



Dates for your diary:

Monday 17th July

- Football tournament at Valley Primary – 12.15pm start

Wednesday 19th July

- Year 6 production performances at 2pm and 7pm, Main Hall

Friday 21st July

- Last day of school year – 1.30pm finish
- After school club available from 1.30 – 4.30pm (must be pre-booked)

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September

- INSET days – school closed to children

Wednesday 6th September

- Children back in school at the following times:
 - Nursery: 9.00am – 3.30pm
 - Reception: 8.55am – 3.25pm
 - Years 1, 2, 3: 8.50am – 3.15pm
 - Years 4, 5, 6: 8.50am – 3.20pm

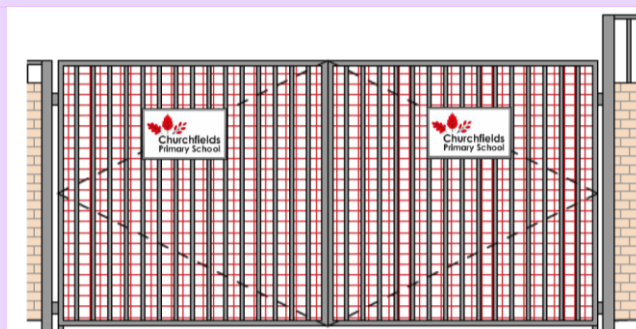
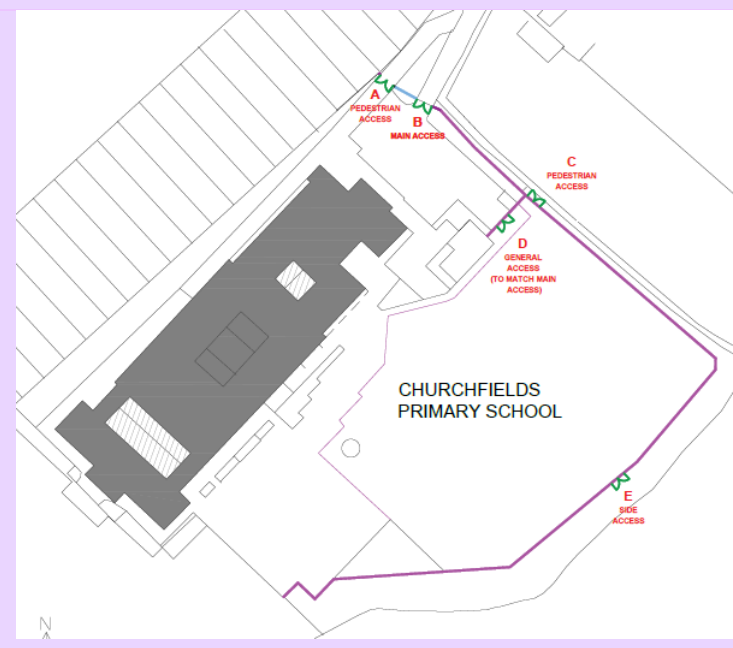
Dear Parents and Carers,

We are starting to wrap up the academic year with the school reports, parent/carer evenings and the final sports days for Nursery and Key Stage 2 completed. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work and to you for supporting your children and the school.

We have had some very good news that we have won a funding bid to install £400,000 of new fencing, gates and CCTV over the summer holidays. The fencing around the perimeter of the school will be replaced as well as the car and foot access gates at the front of the school. There will be some adjustments we will all need to make, for example, being buzzed into site during the school day and the car park will not be open for parents and carers to use to drop off and pick up (apart from children who arrive by private transport as part of their EHCP), but when we come back after the holidays you will find the security and appearance of the school site is much improved.

Have a great weekend,

Sarah Atherton, Headteacher



New foot access gates on the drive

New gates (in red) and perimeter fencing (in purple).

Entry and exit to the school at drop off and pick up will still be through gates A and C on the drawing



An Evening of Magical Music



It was standing room only at our summer musical evening! There were definitely some nerves amongst the children but they performed brilliantly in front of such a big audience. Thank you to Miss McBain and Miss Tarbuck for organising the evening and promoting music throughout the school.

Churchfields Artwork on Display at Local Festival



We were recently invited to submit artwork to be displayed at the Ziggy Stardust Fun Day in Beckenham.

A group of dedicated Year 6 pupils created a large artwork featuring several David Bowie sleeve artworks.

They decided to add even more glitz and glamour to each one by using a range of collage and 3D techniques.

The artwork drew many admiring comments whilst at the fair and we plan to install it in the school reception area soon.

Mrs Holland



Gardening Grows from Strength to Strength



Our keen, green-fingered gardeners have had an amazing couple of weeks. They raised £57 with their after-school plant sale and also won the 'People's Choice' award of £100. Thank you to everyone who voted – we will use the money to buy materials for the club next year.



Churchfields Children's Fantastic Achievements



Scarlett in Reception was very proud to perform in a baby ballet show at the weekend – well done!



Betty in Year 2 took part in a production of 'Different and Diverse' with her dance school at the Albany Theatre in Deptford. She has spent months rehearsing with the final dress rehearsals and 2 performances last Sunday. The photos show her in her performance costume and the other with the medal she received for taking part!



Churchfields News



Quality First
Education Trust

Churchfields Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4QY Tel: 020 86505247



A number of Churchfields students performed in PSSA's production of Matilda Jr at MCT Theatre, Dulwich last weekend. They have been working hard in rehearsals since February and the shows were a huge success. Well done to everyone who performed!



Ada in Year 4 competed in a gymnastic competition over the weekend. She did so well in the face of lots of challenges (two competitors fell off the vault, which rocked her nerves) but she ended up getting silver!



Rosie in Year 4 won the under-9 Glasnevin Championships in Dublin last Saturday. Rosie won this competition in Irish Dancing in Ireland which is a huge achievement (the trophy is pretty big too!)

Any good news, something to share or celebrate with the Churchfields community?

Please do email us on
admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk



Churchfields News



Quality First
Education Trust

Churchfields Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4QY Tel: 020 86505247

Summer Reading Challenge 2023



Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



**SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE**

© The Reading Agency. Registered charity number 1085443 (England & Wales)

Illustrations by Loretta Schauer and logo artwork by Lizzie Everard.
All © The Reading Agency 2023

Join the Summer Reading Challenge for loads of fun!



It's FREE to take part at the library. You'll read books over the summer and collect special stickers and rewards.

Could you skip, scoot or take the bus to the library? You could even play a game on the way!

Get ready to read!



INSPIRING
ACTIVE
READERS

THE
READING
AGENCY

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

**Get rewards
for reading!**





Your child is invited to sign up for this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#). Sign up at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.¹

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

OR

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get tips for accessing books for free at home.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

Throughout the **summer holidays**. Check with your local library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](#) to check.

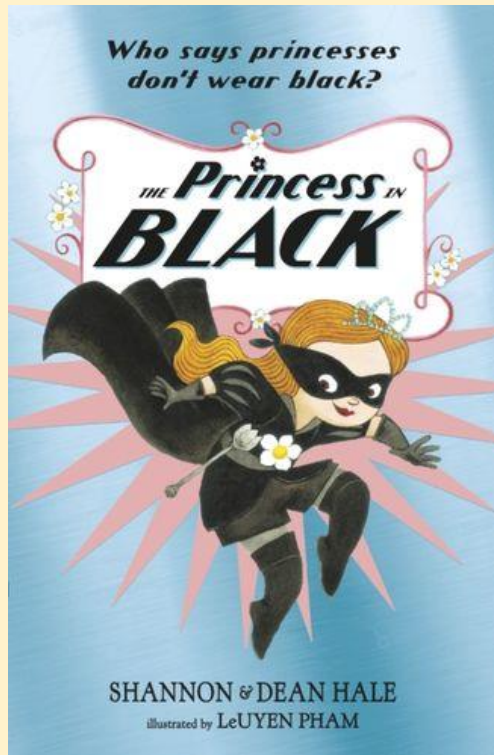
Head to your local library this summer and sign up!

Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success [here](#).
- Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) for free activities, competitions and videos.
- Keep up-to-date! [Follow @SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](#).



Birthday Book Donations



Happy birthday Anoushka
and thank you for the book!

Book Suggestions

We really appreciate the birthday books that come into school to keep our libraries fresh and exciting.

We have been asked by some parents/carers for ideas for new and interesting books to add to our collection, especially for the older children.

In response to this we have set up wish lists on Amazon that you can use to help choose the books.

Please note: you do not need to purchase books from Amazon or only the ones on these lists - all donations are very gratefully received!

[Nursery and Reception wishlist](#)

[Year 1 wishlist](#)

[Year 2 wishlist](#)

[Year 3 wishlist](#)

[Year 4 wishlist](#)

[Year 5 wishlist](#)

[Year 6 wishlist](#)

Churchfields Football Teams – Training, Fixtures and Trials

Boys' Teams	Girls' Team	Open Trials for 2023/24 Football Teams	
<p><u>Monday 17th July</u> Tournament at the Valley for Boys' A, Boys' B and Girls' teams, 12.30pm start</p>		<p><u>Boys in Year 4 and 5</u> 8am on the field until the start of day, on: - Thursday 20th July</p>	<p><u>Girls in Year 3, 4 and 5</u> 8am on the field until the start of day, on: - Thursday 20th July</p>
<p>Parents/Carers of the players are welcome to come and watch the matches</p>		<p>All children in these year groups are welcome to come for the trial sessions</p>	



We are part of the Penge School Uniform Hub

Penge School Uniform Hub



Save money and the planet: buy preloved uniform!

**Sense charity shop,
104 High Street, Penge
(next to the Post Office)**

General uniform suitable for all schools available, as well as specifics for Alexandra, St John's and Churchfields Schools, with more coming soon!

Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm,
Sun 10am-4pm

Organised by Alexandra Junior School PTFA.
For more info, contact: treasurer@ajsptfa.org.uk
Supported by Penge BID



Penge School Uniform Hub!

Pre-loved Churchfields school uniform in sizes age 2 to 15 is now available 7 days a week from the Sense charity shop on Penge High Street. 100s of items in stock - so much it won't all fit on the shop floor, so please ask if you cannot find the size you need. **Dresses, skirts, trousers, shorts, jumpers and cardigans all £1. Polos shirts 50p.** This new collaboration between Sense Penge and multiple local primary schools means that parents now have a single one-stop-shop to find affordable second-hand school uniform for their primary age children. All proceeds to the Sense charity.



Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th September 2023	INSET days, school closed to children
Wednesday 6 th September 2023	First day of Autumn 1 term
Friday 20 th October 2023	Last day of Autumn 1 term
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October 2023	Autumn half term holiday
Monday 30 th October 2023	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 31 st October 2023	First day of Autumn 2 term
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Last day of Autumn 2 term

Spring Term 2024

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

Summer Term 2024

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