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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this busy half term, I want to take a moment to thank everyone — children, staff, and parents — for all your hard work, energy, and support. It's been a wonderful few weeks filled with learning, laughter, and lots of achievements.


As I walk around school today, I can see that everyone is ready for a well-earned rest! I hope the week off is filled with plenty of fun, relaxation, and lie-ins. We return to school on Monday 3rd November, ready for another exciting and busy half term.


Before you switch off for the holidays, here are some important dates for your diary for when we return:

 Dates for Your Diary – After Half Term


 Friday 14th November – Children in Need "Challenge 25"

We'll be raising money with a fun challenge day! Details will follow in the first week back — be prepared for some interesting staff participation. Some classes are running, some disco dancing, and some are attempting to stay silent!


 Tuesday 18th November – Parents' Evening (3:15–4:30)

 Thursday 20th November – Parents' Evening (3:15–6:30)


Your chance to hear how brilliantly your child is doing. Letters will be sent out during the first week back.
Please note: 1W will not have a parents' evening at this time.

 Friday 21st November – School Fundraising Tuck Shop

Bring 50p for a bag of sweets — and we promise not to judge if a few grown-ups sneak some too!

 Wednesday 26th November (5:00–6:00pm) – EYFS Gruffalo Party Night

A magical evening of storytelling and fun for our youngest learners.

 Friday 5th December – Christmas Fair

School closes at 2:00pm, and the fair runs 3:30–4:45pm. Join us for festive fun, raffles, and mince pies galore!

 Saturday 6th December – Year 6 Trip to The Lowry: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*


A fantastic cultural adventure — and a reminder to staff to pack snacks!


 Festive Craft Afternoons


- Tuesday 9th December – EYFS (2:00–3:00)
- Wednesday 10th December – Years 1 & 2 (2:00–3:00)
- Thursday 11th December – Years 3 & 4 (2:00–3:00)

 Thursday 11th December – Prefect Christmas Meal (5:00pm)

A well-earned celebration for our prefects!

 Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day (£1 charity donation)
Get your sparkliest, silliest jumpers ready — flashing lights encouraged!

 Monday 15th – Thursday 18th December – Christmas Jumpers All Week!
Let's keep the festive cheer going.

 Christmas Concerts


- Tuesday 16th December – EYFS (2:00–3:00)
- Wednesday 17th December – KS1 (2:00–3:00)
- Thursday 18th December – Selected Y4–6 children (2:00–3:00)

 Friday 19th December – School Closed for Staff Training

Children start their Christmas holidays a day early while staff spend the day learning new things (and probably finishing off the mince pies!).

Attendance News from Mr Skupham

As we begin the break, our attendance for this half term is 95.05% Let's keep working together to get the figures up next half term. Remember that all the research shows that children who have good attendance (96% or higher) have positive academic and social outcomes, such as higher grades, better development of life skills, and being on track with learning.

 News and Goodbyes

A huge congratulations to Miss Lee in the office, who is getting married over the half term break! When she returns, she'll be Mrs Brown — and with our existing Miss Brown, we might all need a moment to work out which one is which!

We're also saying a fond goodbye to Mr Whiston, who is leaving us to take up a new post at a school in Hanley. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing him every success in his new role.

I want to end by saying thank you to everyone for making Churchfields such a special place to be. Your support, kindness, and positivity make all the difference.

A Year 5 pupil summed it up perfectly this week when they said:

“Churchfields is a happy and fun place — even though they make you do lots of work so we can do whatever we want when we get older. I wouldn't want to go anywhere else.” That really says it all.

Have a fantastic half-term break — and don't forget, the clocks go back this Sunday (26th October), so we all get an extra hour in bed!

See you on Monday 3rd November 2025

Stars of the Week

Nursery Mrs Clowes Albie Urquhart for becoming more independent and following instructions

Reception Mrs Nixon Akeyra Crossdale for fantastic number recognition

1M Ava Wilkinson for growing in independence and always trying her best

1W	Poppy-Leigh Owens for an amazing start to year 1
2B	Liliana Makowska for always being a fantastic friend and role model for others
2M	Mary-Grace Cornhill for always displaying our school values
3PL	Miriam Acholonu for her excellent work in mathematics
3R	Leo Dabal for a fantastic week of learning
4B	Arthur Hurst for always having a fantastic attitude towards his learning
4M	Olivia Maynard for her fantastic work in English
5K	Jess Jarvie for being a fantastic role model and having outstanding resilience at all times
5S	Jayden Redfern for showing great improvement in his attitude to learning
6C	Lily Hastings for being a genuine joy to teach and always living up to our school motto
6S	Willow-Rose Flynn for her excellent progress in mathematics

PE Stars

EYFS

Ronnie-Mae Dibble for having a super PE lesson

KS1

Ciara Callaghan for an excellent effort using catching skills

LKS2

Tristan Birks for a super effort in his PE tasks this week

UKS2

Maddie Statham for showing support and encouragement to her partner

Head Teacher's Stars

NURSERY Denver Briggs for fabulous mark making skills

RECEPTION Fletcher Teichmann for a fantastic mathematics assessment

KS1 Penelope Farr for always being the best she can be

LKS2 Luca Florea for always showing super manners

UKS2 Emmy-lou Shaw for her superb transformation from year 5 into year 6

Attendance

Attendance best class this week: 3R 98%

Well done to Nursery, 1M, 1W, 2B and 4M who are all above 96%

Whole school attendance for the week is 94%

Team of the Week

R 1,489

Y 1,435

G 1,280

B 1,317

Team of the Term

R 14,343

Y 14,562

G 14,730

B 14,522

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