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Newsletter 9

Friday 7th November 2025

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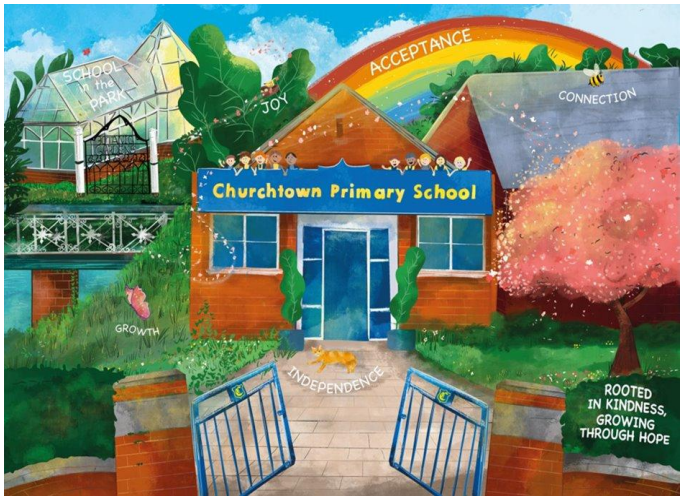
Today we held a whole-school Remembrance Assembly on the school yard, led by Major Nick McEntee, a serving officer in the Army who also plays a voluntary role with the British Legion in Southport. During the working week, Major McEntee is stationed in Aldershot, Hampshire, but kindly made himself available to deliver the Act of Remembrance at our school today. He was accompanied by Iain, a veteran and former member of the RAF.

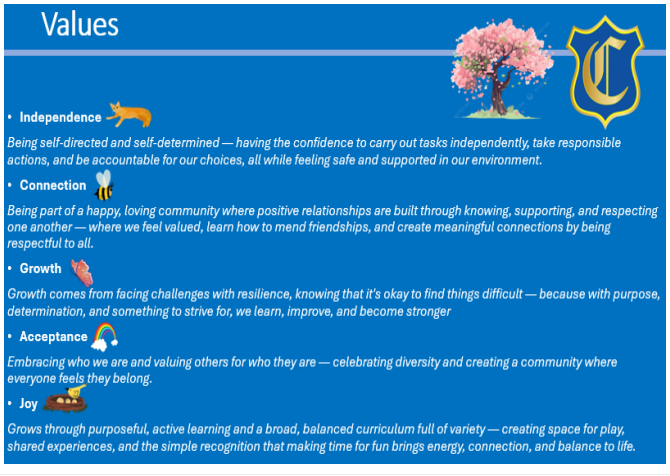
We observed a two-minute silence, during which the children showed great respect and understanding of the importance of remembrance. Major McEntee spoke to the children about the upcoming Remembrance services taking place in Southport this Sunday, where 21 of our pupils will be taking part in the service and laying a wreath at the memorial. He also presented us with the wreath that we will be taking to the memorial on Sunday.

Our Chief Champions contributed beautifully to the assembly, reading poems and reciting the Kohima Epitaph at the end of the silence. The whole school demonstrated immense respect and compassion throughout, and their behaviour must be highly commended.

A heartfelt thank you to Major McEntee for his time, dedication, and support in leading today's event, and to all staff and children who will be representing our school at Sunday's Remembrance service in Southport.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Payne!





ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance champions are:

Sunflowers for 100% attendance!

The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

Year 1!









Churchtown Primary School Open Mornings

We would like to invite prospective pupils and their families to our Open Mornings. This is a great opportunity to take a look around Churchtown Primary, meet our staff and current pupils. The Open Mornings will start at 9.30am prompt at the main school entrance (school office).

Booking for this event is essential as we have limited spaces for each Open Morning. To reserve your space, please visit our website: https://churchtown.org.uk/

or contact our school office on **01704 508500** or email us at office@churchtown.org.uk

Available dates are:

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 & Thursday 8th January 2026

Well Done Maddie!

Congratultions to Maddie for her fantastic effort in raising a huge £945 for her chosen charity – *Speech and Language UK* by taking part in a sponsored walk! Your determination and kindness are an inspiration to us all, well done!





Santa Dash – Friday 5th December

We're excited to announce that on **Friday 5th December**, all children will be taking part in the School Games Santa Dash.



On this day, we're inviting all children to bring in their Santa hats and join their classmates to complete The Daily Mile together. The Santa Dash will be taking place in lots of schools across Sefton — it's a fantastic way to stay active and get into the Christmas spirit!









Admission to Reception: September 2026

Please click here to access further information in relation to this on our school letters page on our website titled *'Arrangements for Admission to Reception – September 2026'.*



Odd Socks Day – Monday 10th November 2025

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and is a fun way for children to celebrate what makes each of us unique! Supported by CBeebies presenter Andy Day and his band *Andy and the Odd Socks*, this special day encourages everyone to express themselves and show that being different is something to be proud of.
To take part, simply wear odd socks to school on Monday 10th November — the brighter and more colourful, the better! It's an easy and cheerful way to raise awareness of the importance of kindness and inclusion.
Let's fill our classrooms with colour and positivity as we kick off Anti-Bullying Week together!





School Council News

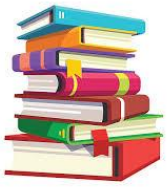
On **Friday 14th November**, our school will be supporting **BBC Children in Need** by taking part in a range of exciting activities to raise money and awareness for this important cause. Children are invited to bring in £1 and wear one item of spotty clothing with their school uniform, or choose to wear spotty/ Children in Need–themed accessories (please note, no face paint or hair dye). Throughout the day, there will be plenty of fun, including music and challenge stations during buddy playtime. This year's theme is *"Challenge Yourself to 25,"* and our School Council has set each class the task of completing 25 acts of kindness - one a day, or focusing on a single act for the week. We're encouraging everyone to get involved and help spread kindness across our school community!



Book Fair – Thank you

A huge thank you to all of the families who have supported our Scholastic Book Fair. Due to the amazing total amount of sales, it means we have earnt £300 in rewards to allow us to purchase new books to continue to support enrich our reading curriculum and ensure we are able to provide children with the most engaging, up-to-date literature.

Thank you for your support.











Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Sunday 9th November 2025	Remembrance Day Service at The Monument, Lord Street
Monday 10th November 2025	Odd Socks Day - Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 13th November 2025	P.T.A. Reception Disco in the Early Years Hall – 3.10pm to 4.00pm. Collection at end via Botanic Garden Gate from the classroom doors
Friday 14th November 2025	BBC Children in Need – school uniform with an item of spotty clothing or Children in need accessories
Tuesday 18th November 2025	Sefton School Aged Immunisation Service – Annual Flu Campaign – Snowdrops Nursery through to Y6
Tuesday 18th November 2025	P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge – all welcome to attend
Sunday 30th November 2025	Churchtown Village Christmas Fayre 12pm–6pm
Tuesday 2nd December 2025	Y2 Owls Class Assembly – 2.15pm
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	9.30am - Churchtown Primary School Open Morning for prospective families
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Y2 Swans Class Assembly – 2.15pm
Thursday 4th December 2025	Y2 Robins Class Assembly – 2.15pm
Friday 5th December	Santa Dash (Santa hats can be worn to school)
Monday 8th December 2025	Nursery Show in the Early Years Hall – 2.30pm

Thursday 11th December 2025	Reception Show at St. Cuthbert's Church – 10am
Thursday 11th December 2025	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day with P.T.A. Mufti Day
Friday 12th December 2025	Y5 Carol Concert at St. Cuthbert's Church – 9.30am
Monday 15th December 2025	Early Years & Key Stage 1 Party Day (mufti/party clothes)
Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th December 2025	P.T.A. Storytime with Santa (Nursery to Year 4)
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Key Stage 2 Party Day (mufti/party clothes)
Tuesday 16th December 2025	PTA Christmas Movie (Year 5 & 6) – 3.20pm to 5.15pm
Friday 19th December 2025	Christmas Assemblies in St. Cuthbert's Church
Friday 19th December 2025	School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 5th January 2025	INSET Day
Tuesday 6th January 2025	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Thursday 8th January 2025	9.30am - Churchtown Primary School Open Morning for prospective families
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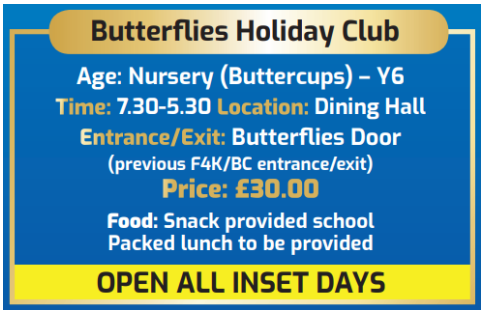
Nursery Snowdrops (open 51 weeks of the year) – closure dates (2025/2026)

CLOSED – Monday 22nd December to Friday 26th December 2025 (Christmas Holidays) – re- open Monday 29th December
CLOSED – Thursday 1st January 2026 (New Year's Day Bank Holiday)
CLOSED – Friday 3rd & Monday 6th April 2026 (Good Friday and Easter Monday Bank Holidays)
CLOSED – Monday 4th May2026 (Early May Bank Holiday)
CLOSED – Monday 25th May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)
CLOSED – Monday 31st August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)





Butterflies Holiday Club……

will be open to Churchtown Primary School children on

Friday 24th October 2025 – INSET Day
Monday 27th to Friday 31st October 2025 – Half-Term Holidays
Monday 29th December to Friday 2nd January 2026 – Christmas
CLOSED – Thursday 1st January 2026 (New Year's Day Bank Holiday)
Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET Day
Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2025 – Half-Term Holiday
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026 – Easter Holidays
CLOSED – Friday 3rd & Monday 6th April 2026 (Good Friday and Easter Monday Bank Holidays)
CLOSED – Monday 4th May 2026 (Early May Bank Holiday)
CLOSED – Monday 25th May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)
Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May 2026 – Half-Term Holiday
Monday 20th July 2026 – INSET Day
Tuesday 21st July to Friday 28th August 2026 – Summer Holidays
CLOSED – Monday 31st August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)