



Welcome to Churchend

Reception Parents Talk

Tuesday 16th June 2026

Senior Leadership Team



Mrs Slocombe –
Headteacher



Mrs Clark – Deputy Head
and KS2 SENCo



Mrs Smithers – Assistant
Head and EY/KS1 SENCo



Mrs Hardy-Bates –
Assistant Head

Early Years staff

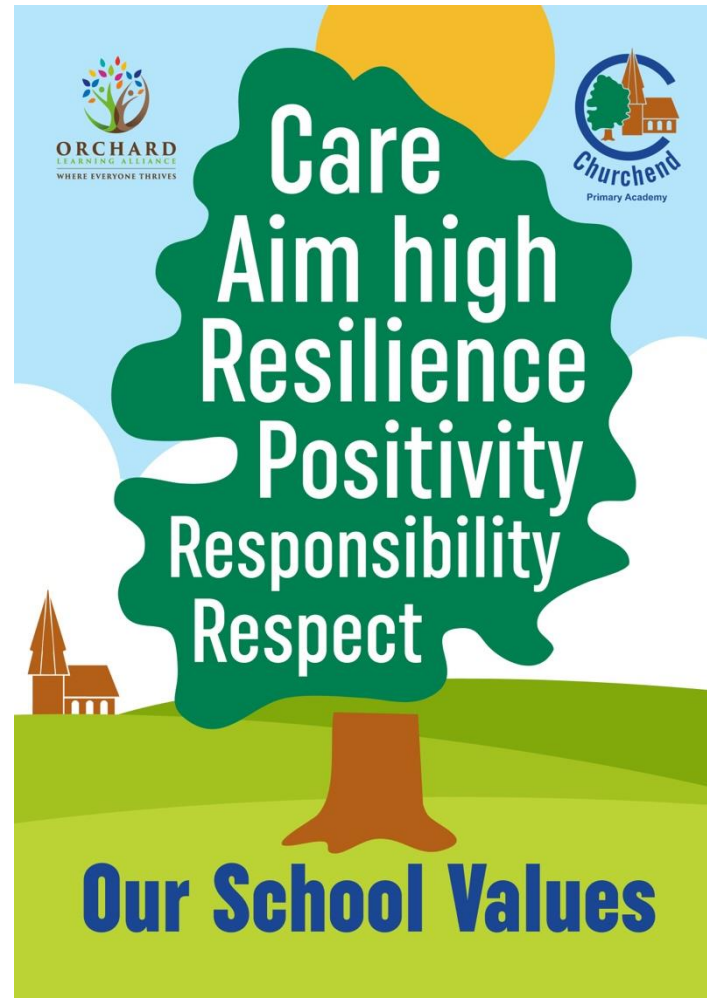


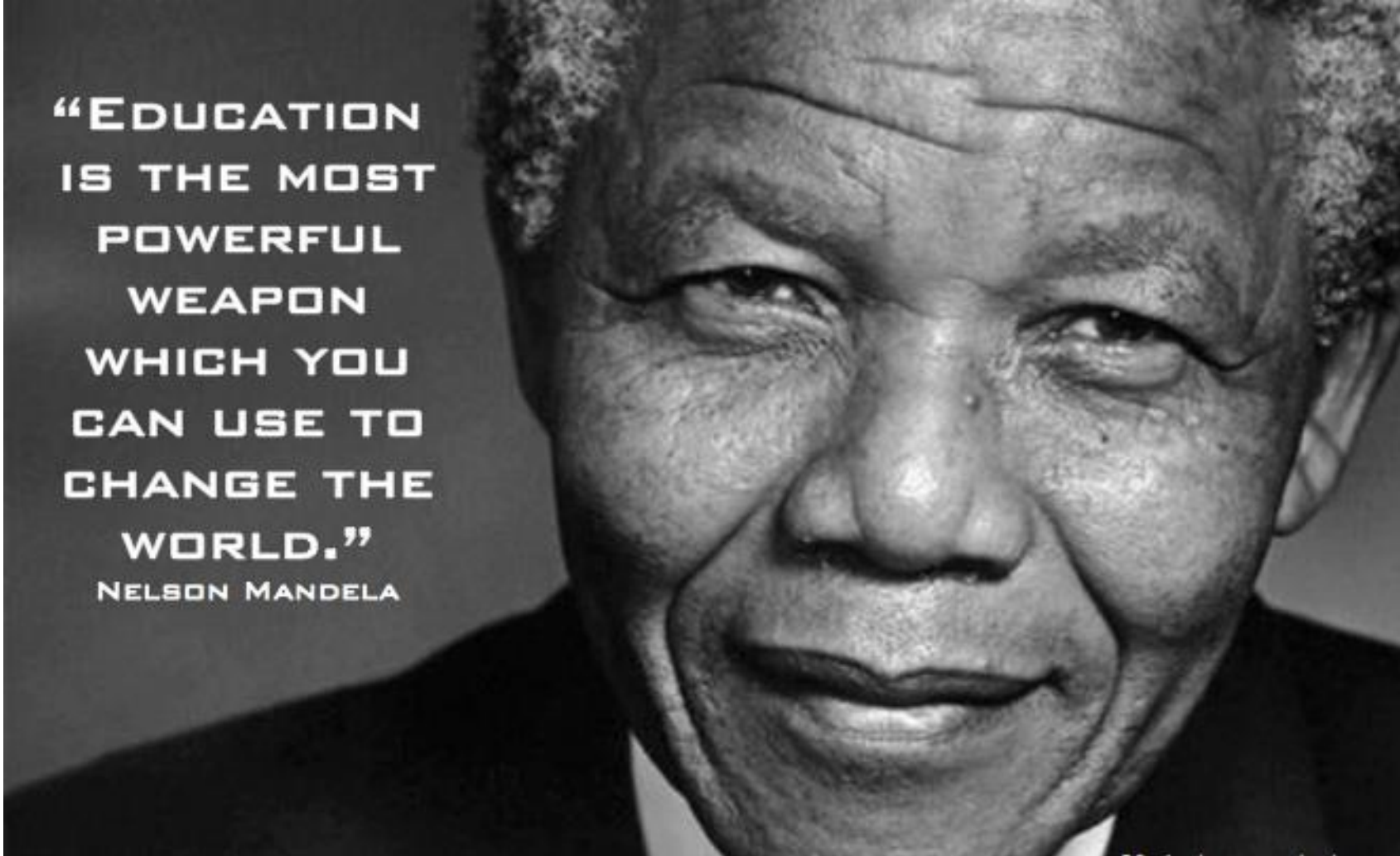
Mrs Embury – Reception Teacher



Ms Swart – Early Years Lead and Reception Teacher

Our Churchend Values





**“EDUCATION
IS THE MOST
POWERFUL
WEAPON
WHICH YOU
CAN USE TO
CHANGE THE
WORLD.”
NELSON MANDELA**

How
important is
education?

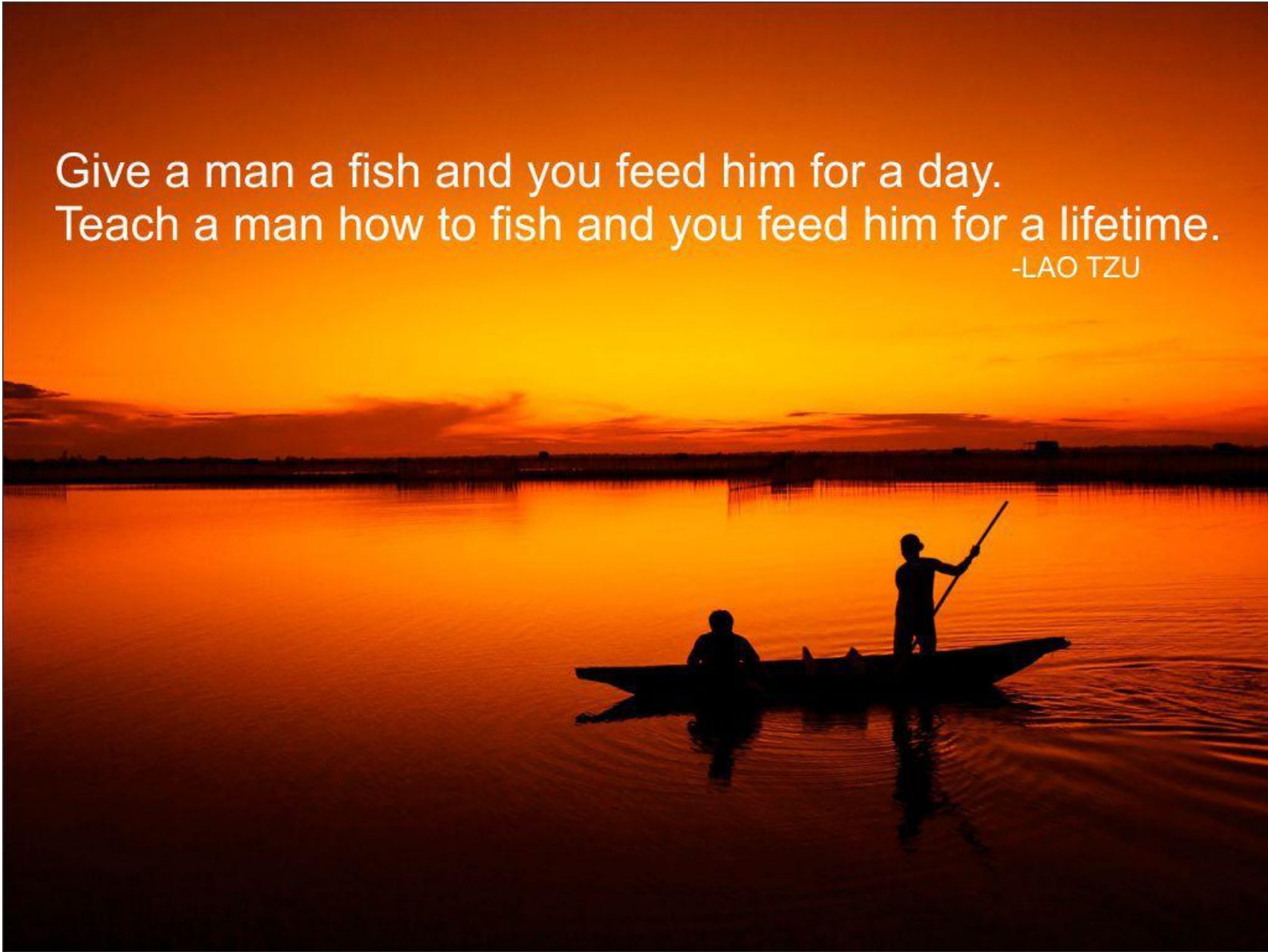
Our priorities for your child at Churchend

- Your child:
 - Confident in communicating with others
 - Successful in English and mathematics at the end of Key Stage 2
 - Developed their knowledge and interests in a wide range of skills - art, music, sport
 - Represented the school in different events
 - Prepared for life in the 21st century
 - Has a strong understanding of right and wrong
 - An exemplary member of our community, ready for transition to secondary school



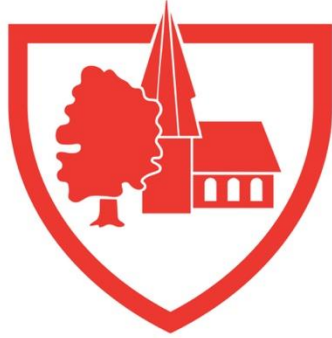
Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day.
Teach a man how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.
-LAO TZU

Our
curriculum
here at
Churchend





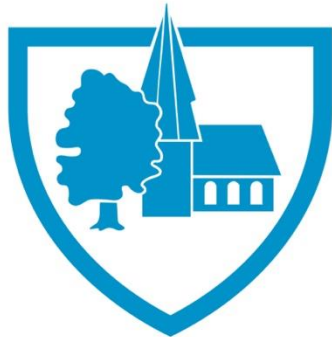
Our school
rules



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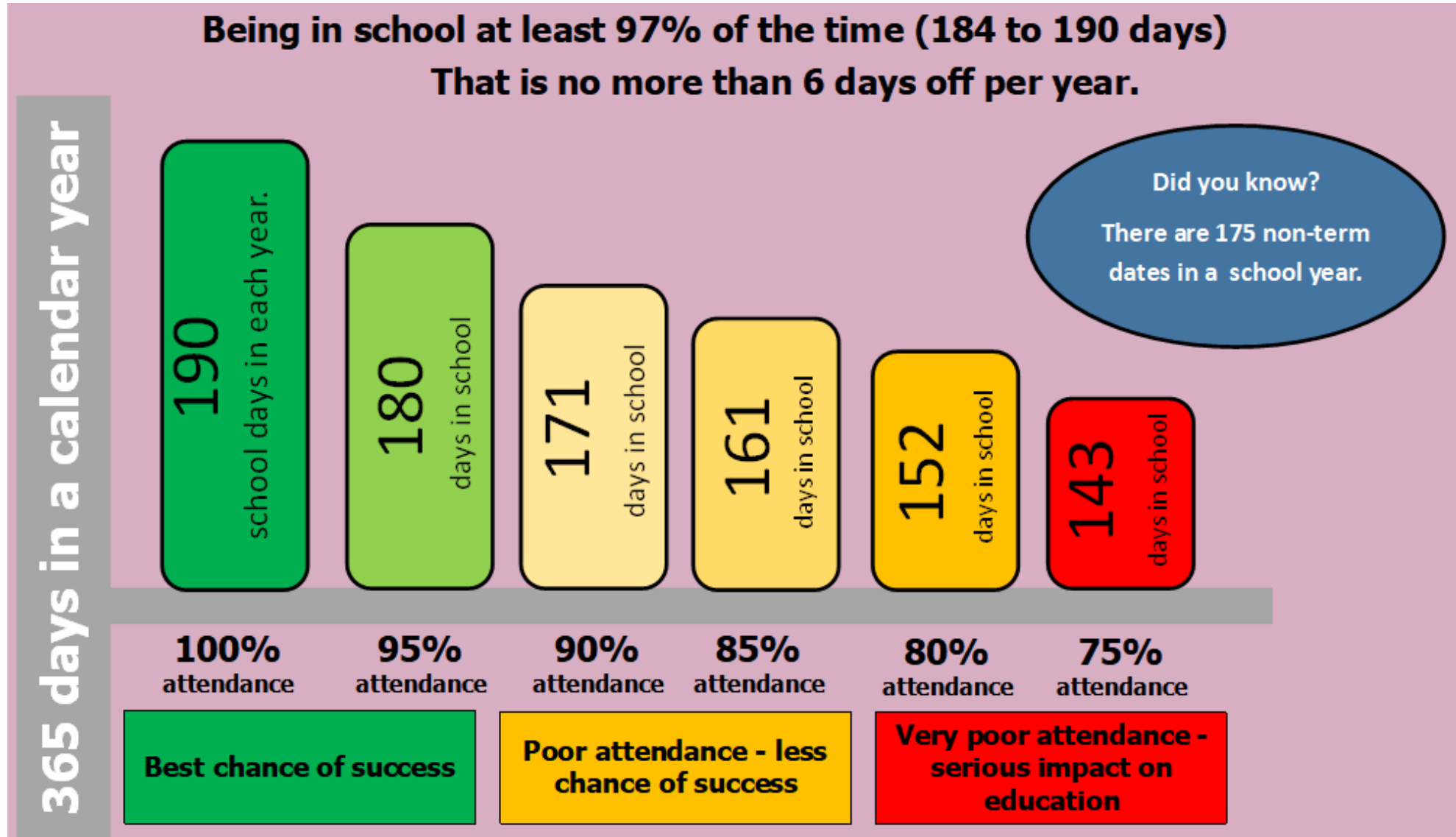
Palmer



Sutton

Our Houses

Attendance



School Uniform

Pupils wearing the correct school uniform is part of Churchend Primary Academy's behaviour policy, as it is our belief that it sets the tone for pupils taking pride in their school and looking smart. It also helps to emphasise our high expectations of pupil behaviour.

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
- White shirt
- Blue Academy Tie
- Grey/black trousers/shorts/pinafore/skirt
- Grey/black socks/tights
- Black school shoes (no trainers)
- Royal blue and white summer dress/playsuit
- Navy polo shirt with logo
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue or dark blue tracksuit
- Trainers for outdoor games (Velcro for Reception)

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SCHOOL UNIFORMS

USING CODE

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01/07/25 - 16/07/25

Safeguarding



Arbor



Arbor

Preparing your child for Reception...

- Supporting your child to be independent – can they take their coat off? Can they go to the toilet by themselves?
- Supporting your child in building relationships and communication – can they sing along with songs and nursery rhymes? Can they listen to and follow simple instructions?
- Supporting your child to be active – can they walk up and down steps independently? Can they catch a large ball?
- Supporting your child to have healthy routines – do they go to bed at a sensible time? Do they brush their teeth twice a day?

Preparing your child for Reception...

"Play is our
brain's favourite
way of learning."

=Diane Ackerman=

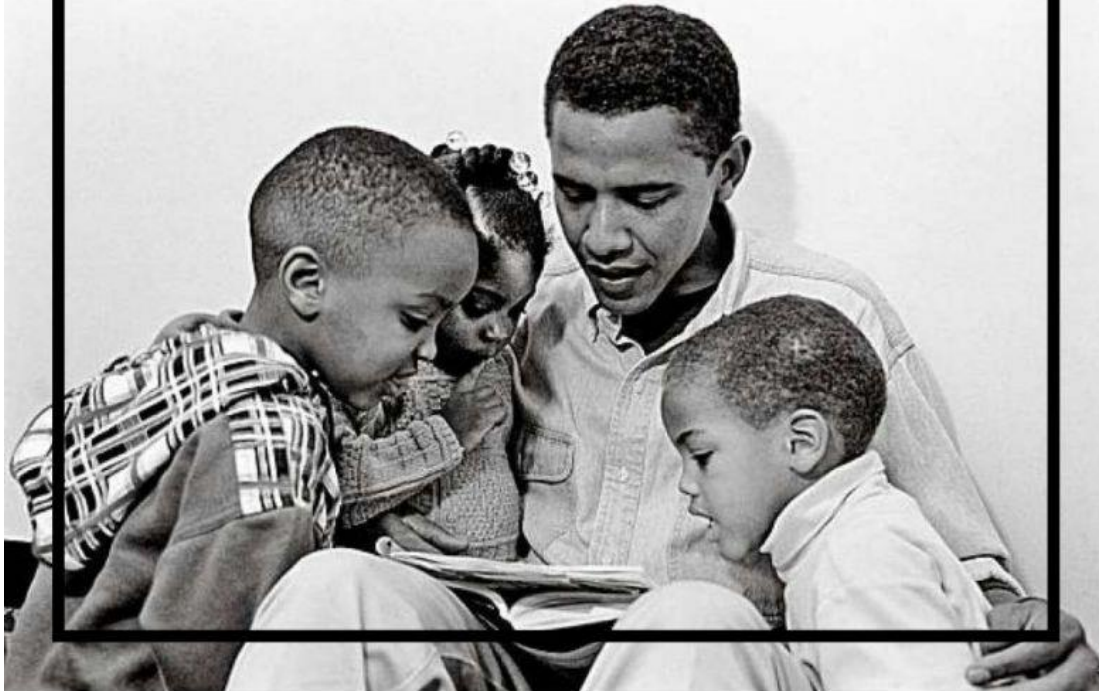
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- Play is fundamental to human development!
- It helps develop many different skills including social communication, speech and language, gross and fine motor control...
- Children need to play indoors and outdoors!
- It takes 45 minutes for a child to get into deep play...

Learning to read...

"Reading is the gateway skill
that makes all other
learning possible."

BARACK OBAMA



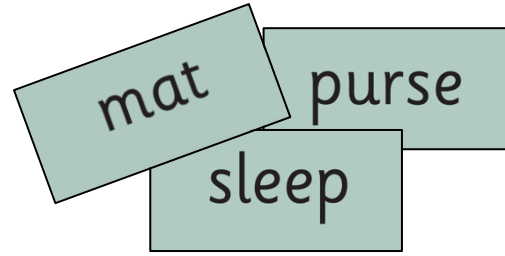
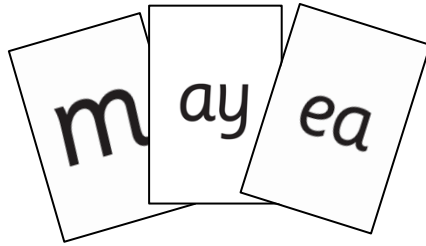
- Reading is so important and is a priority at Churchend...
- Read to your child- having a library membership card is free!
- Model reading so your child knows the importance of reading...



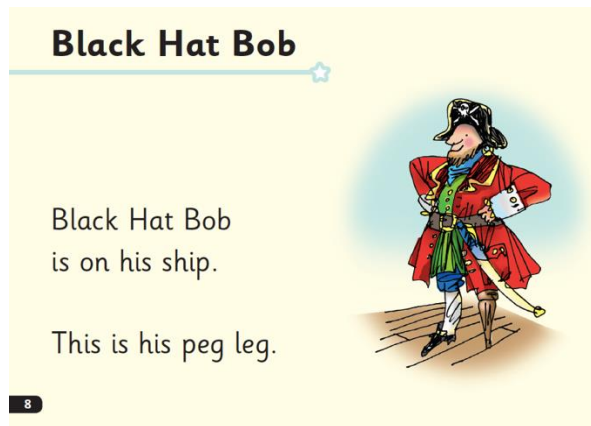
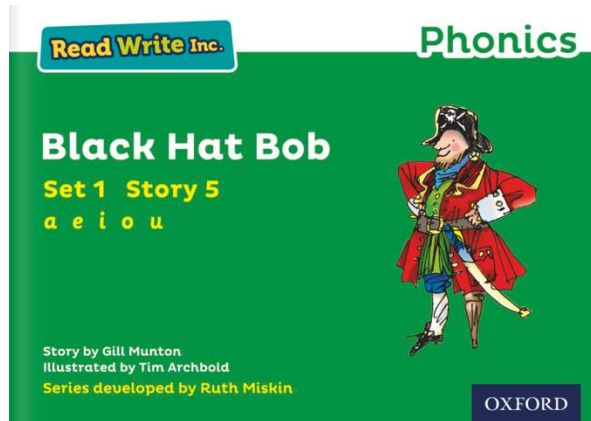
- At five years old:
- Never read to - 4,622 words
- 1-2 times a week - 63,570 words
- 3-5 times a week - 169,520 words
- Daily - 296,600 words
- Five books a day - 1,483,300 words

- *Science Daily (2019)*
- <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/04/190404074947.htm>

Read Write Inc. Phonics daily lessons



Who is Read Write Inc. for?



Lost in the sand

- 1 Egypt, 2000 BCE – Menna
I am a servant to a rich man.
I fix. I chop. I mend.
"Fetch a drink of milk, Menna!" he yells.
- 2 I grab a big bronze pot.
It is a long trek to get the milk.
The pot is big and the sun is hot.
I sit to have a rest. I put the pot
in the soft sand.
- 3 Just then, the wind whips up.
The sand lifts and spins.
I jump up and dash in.
The bronze pot is left in the sand.
- 4 When I go back to check,
the bronze pot is hidden.
I dig and dig in the sand ... but no bronze pot.



Pure Sounds (ruthmiskin.com)



Make friends with Fred!



Welcome to Churchend Primary Academy School



New Reception Parents Evening

16th June 2026



Reception Class Teachers 2026/ 2027

Squirrel Class: Mrs. Swart



Fox Class- Mrs. Embury



A warm welcome to our Early Years Foundation Stage

The **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** is the framework for the learning, development, and care of children from birth to age five in England. It provides a foundation for children to grow emotionally, socially, physically, and intellectually through a mix of play-based and adult-guided learning.



At Churchend, we aim to ensure that every child is supported in becoming confident, capable, and eager to learn as they begin their educational journey by:

- Nurturing curiosity and confidence
- Developing independence and curiosity
- Building strong relationships in a safe, supporting environment



There are 7 areas of learning, broken down into 17 early learning goals.

•Prime Areas:

- Communication & Language- listening, attention, understanding and speaking
- Physical Development- gross and fine motor skills
- Personal, Social & Emotional Development- self- regulation,
managing self and building relationships

•Specific Areas:

- Literacy- comprehension, word reading and writing
- Mathematics- number and numerical patterns
- Understanding the World- Past and Present; People, culture and communities;
The Natural World
- Expressive Arts & Design- Creating with materials; Being Imaginative and Expressive

Learning through **PLAY** every single day



Our Approach to Learning

- Learning through play
- Adult-led and child-initiated activities
- Indoor and outdoor exploration
- Observations used to plan next steps



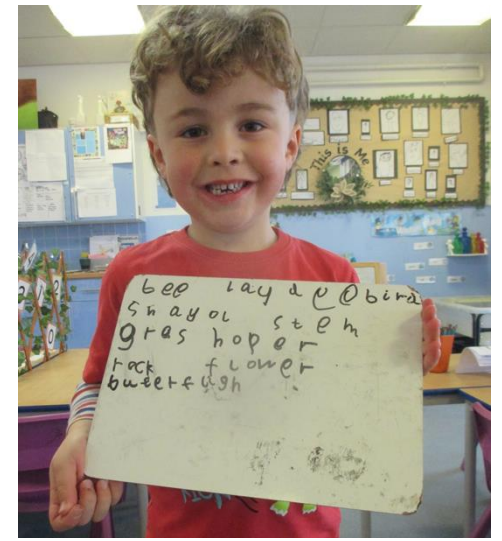
A typical day in Reception

Mornings:

- Registration
- Phonics
- Snack
- Maths circle time
- COOL time
- Story time
- LUNCH

Afternoons

- Registration
- Teacher- led session
- Small group activities
- COOL time
- Story time
- Hometime



What will your child need to bring to school?

Every Day:

- A Churchend book bag
- A labelled water bottle
- A coat when necessary
- A spare pair of underpants/ knickers in their book bag



Please also send:

- A pair of named wellies (to remain at school)

Please do not send in:

- Toys from home
- Snacks from home (fruit is provided each day)



Transition Visits:

1st July: 9.30- 10.30 am (with parents)

8th July: 9.30- 10.30 am (without parents)

15th July: 9.30- 11.45 am (packed lunch)



September information:

Wed 2nd Sept
Thurs 3rd Sept

The children will all have a home visit (a specific date and time will be given to you).



Fri 4th Sept

Am/pm

The children will spend half the day in school with their class

Mon 7th Sept

Am/pm

The children will spend half the day in school with their class

Tues 8th Sept

Children to attend school all day



We look forward to a wonderful year with you and your child.



Our PTFA



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HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thursday 24th October

Thank you to all of those children who came to the Halloween Disco. We all had an amazing time getting our boogie on!

The costumes, music, singing and dancing was great fun for all the children.

We raised an astonishing amount from tickets sales £696.50.

Churchend PTFA invite you

Diwali Celebration

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
3:15 - 4:30PM

MUSIC | FOOD | STALLS

May the festival of lights fill your heart with peace and love.

Churchend PTFA's CRAZY Hair DAY

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Come to school with the craziest hairdo... as return the PTFA would like a donation!

Suggestions for donations include:
Beauty products/Cleaning supplies/Sandpaper/Toys/Chocolate/non perishable food items etc.

Please make sure items are wrapped and are in date as we do not want to throw anything away.

Your donations will help us to make bangers for Churchend Cheer Raffle.

Being donated good quality items means better prizes.

SAVE THE DATE

Churchend cheer

6TH DECEMBER 2024

CONTACT THE PTFA IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP AND GET INVOLVED!

ptfachurchend@gmail.com

What is the PTFA?

The PTFA (Parent, Teacher and Friends Association) brings together parents, carers, friends, staff and supporters to build a strong, connected school community.

We each bring different skills and perspectives, but we share one goal: enriching the experience for all Churchend pupils. We do this by organising fundraising events and activities throughout the year, and the funds raised go back to the school.

What do we do?

We organise fun, inclusive events and activities that bring families together and create memorable experiences for the children.

This includes events such as the Summer Fair, The Big Scoot, discos, festive activities, and more.

Why do we do it?

Every pound we raise helps provide opportunities, resources and experiences that enhance the children's education and wellbeing, and help Churchend thrive.

Just as importantly, our aim is to create a welcoming community for families to connect and children feel proud of their school.

How can you take part?

Every contribution makes a difference and an impact!

It could be 30 minutes at an event stand, help with set up or take down, donating raffle prizes, sharing ideas at a committee meetings, or attending events.

Ways to participate

- Attend PTFA planning meetings
- Volunteer during events
- Help with setting up or packing away
- Donate prizes, supplies or expertise
- Share ideas and feedback
- Join our mailing list

How to Join

The PTFA is only as strong as the community behind it!

We're keen to continue building our parent and friends community to share thoughts and ideas about the school, fundraising progress, PTFA news, and volunteer opportunities.

Join by emailing: ptfa@churchendacademy.com

Chartwells



Home visits and transition dates

HOME VISITS

Please make sure
you take your
letter!



Working together...



Ready, Steady, School




Churchend
Primary Academy

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Join us for friendly, supportive sessions sharing tips for school readiness for children starting school in September.

 Helpful tips for a confident start to school

 Refreshments provided

Sessions will take place at Churchend Primary Academy ARC

	Wednesday 24th June Parents and children	9:30 - 10:30
	Wednesday 8th July During Transition Morning 2	9:30 - 10:30
	Wednesday 15th July During Transition Morning 3	9:30 - 10:30

  Parents are kindly requested to email the school office to sign up for each of the sessions.
admin@churchendacademy.com 

Dates for your diary!

- Wednesday 1st July – 9.30am – Transition 1
- Wednesday 8th July – 9.30am – Transition 2 (parents do not stay)
- Wednesday 15th July – 9.30am - Transition 3 (parents do not stay)

- Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd September – Home visit
- Friday 4th September – either am or pm
- Monday 7th September – either am or pm
- Tuesday 8th – start normal hours