

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome (back) to Churchfields!

I hope you had a lovely summer, despite the disappointing weather whilst children were off school. The sunshine was clearly saving itself for this week. A special welcome to our new Reception pupils who are starting their first week of school and already seem to be having an exciting time!

Children have come back to school eager to begin the new term which is a delight to see. Staff have planned exciting new topic for 23/24 and you have received information letters to outline details about the autumn term in relation to your child's class. If you would like further information, please visit the [curriculum](#) and [topic overview](#) areas of our website.

I am sure you will have heard the news about some British schools being affected with reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC). School responsible bodies (i.e. Local Authorities and Multi-Academy Trusts rather than schools themselves), were required by the Department for Education (DfE) to complete a survey recently to find out whether RAAC was present. Wiltshire Council confirmed to us this week that RAAC is not present in any of the schools in the county. I am sure you will be as pleased to hear this news as we were.

We were expecting some remedial building works at Atworth to be completed over the summer break whilst children were off school. Unfortunately an additional engineer's report was required and so this work has been delayed, and will now begin during the October half term break. After speaking with a number of different people at Wiltshire Council this week, I have received reassurances that they will be prioritising the work now that all surveys and reports have been completed. We are assured the building remains safe and so is fully functional in the meantime.

Lola Brain, who joined Churchfields in March as part time administration officer, resigned her position towards the end of the summer break. We wish Lola every success for the future. Whilst our recruitment process takes place, Mrs Harford will continue to balance her administration and finance commitments as efficiently as possible. I would be grateful if we could be mindful of the current situation if immediate responses to queries are not always received from the office whilst we have less than a full complement of staff. All queries will be dealt with but it may take a little longer than normal. Thank you in advance for your support, and thanks to Mrs Artus for working additional hours to support the smooth running of the office at this time.

Finally, working in partnership with parents and carers is important to us, and has significant benefits on children's outcomes. We are keen to make ourselves frequently available to address any worries or concerns with you that may arise over the year. Please feel free to chat with us on the playground or contact the office to make an appointment if required.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.

School Photos

Thursday 14 September is individual school photo day

Tempest Photographers are coming into school on Thursday 14 September. They will be at Atworth in the morning before heading over to Monkton Farleigh.



Birthday Books

Happy Birthday 6th birthday Lexi and thank you for

The Dinosaur that Pooped a Pirate

By Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter



Pool Open afternoons

Saturday 09 September & Sunday 10 September

Who Fancies a swim this weekend, it's going to be hot! hot!
hot! ☀️☀️☀️

Let's make the most of the pool whilst we can.

The pool will be open on Saturday and Sunday afternoon
from 1 - 4 pm.

As always you can pay when you arrive or via paypal -
paypal.me/churchfieldsswimming

£5 per family

Hands up whose coming?

Is my child too ill to go to school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/managing-specific-infectious-diseases). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone or email school on the first day of illness in the morning. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

For the full NHS guidance on this subject click [here](https://www.nhs.uk)



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- Junior Wind Band - Chippenham, Bradford on Avon
- Intermediate Wind Band - Chippenham, Bradford on Avon
- Concert Band - Bradford on Avon
- Steel Pans - Bradford on Avon
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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 for further guides, links and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chat and reactions during the broadcast such as instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for undesirable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign up – meaning that anyone can register for an account (and potentially pretend to be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can receive feedback from adults who they are broadcasting to and vice versa is engaging with their live stream.

DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for viewers to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's vital to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or inadvertently share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.

UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

Each live streaming platform stores copyrighted videos for different periods (Twitch stores broadcasts for 90 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only at the creator's request). Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared in other ways. Streamers have been caught by recorders (or screenshots taken) by certain viewers and redistributed on other sites.

ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain anything at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). Most apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't adhere to their guidelines – but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them all, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being coerced into performing "suggestive acts" by strangers on some live-streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, almost anyone can sign up to these services (including anonymously or under a false identity). It's vital, therefore, to ensure the correct safety measures are in place before your child begins live streaming.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PUT PRIVACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, removing your child from any unwanted comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby towns (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on Streamyard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we suggest only streaming via one platform at a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their videos simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

Meet Our Expert

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<https://www.xtremepopular.com/media/23/1363/collection-of-captures-of-live-streamed-child-sexual-abuse-final.pdf>

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Course Dates September
to December 2023



Request your place: 0800 970 4669

Baby Massage

For parents and their non-mobile babies. Join us for 4 weeks learning how to encourage bonding and communication through touch.

- Windmill Hill Children's Centre, Tidworth
Monday 4th Sept, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
- Studley Green Children's Centre, Trowbridge
Thursday 5th Sept, 10.00am - 11.00am
- Devizes Children's Centre, Devizes
Thursday 14th Sept, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
- Warminster Baptist Church, Warminster
Monday 30th Oct, 1.00pm - 2.30pm
- Devizes Children's Centre, Devizes
Thursday 2nd Nov, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
- Canberra Children's Centre, Melksham
Thursday 9th Nov, 1.00pm - 2.00pm
- Windmill Hill Children's Centre, Tidworth
Monday 20th Nov, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Please note details may be subject to change. Information correct as of 07/08/23

Make and Create with Scrapstore

We have partnered with Wiltshire Scrapstore to bring you a fun craft activity session near you!

Dates coming soon!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website to stay up to date with our sessions!

Healthy Eating

4 sessions of fun activities around healthy eating, budgeting and food safety. Receive take-home ingredients to make a healthy meal at home.

Warminster Garrison, Warminster
Tuesday 26th Sept, 10.30am - 11.30am



St Laurence School

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Open Evening

Year 5 and 6 Children

Thursday 28th September 2023
5:00pm – 7:30pm



Book your place here



SCAN ME

www.st-laurence.com

Presentations led by the Headteacher will be at 5:00pm, 5:45pm and 6:30pm

Ashley Road, Bradford on Avon
Wiltshire. BA15 1DZ



Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 08 September 2023

Term dates for 2023/2024

Term 1: Monday 4 September – Wed 18 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 1 September – INSET DAY (school closed) Monday 25 September – INSET DAY (school closed) 	Term 4: Monday 19 February – Thursday 28 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 11 March - INSET DAY (school closed) Friday 29 March - Bank Holiday (school closed)
Term 2: Monday 30 October – Wed 20 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 30 October - INSET DAY (school closed) 	Term 5: Monday 15 April – Friday 24 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 06 May Bank holiday
Term 3: Thursday 04 January – Friday 09 February	Term 6: Monday 03 June – Wednesday 24 July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 24 July - INSET DAY (school closed)

Term 1 & 2

TERM 1	
Tuesday 12 September	Whole School WOW Day
Wednesday 13 September	Year 3 Swimming
Thursday 14 September	Individual School photos
Wednesday 20 September	Year 3 Swimming
Monday 25 September	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
Wednesday 27 September	Year 3 Swimming
Friday 29 September	KS2 Literacy trip
Monday 02 October – Friday 06 October	No teacher led clubs
Tuesday 03 October	Parents' evening until 7:30pm
Wednesday 04 October – Monday 09 October	Scholastic Book Fair both bases
Wednesday 04 October	Year 3 Swimming
Thursday 05 October	Parents' evening until 6:00pm
Thursday 05 October	KS1 Literacy trip



Term 1 continued	
Thursday 05 October – Friday 06 October	Wiltshire Air Ambulance visits
Monday 09 October	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 11 October	Atworth Open Day
Friday 13 October	Monkton Farleigh Open Day
Tuesday 17 October	Harvest Festival Atworth Church (1:15pm)
Wednesday 18 October	End of Term 1
Term 2	
Monday 30 October	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
Tuesday 01 November	Term 2 Begins
Monday 13 November – Friday 17 November	E- Safety Week (Anti-Bullying Week)
Monday 13 November – Friday 17 November	Maths Week
Thursday 16 November – Friday 17 November	Bikeability for year sixes
Friday 17 November	Children In Need
Tuesday 05 December	KS2 Production 1:30 dress rehearsal; 4pm & 6pm @church Hall
Thursday 07 December	Fdn/KS1 Production 1:30 dress rehearsal; 4pm & 6pm @church Hall
Friday 15 December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 19 December	Carol Service Atworth Church 1:15pm
Wednesday 20 December	End of Term 2