers - we need your help!

Our PTA events simply couldn't happen without the wonderful parents and carers who give a little of their time to help. Could you support us at any of these upcoming events?

🎃 Halloween Bake Sale – Thursday 22 October (After morning drop-off at the Juniors and before afternoon collection at the Infants)

🎪 Happy's Circus – Friday 23 October, 3.45–7.30pm

🎪 Happy's Circus – Saturday 24 October, 1–4.30pm

🌲 Winter Fayre – Saturday 5 December, 12–4pm

Please let us know which event—or events—you could help with and roughly what times you're available (email pta.churchfields@gmail.com). Even an hour would make a real difference and would be hugely appreciated! **Everyone who volunteers at Happy's Circus will receive a free ticket as a thank-you.**

All parents and carers are invited to join our PTA Community & Volunteers WhatsApp group for updates and news by clicking the link [here](#).



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