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Dear parents and carers,

a very warm welcome back to everyone, and an especially big Churchfields welcome to all the children and families who are joining us for the first time this year. It has been wonderful to see the school full of children again. There have been lots of smiles, plenty of excited chatter and, as you would expect at the beginning of a new school year, the odd moment of somebody trying to remember which door they are supposed to go through – and that is just the adults! We are really looking forward to another fabulous year together.

💙 MarvellousMe is coming back!

We are very excited to be relaunching MarvellousMe next week.

We really missed having this form of communication with parents last academic year. MarvellousMe gives us another lovely way to share achievements, messages and those little moments from school that children sometimes mysteriously forget to mention when they get home!

Further information about getting connected will follow during the week.

🕒 Attendance and Punctuality – Every Day Matters

Good attendance makes such a difference to children's learning, friendships, confidence and progress. Missing odd days here and there can very quickly add up, so we would really appreciate your support in getting children into school every day and on time whenever they are well enough to attend. There are national rules around school attendance and unauthorised absence. Under the national framework, schools must consider a penalty notice when a child reaches 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school-week period. Ten sessions would normally be equivalent to five school days.

The first penalty notice can be £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid within 28 days. A second notice within three years is £160, and further unauthorised absence can lead to other legal action.

However, I want to be very clear about something that is equally important to me:

If your child is struggling to attend school, please talk to us.

Sometimes there are genuine reasons why attendance becomes difficult. Family circumstances change, children can become anxious, medical issues arise and life occasionally throws things at us that none of us planned for. Our first response will always be to listen, understand and see how we can help wherever this is appropriate. Please don't wait until attendance has become a major worry. Contact us early and we can work together.

And punctuality matters too. Five or ten minutes may not seem much, but arriving late means children miss the start of lessons and can find themselves walking into a classroom where everyone else has already begun. We know mornings can occasionally become an Olympic event involving missing shoes, breakfast and somebody remembering at the front door that today was the day they needed something special – but please aim to get everyone here on time!

School Gates and Safeguarding

As part of our updated safeguarding arrangements and school procedures, we need to ensure that the school site is secure promptly at the beginning and end of the school day.

Therefore:

Morning gates will be closed by 8:45am.

Afternoon gates will be closed by 3:15pm.

We would really appreciate parents and carers leaving the school site promptly after collecting children. We know it is tempting to have a catch-up at the gate – and we certainly don't want to stop friendships or conversations – but moving away from the school site quickly allows us to secure the premises and keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

PE Days – Come Ready for Action!

At Churchfields, children come to school wearing their PE kit on the days they have PE and remain in it for the whole school day. There is a very simple reason for this: we would much rather children spend their PE lesson doing PE than getting ready for PE!

Coming dressed ready means:

- more lesson time can be spent being active;
- less time is lost changing;
- there is less chance of forgotten PE kits; and
- children are ready to get straight into their lesson.

Children should come to school in the correct Churchfields school PE kit. If you do not have a school logo PE top, children should wear a plain blue or plain white T-shirt. Please do not send children in branded sportswear, football shirts or tops with large fashion or sports logos.

Your Child's PE Day

Please send your child into school wearing their school PE kit on the following day or days:

Class	PE Day(s)
1KM	Friday
2JM	Monday and Tuesday
2SR	Friday
3CP	Wednesday
3RR	Wednesday
4DB	Thursday
4JK	Thursday
5KB	Tuesday
5RS	Monday
6MC	Thursday
6JS	Wednesday and Friday

Reception PE

Reception children will also come into school wearing their PE kit on their regular PE day. We are giving our newest children a little time to settle into school and establish their routines first, so Reception PE days will be confirmed by the end of next week. There is plenty for them to remember during their first few days without us adding another outfit to the list just yet!

Term Dates 2026/27

Please make a note of the main holiday dates for this academic year.

Autumn Term

Half Term

We break up for half term Friday 23rd October 2026

Children return to school Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Christmas Holiday

We break up for Christmas Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term

Spring Term begins Monday 4 January 2027

Half term

We break up for half term on Friday 12th February 2027

We return Monday 22nd February 2027

We break up for the Easter Holiday Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer Term

Summer Term begins

Monday 12 April 2027

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 3 May 2027

We break up for half term Thursday 27th May

We return to school Tuesday 8th June

Summer Term ends Friday 16th July

Please add these dates to your calendars, phones, fridges or wherever important family information has the best chance of being found again!

Please Keep Talking to Us

Finally, communication works both ways.

If you have a concern, need to tell us something, would like some advice, want to pass on some praise or simply think there is something we ought to know, please get in touch. You can contact us at:

School Office: office@cfp.school

Headteacher: headteacher@cfp.school

We may not always be able to solve everything immediately, but we will always listen and do our very best to help.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Churchfields works best when children, parents and school work together, and I am really looking forward to everything this year will bring. Here's to a happy, successful and fabulous year at Churchfields – let's 'Be the best we can be'!

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Diane Beardsmore

Headteacher

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