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Dear parents and carers,

What a fantastic start to the new school year! I have been incredibly proud of how well the children are settling into their new classes. New classrooms, new teachers, new routines and, for some, lots of new faces can make September feel very different — but walking around school, you would think everyone had been back for weeks!

Our **Nursery and Reception** children have made a wonderful start to school life. They are getting used to new routines, exploring their classrooms and outdoor areas and, most importantly, beginning to make new friends. There have been a few understandably wobbly moments along the way, but increasingly lots of smiles too!

In **Year 1**, the children are already getting stuck into their phonics and handwriting. Moving from Reception into Year 1 is a big step, and they are doing brilliantly as they begin to develop those all-important independent learning habits.

Year 2 are showing us that they are definitely no longer the youngest children in Key Stage 1! They are becoming more independent, working hard and beginning to show just how much they have learned already.

Our **Year 3** children are settling into life in Key Stage 2 and getting used to being part of the "juniors". There are new expectations and new challenges, but they have taken them in their stride.

Year 4 have made a really positive start too. There is plenty of enthusiasm in the classrooms and, of course, those times tables are going to become increasingly important this year — so apologies in advance if your child starts testing *you* at home!

In **Year 5**, we are seeing growing confidence, independence and maturity. They are beginning to realise that they are now amongst our older pupils and with that comes a little extra responsibility around school.

And finally, **Year 6** have already started to step up as our oldest pupils. We expect a lot from them as role models for our younger children, and they have made a very positive start. It is always amazing how quickly that final primary school year flies by, so we intend to make every moment count.

Across school there has been a lovely atmosphere. Children are working hard, staff are working incredibly hard and there is already that familiar Churchfields buzz in the corridors.

Long may it continue!

Thank You at the Gates

A big thank you to parents and carers for leaving the playground promptly once children have been dropped off and collected. It makes a real difference and means that, once children are safely inside or have gone home, we can secure the school site quickly. We know it is tempting to have that all-important playground catch-up — and we completely understand! — but your support in helping us lock gates promptly is very much appreciated.

An Important Message About Parking and Road Safety

I do need to change tone for a moment because we have received some concerning reports about driving and parking around school. These have included vehicles being parked illegally or inconsiderately, cars reversing without sufficient care, drivers travelling too quickly around the school area and, most concerning, young children being left unsupervised in vehicles.

Please, please take extra care.

At the beginning and end of the school day there are hundreds of children and families moving around a relatively small area. Children can be unpredictable, they can step into the road suddenly and they are not always easy for drivers to see between parked vehicles. Getting parked a little closer to school simply isn't worth taking a risk.

Please slow down, check carefully before reversing, park legally and considerately, and make sure children are safely supervised. I really do not want the next message I have to send about parking to be because a child, parent, member of staff or member of our community has been injured — or worse. We all have a responsibility for keeping our children safe, and I know I can rely on our families to support us with this.

Behaviour and Rewards

A Message from Mr Skupham

I went around school last week while the children were busy with their learning activities, and it was brilliant to see everyone so focused on being successful. There was also a real buzz from both staff and children, which is lovely to see at the start of a new school year.

On Friday, we held our first Celebration Assembly of the year and rewarded lots of our brilliant pupils. One of my favourite parts of the assembly is getting to shake hands with your wonderful children and congratulate them on their achievements. Our Team Points are also up and running for the year — and a big well done to RED TEAM, who got off to a flying start!

As I walked around school, I also noticed that some children have already started collecting their BLUES. For anyone new to Churchfields, children receive BLUES for meeting, displaying and living our school values:

Respect • Resilience • Responsibility These are our very important **Three Rs**.

Children can also earn a BLUE for something exceptional. Last week, for example, one child in my class achieved full marks on a pre-teach test through some fantastic recall — definitely BLUE-worthy! Over the course of the year, children are encouraged to work towards **10 BLUES**, with some going on to achieve **20 or even 30 BLUES**.

I am sure this school year will be every bit as successful as last year when it comes to behaviour, effort and rewards. Keep collecting those BLUES!

Stars of the week

Nursery	Stanley Doyle for settling in so well into nursery - well done
Reception	Mrs Clowes Khadija Rashid for following all instructions
Reception	Mrs Nixon Ava Sargeant for being a fantastic role model
1M	Ollie Gruska for a super first week of learning
2M	Rudy Barrow for an exceptional start to year 2
2RL	Arabella McDonald for a super week of learning
3P	Poppy -Leigh Owens for a fantastic start to year 3
3R	Brody Webb for a wonderful start to year 3
4B	Jorgie Perry for having a fantastic start to year 4
4K	Joel Arrowsmith for a fantastic first week of learning in year 4
5B	Dawid Lukaszewicz for superb effort in all lessons
5S	Alivia Brown for always being the best she can be
6C	Maddy Statham for an impressive start in all lessons
6S	Izabela Korneli for an excellent start to year 6

PE Stars

KS1	Romy Harper for a super start showing clear fundamental skills
LKS2	Penelope Needham for a great effort and showing super confidence
UKS2	Oscar Arkle for an impressive start to PE

Head Teacher's Stars

NURSERY	Toby Davies for coming in with a beautiful smile all week
RECEPTION	Mabel Alcock-Vyse for a fantastic start to school life
KS1	Gracie-Mae Hogan a fabulous attitude to her learning – always being the very best that she can be

LKS2 Ava Barrow for living up to the school motto every day
UKS2 Martha Murinas for her superbly generous nature

Attendance

Attendance best class this week: Reception Nixon = **100%**

Well done to Nursery, Reception Clowes, 2R, 3P, 3R, 4B, and 6S who are above 96%

Whole school attendance for the week is **96%**

Team of the Week

R 1,057

Y 1,026

G 1,027

B 1,027

Team of the Term, so far

R 1,057

Y 1,026

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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!

Thank you for your continued support

Diane Beardsmore

Headteacher