

# Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 09 September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been saddened by the news of the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Churchfields will be commemorating the life and work of Her Majesty following, or on the day of, the state funeral - which is likely to be either next weekend or the early part of the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> September. Although there has been speculation on possible state funeral and additional bank holiday dates, there has been no official announcement at the time of writing. I have therefore initially allocated Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September for Churchfields' pupils to honour this occasion with staff at both bases but this date may be required to change. In the meantime, classteachers will be briefly discussing this news with their pupils today and I will be sharing highlights of Her Majesty's legacy with pupils during my assemblies at both bases next week.

It has been heartening to see pupils settling into their first full week back of the autumn term. There is a calm, productive buzz around the school at both bases with children eager for their Wow! Day, which will have run by the time you read this newsletter. Undoubtedly you will be hearing all about it, should your child(ren) be in a sharing mood! Other upcoming trips, visits and visitors have and will be carefully crafted by the teaching staff to ensure all pupils get the most out of their curriculum learning. I would like to express my gratitude to our PTA for providing valuable funds to keep costs down for parents/carers and the school in these increasingly challenging times. Further PTA events will be held this academic year to replenish their coffers so do look out for dates in future newsletters as the support and attendance of the whole school community has a significant impact on every child who attends Churchfields.

I aim to make myself available to parents/carers of both bases daily at pick up/drop off times whenever possible. Feel free to speak with me about any queries or concerns you may have at these times or contact the office to arrange an appointment if these times are not convenient for you. My door is always open to work in partnership with you.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.

## GEM LEARNER ASSEMBLY

Our Gem Learner Assemblies take place every Friday afternoon at 2:40pm, at both bases.

Parents are always welcome to attend.

**OUR FIRST GEM LEARNER ASSEMBLY OF THE YEAR  
WILL BE ON FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER FOR EYFS/KS1 ONLY**

**AND THEN FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL FROM FRIDAY 23  
SEPTEMBER**

## Mathletics

*Some children love Mathletics so much they don't even stop in the holidays! Congratulations to the following busy bees who have been working really hard, and especially to those with multiple certificates and to George R with a gold certificate in the very last week of the academic year. I wonder who will be the first this year?*

*Children will be getting their login details for Mathletics in their Home-School books this week. For returning students, these details have not changed.*

**GOLD:** George R

**SILVER:** Benjamin, Teddy E, Alexis (x2), Maddox, Leighton, Livinia, Eloise, George R

**BRONZE :** Benjamin (x2), Teddy E, Alexis (x7), Maddox (x7), Hector G, Henry H, Isla, Tomas, Leighton (x6), Livinia (x6), Eloise (x3), George R, Alex S

## GOV.UK update

### HMRC help with childcare costs

As children return to school after summer holidays, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is reminding families who may be missing out on Tax-Free Childcare to register. Families receive up to £500 every three months (£2,000 a year) per child, or £1,000 (£4,000 a year) if their child is disabled, helping towards the cost of before and after-school clubs, childminders and nurseries, holiday clubs and other approved childcare schemes.

More than one million families in the UK are entitled to some form of government childcare support and the government is encouraging those eligible to not miss out on their entitlements.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

## Contacting school when the office is closed

A reminder that we have reception email addresses for **Churchfields' parents/carers only**, to be used for:

- Notifying us about pick-ups (e.g. if your child is going home with a friend; is being picked up by someone different, e.g. a grandparent/neighbour)
- Notifying us if you are delayed
- Getting hold of us in an emergency

**Monkton Farleigh Reception:**

[mfreception@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:mfreception@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk)

**Atworth Reception:**

[awreception@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:awreception@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk)

Contact details:

E: [admin@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk)

T: 01225 703026

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**Churchfields**  
The Village School  
Atworth & Monkton Farleigh

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## PTA Information

A Warm welcome back from all of the PTA, we hope you have enjoyed the summer and are ready for another year. We are delighted to be kicking off our fundraising with a fantastic evening at Castle Combe Race track on Thursday 15th September. We have the race track to ourselves, so come along at 5:00 pm. bring your bikes, scooters and a picnic and enjoy a fun evening on the track.

This is not limited to Churchfields School so please invite your friends and family to come along too.

- £10 entry per family to be paid on the gate
- Drinks and snacks will be available to buy

**All parents/carers must be responsible for their children and their children's safety and helmets must be worn at all times when on the track.**

We are looking forward to seeing you all on the 15th September



Churchfields The Village School is participating in the Rag Bag textile recycling scheme which provides regular fundraising for your school and raises awareness about recycling.

Please bring any of the below unwanted items in a securely tied plastic bag into school on Wednesday 21st September.

Rag Bag can accept good quality clean Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing, belts, bags and paired shoes (tied together). **School Uniform is not accepted!**

The bags will be collected on Thursday 22nd September and transported to the Rag Bag factory where they will be sorted and graded for reuse or recycling.





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**Starting a new school. Things to do:**

- ☒ Buy uniform
- ☒ Get school shoes
- ☒ Check pre-school vaccinations are up to date

Pre-school vaccinations are:

- ☒ 2 doses of MMR
- ☒ 4 in 1 pre-school vaccination

**Protect your child with childhood immunisations**

Your child will be making lots of new friends when they start school and could be at risk of catching preventable diseases if they haven't had all their childhood immunisations.

If you are not sure your child has had all their routine immunisations, check their personal child health record (red book) or contact your GP practice.

For a checklist of the vaccinations and the ages at which they should ideally be given visit:  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations)

**Protect yourself, protect others**



**Wiltshire Council**

**Family and Community Learning**

Family Skills and Independent Living  
Wiltshire Council

**Contact details:**  
Email: [Familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk)  
Website: [Workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/](http://Workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/)  
Call: 01225 770478

**Online cost cutting courses to help make your money go further. Join up to one or even both to make the most of your money!**



**Saving Energy**  
Tuesday 20 September 10:00-12:00

- Find out where energy could be saved in different areas of your home
- Compare the costs of running different household appliances
- Explore ways to minimise food waste and safely store leftovers



**Balance Your Budget**  
Tuesday 27 September 10:00-12:00

- Explore essential and non essential spending
- Explain ways to control spending in order to follow a budget
- Gain skills to build your budget to make the most of your money

Courses are no cost to you if you are 19+ and have been a resident in UK/EU for 3+ years\* (\*refugees/asylum seekers/have right to remain status are exempt from the 3-year residency requirement) and have a Wiltshire postcode, and if you can tick any of these criteria: have less than 5 GCSEs grades A-C, military family, in receipt of benefits, are unemployed and seeking employment. If you are unsure about eligibility, we are always happy to talk things through

**You will need to attend an online induction on 15 Sept 10:00-11:00**

**FUTURE LEISURE PROVISION FOR TROWBRIDGE**

**IT'S TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY!**



**Wiltshire Council**

Wiltshire Council would like your views on leisure activities to help shape plans for future provision in Trowbridge.

The council is poised to invest around £25m over the next few years in leisure provision that supports the Trowbridge community for the long term.

The council is keen to get as many local views as possible so please can we ask you to share this information with your parents and encourage them to participate in the survey before the closing date of 18 September, thank you.

The survey can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/TrowbridgePhysicalActivity>



## TERM DATES FOR 2022 – 2023

<b>Term 1: Thursday 1 September – Wed 19 October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 01 September – children back to school</li> <li>Wednesday 19 October – INSET DAY (school closed)</li> </ul>	<b>Term 4: Monday 20 February – Friday 31 March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 20 February – children back to school</li> <li>Friday 31 March – INSET DAY (school closed)</li> </ul>
<b>Term 2: Monday 31 October – Friday 16 December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 31 October – children back to school</li> </ul>	<b>Term 5: Monday 17 April – Friday 26 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 17 April – children back to school</li> <li>Monday 1 May – Bank holiday (school closed)</li> </ul>
<b>Term 3 Tuesday 02 January – Friday 10 February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 02 January – INSET DAY (school closed)</li> <li>Wednesday 03 January – children back to school</li> </ul>	<b>Term 6: Monday 5 June – Tuesday 25 July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 05 June – children back to school</li> <li>Monday 24 July – INSET DAY (school closed)</li> <li>Tuesday 25 July – INSET DAY (school closed)</li> </ul>

## DIARY DATES TERMS 1 & 2

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 15 September	PTA event Castle Combe See newsletter poster for details
Friday 16 September	Gem Learner returns
	KS2 WOW day trip to Fashion museum
Friday 30 September	Individual School photos
Monday 03 October – Friday 07 October Book Week	
Wednesday 05 October	Bedtime Stories 5pm to 6pm
Monday 10 October – Friday 14 October No Teacher led Clubs	
Tuesday 11 October	Parents' Evening until 7:30pm
Wednesday 12 October	Atworth Open Day (10am-2pm)
	PTA meeting for Christmas organising
Thursday 13 October	Parents' Evening until 6:00pm
Friday 14 October	Monkton Farleigh Open Day (10am -2pm)
Tuesday 18 October	Harvest Festival Atworth Church (1:15pm)
	END OF TERM 1

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>Wednesday 19 October</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Monday 31 October</b>	<b>TERM 2 SCHOOL CLUBS RESUME</b>
<b>Monday 07 November to Friday 11 November Maths Week</b>	
<b>Monday 14 November Anti- Bullying week</b>	
<b>Wednesday 16 November</b>	<b>PTA Zoom Christmas planning meeting</b>
<b>Friday 18 November</b>	<b>Children in Need (details to follow nearer the date)</b>
<b>Sunday 27 November</b>	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>
<b>Tuesday 06 December</b>	<b>KS2 Christmas Production performances at 4pm &amp; 6PM</b>
<b>Thursday 08 December</b>	<b>EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production performances at 4pm &amp; 6PM</b>
<b>Friday 09 December</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner Day</b>
<b>Monday 12 December LAST WEEK OF TERM – NO SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK</b>	
<b>Wednesday 14 December</b>	<b>Christmas Service St Michael's Church, Atworth at 1:15pm</b>
<b>Thursday 15 December</b>	<b>Monkton Farleigh Carols on the Amphitheatre (1:30-2:30pm)</b>
<b>Friday 16 December</b>	<b>END OF TERM 2</b>



## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ROBLOX

PEGI RATING  
7+

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

### PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

### ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODERs. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

### IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

### DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

### PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

### MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

### DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

### Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-55333431> (Roblox: over half of us kids playing virtual parties fortnite)  
<https://corporate.roblox.com/parents/>



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## SPOT THE ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR GOING





Churches of North  
Bradford on Avon  
& Villages

## Church Administrator

We are seeking an Administrator to support the work of our four churches, Christ Church, BoA, St Nicholas, Winsley, St James,

South Wraxall and St Peter's Monkton Farleigh

**20 hours per week**

**Monday to Friday 9.30am – 1.30pm**

Salary £26k pa pro rata

For more information and a job description,

Please contact Revd Ann Keating

01225 722230 [Rev.ann.keating@btinternet.com](mailto:Rev.ann.keating@btinternet.com)

Closing date: 23 September

Interviews: 28 September

[nboachurches.co.uk](http://nboachurches.co.uk)

Corsham School are holding an Open Working Morning at The Corsham School on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 from 9am-11am.**



Open Working Mornings are an opportunity for families to visit our school during a normal working day. The morning begins with a talk by Mr Bell, Headteacher, at 9am in our Main Hall (S Block Hall), followed by an opportunity to tour the school with our Student Guides where you can see classrooms and teaching and learning in practice. The tour ends at the Springfield Community Campus where refreshments will be available and you will have the opportunity to ask questions of Mr Bell, Headteacher, and Mrs Geoghegan, Transition Co-ordinator.

Whilst booking is not required, we ask that you register your interest via a form on our website- (Open Events page) to inform us of numbers of visitors in your group.

We look forward to welcoming you to The Corsham School.



**Sept to Dec 2022**  
Request your place: 0800 970 4669



## Five to Thrive

Join us for 5 fun filled practical sessions where we can share ideas to develop the positive connection between you and your child.

Devizes Children's Centre, Devizes  
Friday 2nd September, 10.00am - 11.00am

Bulford Children's Centre, Bulford  
Friday 2nd September, 10.00am - 11.00am

Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury  
Tuesday 6th September, 10.00am - 11.00am

Canberra Children's Centre, Melksham  
Thursday 8th September, 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Windmill Hill Children's Centre, Tidworth  
Thursday 8th September, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Bulford Children's Centre, Bulford  
Friday 7th October, 10.00am - 11.00am

Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury  
Tuesday 11th October, 10.00am - 11.00am

Devizes Children's Centres, Devizes  
Monday 17th October, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Canberra Children's Centre, Melksham  
Thursday 10th November, 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury  
Tuesday 15th November,  
10.00am - 11.00am

Bulford Children's Centre, Bulford  
Friday 18th November,  
10.00am - 11.00am

## Five to Thrive - continued

Marlborough venue TBC  
Wednesday 16th November,  
10.00am - 11.00am

Online via Microsoft Teams  
Tuesday 6th September, 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Online Antenatal via Microsoft Teams  
Wednesday 7th September,  
10.30am - 11.00am

## Healthy Eating

Join us for 4 great sessions where you can learn about healthy eating!  
You will also receive the ingredients to cook a healthy family meal in your home!

Westbury Community Project  
Monday 5th September, 9.30am - 11.00am

Devizes Children's Centre, Devizes  
Monday 19th September, 1.00pm - 2.30pm

Studley Green Children's Centre, Trowbridge  
Wednesday 2nd November,  
10.00am - 11.30am

Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury  
Tuesday 8th November, 1.00pm to 2.30pm

Please note details may be subject to change. Information correct as of 18/08/22