

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 11

Friday 21st November 2025

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 <https://twitter.com/churchtownsch>

Last week, a representative group of staff attended the Educate Awards at Liverpool Cathedral. Our school had been nominated for two awards: Leadership Team of the Year and Most Inspirational Primary School of the Year. The awards ceremony is the largest celebration of education in the North, so we were exceptionally pleased to be shortlisted. To then go on the evening to be runner-up in the Leadership category and winner of Most Inspirational Primary School of the Year was a huge honour and a massive achievement. This award was closely linked to our response to the tragedy of Summer 2024 and the way we have supported our whole school community through it.

I am writing to thank you for your enormous contribution as parents and guardians—working alongside us during a difficult time and supporting the fundraising for the playground. Thanks to you, the children now have a fabulous space to play and a beautiful legacy for Alice and Bebe.

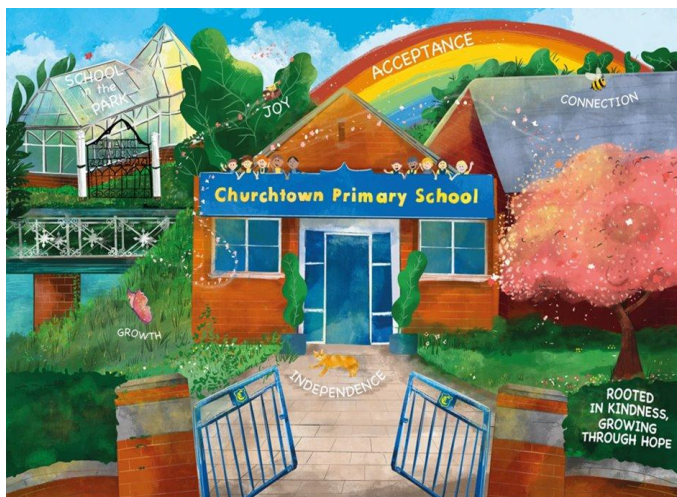
I would have loved to take the whole staff group to receive this award, as it was a recognition of all their hard work, resilience, time, compassion, and true sense of working together for a purpose.

A parent and Trustee who was one of our nominations wrote the following:

"Churchtown has become a national symbol of what is possible in education: not only because of what it overcame, but because of what it continues to become—a place of light, legacy, and learning. I long ago lost count of the small, everyday acts of quiet heroism I have come across this year at Churchtown. As both a parent and a Trustee, I can think of no more deserving recipient of this award. It is not only the most inspirational school I know—it is the most human, the most hopeful."

Thank you once again for your support, dedication, and belief in our school.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Payne!



Values

• Independence

Being self-directed and self-determined — having the confidence to carry out tasks independently, take responsible actions, and be accountable for our choices, all while feeling safe and supported in our environment.

• Connection

Being part of a happy, loving community where positive relationships are built through knowing, supporting, and respecting one another — where we feel valued, learn how to mend friendships, and create meaningful connections by being respectful to all.

• Growth

Growth comes from facing challenges with resilience, knowing that it's okay to find things difficult — because with purpose, determination, and something to strive for, we learn, improve, and become stronger.

• Acceptance

Embracing who we are and valuing others for who they are — celebrating diversity and creating a community where everyone feels they belong.

• Joy

Grows through purposeful, active learning and a broad, balanced curriculum full of variety — creating space for play, shared experiences, and the simple recognition that making time for fun brings energy, connection, and balance to life.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance champions are:

Squirrels!

The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

Year 3!

Well Done





FESTIVE MUFTI DAY



11th December

Pay £1 on Arbor to wear
your own clothes and
Christmas jumpers



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



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!





Churchtown PTA

What's going on in the Christmas Term

ELF RAFFLE

On sale 3rd Nov – 24th Nov
Winner Announced 25th

£1.50 – From the Office or Arbor



RECEPTION DISCO

13th November 3.10–4.00pm

£3 Includes drinks, sweets
and a party hat!



MUFTI DAY

11th December
Own Clothes & Christmas Jumpers
£1 on Arbor



STORYTIME WITH SANTA

15th and 16th December
Nursery – Year 4

£3.50 on Arbor – includes a present



CHRISTMAS MOVIE

16th December 3.20–5.15

£3.50 on Arbor
includes popcorn, sweet & drink
Year 5/6 only



Churchtown PTA

ELF RAFFLE

Tickets on sale 3rd – 24th November
£1.50 from the Office or on Arbor



Winner will be announced on 25th November
and presented in Assembly on 28th November



The Festive Fairytale of CHURCHTOWN CHRISTMAS

"Once upon a cobbled street,
Where Christmas joy and laughter meet.
Stalls and treats and songs that play,
The perfect, magic, festive day."

Sunday 30th November 2025
12:00pm ~ 6:00pm

Botanic Road, Churchtown
Village, Southport



Have you seen those CHEEKY ELVES?



Those pesky Christmas elves are back – and they've been up to
their tricks again! Hiding in the windows of our independent
traders, waiting to be found by eagle-eyed children.

Armed with a special map, little explorers can embark on a magical
trail through the village, spotting mischievous elves as they go.
Will you find them all?

Collect your map from many of our traders including Hesketh
Arms, RS Fine Chocolates, Tiny Treasures, Remedy & Lucy Lous
Boutique

Once your hunt is complete, pop your entry in to the magical Post
Box outside Little Sparks Play Cafe (25 Botanic Road) and you
could be one of four lucky winners chosen to receive a special
prize!

15th November - 21st December

Botanic Road, Churchtown
Village, Southport



COME & PLAY *Netball*

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SHOOTING SOME HOOPS?

YEARS 4, 5 & 6
MONDAYS - 3:20PM - 4:20PM
£4.00 PER SESSION
10 WEEKS!

FROM MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2026

**CHURCHTOWN
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

LED BY LYNNE BARNETT AFFILIATED WITH SOUTHPORT
NETBALL CLUB - WHERE NETBALL IS MORE THAN A SPORT,
IT'S A SPACE TO GROW.

BLENDING SKILL, SOCIAL PLAY, AND A STRONG SENSE
OF COMMUNITY GIVING EVERY PLAYER THE CHANCE TO FEEL
CONFIDENT, INCLUDED & INSPIRED.

EVERYBODY LEARNS AT THEIR OWN PACE,
FINDS THEIR STRENGTHS & FEELS PART OF A TEAM.

**ALL PLAYER
LEVELS
WELCOME!**



Ready. Net. Go!

POTENTIAL TO GROW FURTHER WITH
SOUTHPORT NETBALL CLUB.
CREATE A TEAM - CREATE A LEAGUE!

An electronic form will be sent out to year 4,5 and 6 parents early next week so that we can gauge interest for this club, help us create our very own Churchtown Shooting Stars!

HURCHTOWN Butterflies

WRAPAROUND CARE

Butterflies Festive Holiday Club

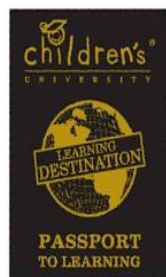
Christmas Holiday Club Dates:

29th, 30th & 31st December 2025

2nd & 5th (Inset Day) January 2026

Book Now via Arbor!

Please note: Butterflies Holiday Club will only operate if bookings exceed the minimum required number



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Instrumental lessons

We will soon be asking for passports to be handed in to school to count the autumn credits. Please note that we can not add any credits that have not been stamped by the Learning Destination.

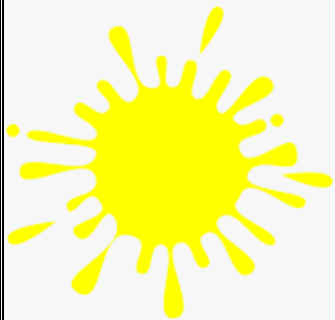


Churchtown after school clubs/activities



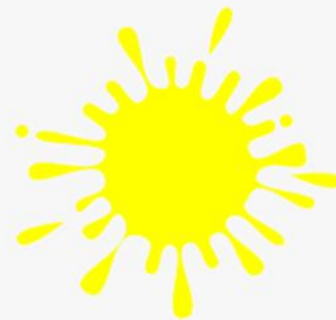
Gymnastics and Aerobic Gymnastics





Playgroup

Join us every Monday!



Come and join us at playgroup, a bright and joyful space where little ones can explore, imagine and create. Anyone can attend, even if you don't have child at Churchtown Primary. Over the past few sessions we've had lots of fun, making art, listening to stories, trying hands on activities and learning through play.



Playgroup takes place every morning from 8:45 in the Early Years Hall. It's run by Miss Cornish, and it's just a £1 contribution. It's a lovely way for little ones to start their day with curiosity and lots of laughter!

Please contact the School Office if you have any questions on 01704 508500

Termly attendance award

Each term, we have an attendance reward for the year group with the highest attendance.

The scores this term so far are as follows:



Reception	2
Year 1	5
Year 2	5
Year 3	4
Year 4	6
Year 5	3
Year 6	5



The year group(s) with the highest attendance will be announced in assembly week commencing the 8th December 2025.

The reward will be decided by the phase leader of the winning year group(s) and this will be communicated to parents via email.

ROTARY SHOEBOX SCHEME – 2025



SHOEBOXES TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL

NO LATER than Friday 28th November 2025
Please hand to your Class Teachers.

We have already handed out 96 boxes which is amazing! But we have **4 left**, so can we make it 100?

If you feel like you can fill a box this week before **the Friday 28th deadline**, all you need to do is bring in £3 in a named envelope to school.

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'.

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Is your child born on or between
01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022?

If so, your child is due to start
school September 2026!



**You MUST apply for a school place
online before 15 January 2026**

For more information or to make an
application, scan our QR code or go to
www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool



sefton.gov.uk 0151 934 3590
admissions@sefton.gov.uk

Sefton Council



Date	Event
Sunday 30 th November 2025	Churchtown Village Christmas Fayre 12pm–6pm
Tuesday 2 nd December 2025	Y2 Owls Class Assembly – 2.15pm
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	9.30am - Churchtown Primary School Open Morning for prospective families
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	Y2 Swans Class Assembly – 2.15pm
Thursday 4 th December 2025	Y2 Robins Class Assembly – 2.15pm
Friday 5 th December	Santa Dash (Santa hats can be worn to school)
Monday 8 th December 2025	Buttercups Show in the Early Years Hall – 2.30pm
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Reception Show at St. Cuthbert's Church – 10am
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day with P.T.A. Mufti Day
Friday 12 th December 2025	Y5 Carol Concert at St. Cuthbert's Church – 9.30am
Monday 15 th December 2025	Early Years & Key Stage 1 Party Day (mufti/party clothes)
Monday 15 th & Tuesday 16 th December 2025	P.T.A. Storytime with Santa (Nursery to Year 4)
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Key Stage 2 Party Day (mufti/party clothes)
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	PTA Christmas Movie (Year 5 & 6) – 3.20pm to 5.15pm
Friday 19 th December 2025	Christmas Assemblies in St. Cuthbert's Church
Friday 19 th December 2025	School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January 2026	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Thursday 8 th January 2026	9.30am - Churchtown Primary School Open Morning for prospective families
Monday 16 – Friday 20 February 2026	Half Term Week
Friday 27 th March 2026	School closes at 1.30pm for the Easter Holidays!
Monday 13 th April	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2026	Half Term Week
Friday 17 July 2026	End of Term – School closes at 1.30pm for Summer Holidays!
Monday 20 July 2026	INSET day
Tuesday 1st September 2026	INSET day
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	INSET day
Thursday 3rd September 2026	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Friday 23rd October 2026	INSET day

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2026	Half Term Week
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Friday 18th December 2026	End of Term – School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas Holidays!
Text in red is a new addition to the calendar	



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 May 2026 (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)

Butterflies Holiday Club

Age: Nursery (Buttercups) – Y6

Time: 7.30-5.30 **Location:** Dining Hall

Entrance/Exit: Butterflies Door
(previous F4K/BC entrance/exit)

Price: £30.00

Food: Snack provided school
Packed lunch to be provided

OPEN ALL INSET DAYS