



## Dates for your diary:

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

Workshops on Zoom for Year 3 – 6 Parents/Carers about how to help your child learn their times tables, 1.30 – 2.30pm and 6 – 7pm (the content is the same in each session)

### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Football team trials open to all children as below:

- Boys in Year 5 and Year 6
- Girls in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

8.00am – 8.45am - come to both sessions if you can, or just one. Entrance by the Nursery gate

### **REMINDER: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Deadline to apply for Reception places starting in September 2023

### **REMINDER: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Deadline to apply for Nursery places starting in September 2023

### **REMINDER: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Spring Term Parent/Carer evenings after school

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a happy new year to you all! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable break; it was wonderful to see everyone returning on Wednesday morning. During our Inset day on Tuesday we reflected on where we are as a school, how we could make things even better and what our priorities are for the coming term.

One of our priorities is to offer more opportunities for you as parents/carers to get to know what is happening in school by adding to the current schedule of class assemblies and parents evenings with two new events (dates below):

- **Open classrooms** – come along to your child's classroom on the dates below. The children will have the pieces of work they are most proud of ready to share with you. If you can't make these dates, we can share their work with you on parent/carer evenings.
- **Parent/Carer forums** – an informal meeting with myself to update you on what is happening as a school, to ask questions and share ideas.

We have a **vacancy for an elected parent/carer governor** as Andrew Newbon's term of office has come to an end. We thank Andrew for his contribution to the school and more details will follow next week about the role, how you can find out more and how to apply.

The **nursery admissions** proposal for September 2023 will be going ahead, thank you to those of you who offered feedback. The details are on our website [Nursery Admissions](#) . If you have already put in an application, we will be contacting you next week about how to apply under the new arrangements.

We are also making some improvements to our **English curriculum** with new books and a shift in structure for Years 2 – 6 where reading activities are integrated into English lessons and longer sessions of writing happen throughout the week rather than always on a Friday.

Finally, our '**virtual tour**' video is now live on our website [Virtual Tour Video](#) , do have a look and enjoy celebrating our school! Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Sarah Atherton  
Headteacher



# Churchfields News



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## Open Classrooms

We invite you to your child's classroom from **2.45pm** on the dates below where they can share work they are particularly proud of with you.

Nursery – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January  
Reception – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
Year 1 – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
Year 2 – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 3 – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 4 – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 5 – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Year 6 – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January

If you can't make these dates, we will share the work with you at the parent/carer evenings on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

## Parent/Carer Forums

You are all welcome to join an informal meeting with the headteacher to update you on what is happening as a school, to ask questions and share ideas.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January:  
2.30 – 3.15pm, in person at school

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January:  
9.00 – 9.45am, in person at school

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January:  
5.00 – 5.45pm, online using Zoom

The headteacher and deputy headteachers will also be available to speak with you at the parent/carer evenings on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

## International Research Group Visit Churchfields

We were proud to host a team of international education researchers at school this morning.

The group are working with the University of Queensland and are carrying out research across England, Singapore, Bangladesh and Australia to investigate how different kinds of evidence and information are used in schools around the world to improve children's learning.

They met with teachers and a group of children from Year 5 and Year 6 who answered questions about how they get feedback in school, what tests are for, how teachers might use information/data to help them teach as well as sharing favourite subjects and their experiences of school life.







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## Year 3 – 6 Parent/Carer Workshop How to help your child learn multiplication tables

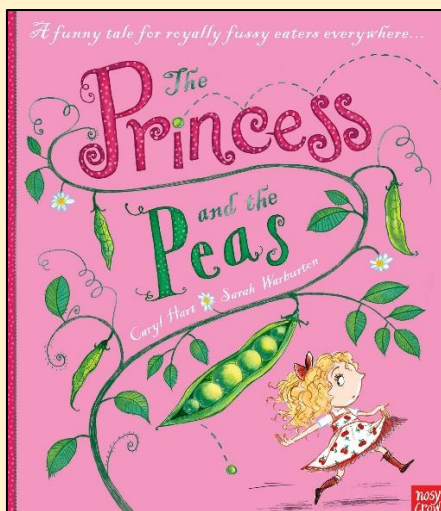


The National Curriculum states that by the end of Year 4, pupils should know their times table facts up to 12 x 12 and have introduced a test called the 'Multiplication Tables Check' to be taken in June for all children in Year 4.

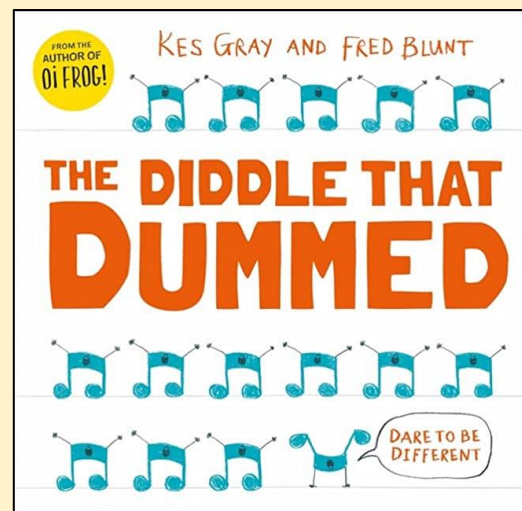
Having quick recall of times tables facts gives children a solid foundation in mathematics that will help them work out a variety of calculations easily and quickly. Knowing times tables facts provides the building blocks for understanding learning in Years 4, 5 and 6, such as long multiplication, long division, fractions and fraction of numbers, algebra and solving word problems.

To help parents/carers with strategies to support children learning their times tables in Years 3 - 6 we are pleased to offer a virtual 'workshop' on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30-2.30pm and again at 6-7pm. The content is the same in each session, the link will be emailed to you all next week.

## Birthday Book Donations



Happy birthday to Scarlett



Happy birthday to Finn



## Class Assembly Dates 2022/23

Class assemblies will be held in the school's Main Hall, starting at 2.45pm.

### Spring Term

26.01.23	Oak
02.02.23	Silver Birch
02.03.23	Hickory
09.03.23	Sumac
16.03.23	Olive
23.03.23	Ash

### Summer Term

04.05.23	Cherry
11.05.23	Rowan
18.05.23	Palm
25.05.23	Acer
15.06.23	Beech

## Term Dates 2022/23

### Spring Term 2023

Last day of Spring 1 term: Friday 10 February

Spring half term holiday: Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February

First day of Spring 2 term: Monday 20 February

Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 31 March

### Summer Term 2023

Inset Day: Monday 17 April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1 term: Tuesday 18 April

Bank holiday: Monday 1 May – school closed to children

Bank holiday: Monday 8 May – school closed to children

Last day of Summer 1 term: Friday 26 May

Spring half term holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Inset Day: Monday 5 June – school closed to children

First day of Summer 2 term: Tuesday 6 June

Last day of Summer 2 term: Friday 21 July

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## Term Dates 2023/24

### **Autumn Term 2023**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	INSET days, school closed to children
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	First day of Autumn 1 term
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Last day of Autumn 1 term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Autumn half term holiday
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	First day of Autumn 2 term
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Last day of Autumn 2 term

### **Spring Term 2024**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	First day of Spring 1 term
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Last day of Spring 1 term
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Spring half term holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	First day of Spring 2 term
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Last day of Spring 2 term

### **Summer Term 2024**

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	First day of Summer 1 term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	May Bank Holiday, school closed
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Last day of Summer 1 term
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Summer half term holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	First day of Summer 2 term
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Last day of Summer 2 term