

Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer

Celebrating our schools

On Sunday, we came together with Winsley and Christchurch schools at Christchurch church to celebrate our schools and what makes them so special.

I am truly grateful to our newly formed choir for attending the service and singing so beautifully. Everyone was really touched by their singing, and if this is what they can do in a few short weeks, there will be no stopping them! Many thanks also to our Choir Director Sam Winfield who has worked so hard with them. During the service, I was also commissioned as a leader of a church school. Thank you to all the staff, families, governors and members of Palladian Trust who attended and made the service so special by being there.

Mental health week

This week, we have been celebrating **Mental Health Week**, focusing on the theme 'Know yourself, grow yourself', linking to Disney's 'Inside Out' franchise. Our pupils have taken part in a range of activities designed to help them recognise and manage their own likes, dislikes, fears, worries and emotions. This has included mindfulness exercises, creative expression and discussions about feelings. It has been wonderful to see children supporting one another, practising kindness and learning strategies to help them feel calm and confident. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home, reinforcing the message that looking after our mental health is just as important as caring for our physical health. Thank you for your support in making this

such a positive and meaningful week for our school community!

Snacks

At Churchfields, we are committed to supporting the health and well-being of all our pupils. One important part of this is ensuring that children have the right fuel to help them learn, concentrate, and play throughout the school day. That's why we encourage all families to provide healthy snacks for break times.

A balanced snack helps to maintain energy levels and focus, ensuring that children can fully engage with their lessons. Fresh fruit, vegetable sticks, plain rice cakes or wholegrain crackers are great choices. These foods not only provide essential nutrients but also help to establish healthy habits for life.

We kindly ask that sugary snacks, crisps, chocolate, and fizzy drinks are kept for home, as these can lead to energy crashes and make it harder for children to concentrate. By working together, we can create a school environment that promotes positive eating habits and supports every child's learning and development.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep Churchfields a happy, healthy place for all our pupils.

Best wishes,

Heather

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Mathletics

Another super week for our mathletes with lots of children moving up to the next podium. Fantastic to see so many bronze certificates - it's a good time in the year to start your mathletics journey if you haven't tried it before.

Bronze : Elodie, Isobel R, Chloe, Henry B, Isla, Florence W

Silver : Meadow, Elijah, Niamh, Iris, Ezra, Olivia S, Ella

Gold : Freddie S, Bodhi C, Ellis, Morgan, Henry H, Ted E, Oscar BH, Rufus, Coralie, Christina

Platinum : Jude, George R, Vinnie, William J, Henry J, Joseph, Jasper, Anouk

Emerald : Hattie D, William CJ, Benjamin, Rosemary, Jason, Leighton, Oliver CJ, Felix

Diamond : Alexis G, Maddox

Stay for a cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate and stock up on some delicious cakes, sweets and healthy treats for Valentine's Day plus find some great books to read over half term! Takeaway also available!

♥ BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE:

CHILDREN'S BOOKS & RECIPE BOOKS only!

Please look out any children's books and recipe books you may wish to give and leave them in the boxes outside the school office, at both school sites. Please make sure books are in good condition, thank you.

CAKES: Please bring any cakes, brownies, biscuits etc. to the Pop-Up café (at either site) on Friday 14th February from 3pm.

Message from Team FOCS



Friday 14th February is, of course, Valentine's Day but it is also International Book Giving Day! Friends of Churchfields is hosting a Pop-Up Valentine's Café & Book Sale, at both the Atworth and Monkton Farleigh school sites, on Friday 14th February from 3.15 - 4.30pm. (There will be no Gem Learner that day and the choir rehearsal in Atworth will take place in Kingfisher's classroom)

Thank you so much for your support!

Team FOCS

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Term dates for 2024/2025

Term 2: Monday 4 November – Fri 20 December 2024	Term 3: Monday 06 January 2025 – Friday 14 February 2025
Term 4: Monday 24 February – Friday 04 April 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET DAY Friday 21 March 2025 	Term 5: Tuesday 22 April – Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6: Monday 02 June – Tuesday 22 July 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET DAY Wednesday 23 July 2025 INSET DAY Wednesday 24 July 2025 	

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Monday 10 February – Friday 14 February	E- Safety Week
Tuesday 11 February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11 Feb	Dance club Bath Forum
Monday 17 Feb	Half term starts
Monday 24 Feb	Term 4 begins
Tuesday 25 Feb	Wow day KS1 at Atworth KS2 at Monkton Farleigh
Tuesday 4 th March	Author visit Catherine Barr
Monday 10 March – Friday 14 March	STEM week
Tuesday 18 March	Parents evening until 6pm
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Thursday 20 March	Parents evening until 7:30pm
Friday 21 st March	Inset day
Friday 4 th April	Term ends Easter holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	Term 5 begins



Palladian Academy Trust Term Dates, 2025-26



Bank Holiday
 School Holiday
 Term Time

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We are running **Understanding School Anxiety: Early Signs of Emotional Based School Avoidance** online on **Friday 7 March** 10am – 12pm.

This course is for parents and carers whose child is full time at school but where attendance is causing emotional issues or suffering a dip. The course explores emotionally based school avoidance, techniques to support attendance, and what schools can do to support attendance. There is opportunity for parents to share experiences, discuss strategies, and ask questions of an educational psychologist. Understanding School Anxiety is not helpful for parents of children who are not currently managing to attend school, but we can signpost to alternative courses or more appropriate sources of support.

We also have Helping My Child With Anxiety and Worry and Supporting My Teen With Wellbeing coming up in March. These courses can be attended alongside Understanding School Anxiety to form a helpful toolbox for parents.

All our courses are free and take place in small groups in a safe, friendly space with our approachable, highly experienced tutors. Participants are encouraged to share experiences and ideas and participate in discussions. Our courses can boost confidence and leave learners feeling empowered.

A phone call or an email can initiate a booking. New learners need to complete an enrolment form and attend an online induction ([Enrolment - Work Wiltshire](#)). Booking closes one week before the start of a course.

Thank you for sharing our flyers with your communities and helping us reach those who can benefit from our courses.

Best wishes

Emma

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Training Advisor

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The Bradfordians Present
Cinderella
A Pantomime

Thurs 20th Feb - 6.30pm
Fri 21st Feb - 6.30pm
Sat 22nd Feb - 2.30 & 6.30pm
Sun 23rd Feb - 2.30pm

Adults £12
Children £10

St Laurence School
Bradford on Avon

Box Office - ticketsource.co.uk/thebradfordians
www.thebradfordians.com





Ex pupil of Churchfields school appearing in
Cinderella

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Art & Photography Body Positive Workshop


TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
BRADFORD ON AVON
9.30 - 4. AGE 11+ (SECONDARY)
£39

An exciting day of art and photography.

Plan and be in your own photoshoot and create a monoprint and collage of your photo. Develop your creative skills, confidence, and challenge stereotypes of body image.

No previous experience necessary.
Funded and sibling discount available.

Further details visit www.mightygirls.co.uk

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Thinking about getting an e-bike?

Come and try one at our demo day in Bath

Explore a wide range of e-bikes from top brands like Riase & Muller, Tern, Tenways, Jorvik, Velo de Villa, ARIC, Estrali, Benno, and more. Brand experts will be there to answer all your questions and guide you in choosing the right bike.

GET 50% off.
Use code: **BATH50**

Test ride bikes on purpose-built, traffic-free cycling circuits - the perfect place to find your ideal cargo bike in a safe and relaxed environment.




Scan below for a ticket



Odd Down Cycle Track, Bath
Sunday, 27th April

RIESE & MÜLLER | tern | TENWAYS | VELODEVILLE | ESTRALI | and many more...



SHROVE TUESDAY

Join us after school for fun, friendship, and of course pancakes, with a choice of toppings!

TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 3:30-5PM

WINSLEY CHURCH HALL

strawberries
lemon
honey

NO CHARGE BUT DONATIONS WELCOME

Booking helpful, but not essential
Contact zyeomans3@gmail.com
DF and GF options available on request



Tea Time Service for all the Family



First Sunday of Every Month 4pm
St Nicholas' Church, Winsley

A short child-focussed service followed by tea

All very welcome



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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying "we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and so on. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they contact with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use privacy-protected resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, and answer, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, fake information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



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