

Dear Parent/Carer,

Just a reminder Monday 11 March is an inset day, we look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 12 March.

Thank you for all the effort that went into the costumes for World Book Day, the children looked amazing! I know they all had a brilliant day and a huge thanks to all the staff team for the activities that happened for the children (lead by the wonderful Mrs Evans).

Just some staffing updates to share with you all from me: Mrs Pugh will be at Monkton Farleigh on a Monday and Tuesday in Robins and then at Atworth Wednesday - Friday in Woodpeckers starting after the Easter break. Sadly Mrs Mayhew one of our lovely TA's in Nightingales class will be leaving Churchfields at the end of this term, please join me in wishing her all the best moving forward.

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Mrs Harper



FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2024  
RED NOSE DAY

**Wear something Red this Red Nose Day to support the event**

Children are invited to wear red  
In return for a donation on the day.



Super work on Mathletics this week with lots of mathletes moving up a podium today - well done for all your consistent hard work.

Bronze : Freddie S, Sammy, Jazmyne  
Silver : Scarlett, Ezra, Isla, Iris, Ryley, Bodhi C, Olivia S, Bodhi B, Otto  
Gold : Daisy B, India, Henry H, Hector, Maggie  
Platinum : Isabella S, Josiah, Quita, George R, Bodhi PH, Ted L, Vinnie, Hattie D, Christina  
Emerald : Sam D, Oliver H, William, Rufus, Joseph, Oliver CJ, Emily J, Alexis M, Benjamin, Oscar BH, Jasper,  
Diamond : Alexis G, Maddox



Thank you for everyone who came to the cake sale and bought a cake. We would also like to say a big thank you to the people who organised the sale. And a big thank you for the parents who provided the resources.  
by Oliver, Jamie and Sam



Yesterday we dressed up as Wizard of Oz characters for World Book Day. There were a large range of characters from the book including the cyclone and the yellow brick road! We watched an online theatre production and then participated in Wizard of Oz themed activities: acting out a scene, learning Somewhere over the Rainbow with Makaton and using the boom whackers, making a dance to 'We're off to see the Wizard' and creating a poster. We worked together with younger children and supported them with the activities. It was a fabulous experience for the whole school and it was great to see everyone participating.

Scarlett, Francis and Evelyn

On Tuesday we had a concert from Branwen's mum and her friend who played cello, violin, double bass and viola. They played some music from Carnival of the Animals (and other pieces like the Can Can) and we had to think what noises the animals made. The music was very calming and some of the pieces nearly made me go to sleep! It was soothing and it sounded really nice. We all enjoyed it. William and Jazmyne

If anyone has been inspired by this concert to pick up a string instrument then you might want to investigate this link <https://www.wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk/pick-up-and-play-strings/>. Don't forget that we also have a violin in school available for loan!

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## Term dates for 2023/2024

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# Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8 March 2024

<p><b>Term 3: Thursday 04 January – Friday 09 February</b></p>	<p><b>Term 5: Monday 15 April – Friday 24 May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 06 May Bank holiday (school closed)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Term 4: 19 February – Friday 28 March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INSET DAY Monday 11 March</li> </ul>	<p><b>Term 6: Monday 03 June – Wednesday 24 July</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 24 July - INSET DAY (school closed)</li> </ul>

Term 4	
Monday 11 March	<b>INSET DAY</b> school closed to pupils
Tuesday 12 March	Mr Farrer visiting YR6 pupils transitioning to St Laurence
Thursday 14 March	KS1 trip to Bristol
Friday 15 March	Red Nose day (Comic Relief)
Monday 18 March to Friday 22 March	STEM week
Tuesday 19 March	Whole School Science Day Monkton Farleigh
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening until 7.30pm
Thursday 21 March	Parents Evening until 6pm
Tuesday 26 March	Easter Service St Michael's Church 1:15pm
Wednesday 27 March	Atworth Easter Concert 2:15-3:15
Thursday 28 March	Monkton Farleigh Easter Concert 2:30 -3pm
Thursday 28 March	End of term 4
Term 5	

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Monday 15 April	Term 5 begins
Friday 19 April	WOW Day
Wednesday 24 April	Atworth Open Day (10am-2pm)
Friday 26 April	Class photos with Tempest Photography
Friday 26 April	MF Open Day (10am-2pm)
<b>Monday 06 May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday (school closed)</b>
Monday 13 May – Thursday 16 May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 24 May	End of Term 5
Term 6	
<b>Monday 03 June</b>	<b>Start of Term 6</b>
Tuesday 04 June	Music Cluster event
Wednesday 06 June	R24 Meet the Teacher 5pm Atworth; 5:30pm MF
Monday 10 June	NSPCC visit
Tuesday 11 June	R24 Induction afternoon
Wednesday 12 June	Rotary club concert
Monday 17 June	Yr 6 leavers service Salisbury Cathedral
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Tuesday 18 June	R24 induction afternoon

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Wednesday 19 June	St Laurence Summer Festival
Tuesday 25 June	R24 Induction afternoon
Wednesday 26 June	Year 5 Cluster day St Laurence
01 July-05 July	Sports week
Tuesday 02 July	Melksham Oak transition day
Tuesday 02 July	R24 Teddy Bear's picnic
Wednesday 03 July	Melksham Oak transition day
Thursday 04 July	Yr 6 induction day (1 of 2) St Laurence School
Friday 05 July	Sports Day afternoon
Thursday 11 July	Yr 6 induction day (2 of 2) St Laurence School
Tuesday 16 July	Move up morning
Tuesday 16 July	Leavers service St Michaels Church 1:15pm
Friday 19 July	Provisional Sports Day
Friday 19 July	Pupil Reports go home
Tuesday 23 July	Last day term 6
Wednesday 24 July	INSET DAY

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## CAN YOU HELP?



After successfully reopening the pool last year, it's time to think about getting it ready to open again in spring. To further improve on last year, we are aiming to determine whether the solar panels can be repaired to help heat the water.

Currently the area surrounding the solar panels is very overgrown with weeds and brambles, which needs to be completely cleared so we can access them.

We are looking for volunteers to help clear the area so we can make this happen. If you can spare a few hours to help us, please get in touch.

Alternatively, if you'd like to join the pool committee and help with the general running and maintenance, please let us know.

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# SHREK



**St Margaret's Hall**  
Sunday 17 March  
doors open @ 2pm  
film starts @ 2.30pm  
£1 entry for adults  
children under 18 free



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### 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## PROMOTING STORYTIME

Being read to regularly can help the under-fives in acquiring literacy, teaches them the value of books and stories, and sparks their imagination and curiosity. Reading to babies, meanwhile, provides the building blocks of language development and the linguistic and social and emotional skills. Here are our top tips for helping children discover the wonder of stories.



- BE A READING ROLE MODEL**  
Children learn by watching others. If you are reading, they will be more likely to read. They will also be more likely to see reading as a fun and enjoyable activity.
- JOIN A LIBRARY**  
Local libraries are a great resource for books and stories. They often have reading groups and activities for children. They also have a wide range of books and stories to choose from.
- TAKE IT IN TURNS**  
Reading to children should be a fun and enjoyable activity. It should be a time when you and your child can enjoy each other's company. Take turns reading and listening.
- CATER TO THEIR INTERESTS**  
Children have different interests. Choose books and stories that they are interested in. This will make reading more enjoyable for them.
- BUILD READING INTO YOUR DAILY ROUTINE**  
Reading to children should be a regular part of your daily routine. This will help them to develop a love of reading.
- USE PICTURES AND PROPS**  
Use pictures and props to help children understand the story. This will make reading more enjoyable for them.
- RETELL THE LANGUAGE**  
Retell the language of the story in your own words. This will help children to understand the story better.
- A COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT**  
Create a comfortable environment for reading. This will help children to relax and enjoy the story.
- TAKE REGULAR BREAKS**  
Take regular breaks during reading. This will help children to stay focused and engaged.
- RE-READ FAVOURITES**  
Re-read favourite books and stories. This will help children to build confidence and fluency.

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