

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 12

Friday 28th November 2025

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As we move into the festive season, there is a sense of excitement building around school. This Sunday, our Melody Makers will be opening the Churchtown Village Christmas Fair with their performance at 12pm outside the Checkers shop. We would love for families to come along and support the children if you are heading towards the fair this weekend, and we are hoping the weather improves to make the occasion even more special.

Back in school, the celebrations begin on Monday 1st December. Three stunning Christmas trees arrived yesterday and have now been fully decorated, transforming the school ready for three joyful weeks of festive activities. December is always a busy and magical month at Churchtown, and this year is no different.

Our festivities start next week with the Year 2 class assemblies. Each class will have their turn to perform to parents and guardians across Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The following week brings even more excitement, with the Buttercup performance taking place in school, while Reception and Year 5 will perform at St Cuthbert's Church.

Thursday 11th December is our Christmas Dinner Day, when children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or festive top alongside their own clothes. We kindly ask for a £1 contribution towards the PTA Mufti, which can be paid through the Arbor app or by bringing £1 into school on the day. The full Christmas dinner menu is available in this week's newsletter for families to look through.

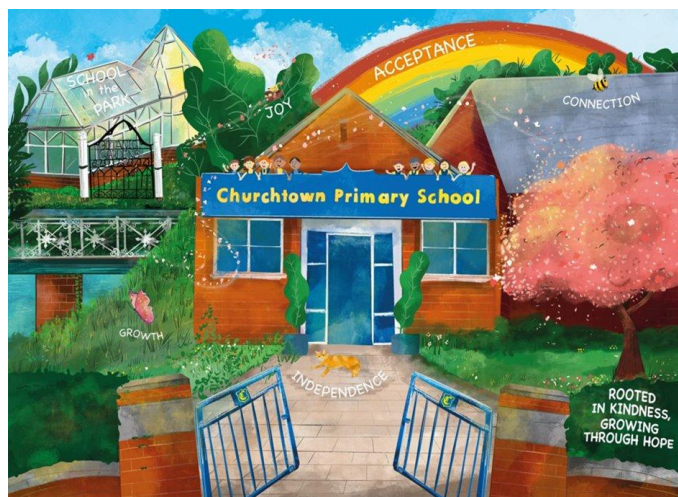
In our last week before we break up, our school party days will take place. On Monday 15th December, younger children from Snowdrops up to Year 2 will enjoy their party day, while on Tuesday 16th December it will be the turn of our Key Stage 2 children from Year 3 to Year 6. Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December also brings a very special moment for many of our pupils, as Santa Claus will be visiting school. Children from Snowdrops to Year 4 will have the chance to enjoy a festive story with Santa and receive a gift in our beautifully decorated Lodge by the PTA, and we ask that bookings and payments are made through the Arbor app.

On Tuesday 16th December, our older children in Year 5 and Year 6 are invited to stay after school for our Christmas Movie. Again, bookings for this event can be made through Arbor, and more details are included further down in the newsletter.

Finally, we will bring our busy term to a close on Friday 19th December. School will finish at 1:30pm, but before we break up, all children will visit St Cuthbert's Church in the morning for our Christmas assemblies, marking a wonderful end to a joyful and eventful few weeks.

Thank you for your continued support during this special time of year.

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:

ASPEN

for their improved attendance

The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

Year 3!

Well Done



SPACES STILL
AVAILABLE FOR
NEXT WEEK'S OPEN
MORNING



If you're interested,
please book on by Monday 1st
December.



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



Churchtown PTA



**STORY
TIME
WITH
SANTA**

**15th and 16th
December**

**£3.50 includes a gift
from Santa
Please pay on Arbor**

For Nursery to Year 4



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



FESTIVE MUFTI DAY



11th December

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

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

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



ELF RAFFLE WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT...

...Caleb S
Year 3 Oak

*Thank you to everyone who
supported and bought tickets.*



CHURCHTOWN
Butterflies
WRAPAROUND CARE

Butterflies Festive Holiday Club

Christmas Holiday Club Dates:

29th, 30th & 31st December 2025

2nd & 5th (Inset Day) January 2026

**All Bookings
must be
made by 5th
December!**

Book Now via Arbor!

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

Christmas Dinner 2025 – Thursday 11th December

On Thursday 11th December, it is our annual Christmas Jumper Day in school and as part of our festive celebrations, we will also be having our festive Christmas lunch on this day too. Please see the menu below:

Roast Turkey, Hand-rolled 'Pigs in Blankets', Finest Roast Potatoes, Stuffing Balls, Peas, Carrots, Sprouts and Gravy

Vegetarian Option – Quorn Fillet served with the above vegetables and a 'free from' gravy



Pudding – 'Christmas Tree' Cakes



Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who normally receive a Free School Meal will automatically receive a Christmas dinner. **There will be NO deli bar option;** therefore, if your child does not wish to have the Christmas Dinner, there will be sandwich alternatives (Ham, Tuna or Cheese) offered and pupils will note their preference in class before the day.

For Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6), **there will also be NO deli bar option; therefore, children who do not want a Christmas lunch MUST bring a packed lunch to school.** If your child is entitled to a free school meal and does not want a Christmas lunch, there will be sandwich alternatives (Ham, Tuna or Cheese) offered and pupils will note their preference in class before the day.

If your child is in Key Stage 2, please ensure that there is sufficient money in your Parent Pay lunch payments account (£2.80). No cash payments can be taken.

Thank you.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL VACANCY

Sefton Borough Council's excellent School Crossing Service is currently looking to recruit people to become School Crossing Patrols.

We are appealing to Schools, Parents and Grandparents of our children that have a few hours to spare each week.

We offer £13 per hour plus travelling expenses where applicable. You would also be entitled to holiday pay plus a retainer fee when the Schools are closed. There is no upper age limit.

If you, or anyone you know would be interested in becoming a Patrol please telephone the School Crossing Office on 0151 288 6154 in the first instance.

ROTARY SHOEBOX SCHEME – 2025



TODAY (28/11) WAS THE DEADLINE FOR THE SHOEBOXES TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL...

...BUT IF YOU HAVE ONE AT HOME STILL, PLEASE RETURN IT ON MONDAY (01/12) AND IT CAN STILL BE PICKED UP. THANKYOU

Please hand to your Class Teachers.

SEFTON children's TM UNIVERSITY



Please can all passports be handed in to
Mrs Watkinson (Yr4 Willow Class) with any
Autumn term credits stamped
by **December 12th 2025.**

Any questions about the Children's University please contact the school office.

Does your child participate in the
Hesketh Park, Park run?

parkrun

You can take your Child's
CU passport along and it
will be stamped and they
will gain credits for
taking part.

Please hand all passports with
Autumn credits in to Mrs Watkinson
(Willow Class) by **December 12th**



Natural Christmas Trees

A message from Mr. Cocks (Year 2 teacher and Forest School leader): For those families who choose to have a real Christmas tree, we would like your help for our Forest Schools firewood. We DON'T require the actual tree but the wooden base/stump that the tree stands on, would be really useful. Once you're finished with your tree after Christmas, please can you drop the wooden base/ stump of by the bike sheds at the front of school.

Thankyou for your support and wishing you all a wonderful festive season.



Date	Event
Sunday 30 th November 2025	Churchtown Village Christmas Fair 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 or woollen hat 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 (own clothes)
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
Tuesday 27th January 2026	Year 1 - Imagine That! Trip
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

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

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)