

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 15

Friday 19th December 2025



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We have had a busy end to the school term, full of festive fun and joy!

The Year 5 traditional carol concert, which featured the children acting out the story of *The Street Child*, was a superb performance at the end of last week. It reminded us of the importance of determination, the search for hope and positivity in life, and the need for kindness. The children performed both the story and the singing beautifully in the atmospheric setting of St Cuthbert's Church.

Buddy assemblies took place at St Cuthbert's Church, where everyone enjoyed a Christmas story. The setting was wonderfully atmospheric, and the children's behaviour was exemplary. It is important that our children understand and value their local community, and St Cuthbert's is a key part of this, with whom we have worked closely for many years.

A big thank you must go to the PTA. Their efforts this term, all on a voluntary basis, have been very much appreciated. This week alone, they transformed the School Lodge into a festive grotto and dressed up as elves, alongside a special visit from Father Christmas. He read stories to most year groups, and presents were provided for all children – thank you for supporting this through paying via Arbour. The Year 5 and 6 children also thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas Movie night, which was really well attended.

We have also been delivering food and present parcels to members of our local community, with the support of Southport Foodbank and the Kind charity organisations.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. The children will be coming home tired but excited for the time ahead. We are fully aware that the Christmas period can be challenging for families for many different reasons, and we would like to remind you that support is always available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you need any help or guidance.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year on Tuesday 5th January 2026.

Mrs Payne



ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance champions are:

Year 5 Juniper

for

their improved attendance 98.5%!











Churchtown Primary School Open Mornings

We would like to invite prospective pupils and their families to our Open Morning. 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 <u>office@churchtown.org.uk</u>

Available dates are:

Thursday 8th January 2026



School age flu drop-in clinics

The flu vaccine is available to all children from nursery up to year 11.

You can drop-in to one of the clinics being provided by Mersey Care's School Aged Immunisation Team.

> Friday 19th December, 10.00-4.00pm at Sefton Road Clinic, L21 9HE

Saturday 20th December, 9:30am to 3.00pm at Manor Farm PCRC, Huyton, L36 0UB

Monday 22nd December, 9:30 to 3:00pm at St Chads PCRC, Kirkby, L32 8RE- First floor

Remember: This is a drop-in service, so you may need to wait to be seen. Your patience is appreciated.

For further drop in venues please visit the living well bus timetable: https://www.cwp.nhs.uk/livingwellservice

If you require an appointment time, please contact:

Liverpool School Immunisation Team: 0151 295 3833 Sefton School Immunisation Team: 0151 247 6130 Knowsley, Halton & St Helens Schools: 0151 351 8805

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'.





application, scan our QR code or go to www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool



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



School Health Screening – Reception Children

During Reception, the **Sefton School Health Team** will visit school to carry out routine health checks, including vision, hearing, height and weight. These checks help identify any concerns early so children can get the right support.

If you do not want your child to take part in any part of the screening, please contact the School Health Team:



0151 247 6354



mcn-tr.seftonschoolhealth@nhs.net

Please ensure your contact details held by the school are up to date, as appointment letters may be sent following screening.

For more information, visit the School Health Team webpage by scanning the QR code or visiting:

www.merseycare.nhs.uk/our-services/sefton/school-health-team



MENU REMINDER

Please note we will be on WEEK ONE of the menu when we return back after the Christmas Holidays.

https://churchtown.org.uk/parent-andcarers/lunchtime-menu





Christmas at Churchtown



Christmas magic has been everywhere at Churchtown Primary!

Our talented pupils have been busy making festive crafts in Eco Club and Reception Art Club, while our amazing PTA elves worked their magic behind the scenes. We've laughed, danced and cheered along with Taz's Christmas entertainment, enjoyed brilliant Christmas Party Days, and even had story time with Santa himself!

What a fun-filled, festive season it's been, a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this festive season so special for our school community!





















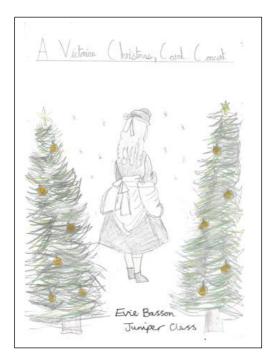


Year 5 Carol Concert Programme Competition

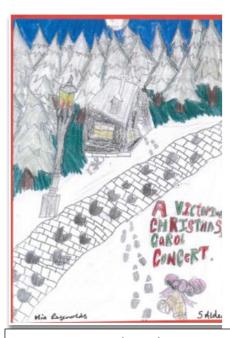


Our Year 5 pupils have been busy getting creative by designing programmes for the Carol Concert. Each class selected a winner and the standard of entries was fantastic, well done to everyone who took part!

The winning entries are below:



Designed by Evie (Juniper)



Designed by Mia (Alder)



Designed by Nylah (Larch)





Year 6 Health Questionnaire

In the new term, **Year 6 pupils** will complete a short **online health and wellbeing questionnaire** in school, led by the **Sefton School Health Team**. The questionnaire helps school nurses understand children's health needs, offer support where needed, and plan health education for the school.

Responses are reviewed confidentially by school nurses, who may speak with children individually if follow-up is required. The questionnaire will be completed using school IT equipment.

Parents/carers can view the questions at: www.merseycare.nhs.uk/school-health

Opt-out: If you do not wish your child to take part, please email the School Office by 1st January.

For more information, contact the School Health Team on **0151 247 6354** or **mcn-tr.seftonschoolhealth@nhs.net**.





PE Kit Days



Please see below an updated overview of which days children should come to school dressed in their Field Kit for the Spring term. For many there haven't been any changes, however some year groups are impacted.

Year 1	Forest School/P.E	WLSP
Squirrels	Monday	Thursday
Hedgehogs	Tuesday	Thursday
Rabbits	Wednesday	Thursday

Year 2	Field	WLSP
Owls	Monday	Wednesday
Robins	Monday	Wednesday
Swans	Monday	Tuesday

Year 3	Field	WLSP
Oak	Friday	Tuesday
Fir	Friday	Tuesday
Elm	Friday	Thursday

Year 4	Field	WLSP
Birch	Tuesday	Monday
Willow	Tuesday	Monday
Pine	Tuesday	Monday

Year 5	Field	WLSP
Alder	Wednesday	Thursday
Juniper	Wednesday	Thursday
Larch	Wednesday	Thursday

Year 6	Field	WLSP
Aspen	Thursday	Tuesday
Cedar	Thursday	Tuesday
Sycamore	Thursday	Wednesday
Beech	Thursday	Wednesday

Music Maestros- This Half Term 💋

A huge well done to our **Music Maestros** for this half term! These children have shown excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and commitment in music lessons throughout the term.

> **Hedgehogs:** Anneliese & Frankie Rabbits: Benjamin & Lilly Squirrels: Arthur & Allura **Owls:** Layla & Freya **Swans:** Theo & Felicity Robins: Sam & Lilly





Elm: Jack & Flori Fir: Brayden & Olivia Oak: Jasper & Aubree Pine: Felicity & Joshua & Connor

Alder: Chloe & Mia Larch: Fin & Amelia B

Juniper: Katie & Lyla Sycamore: Theo & Charlie D Cedar: Carys & Amelia L-M Beech: Neave & Sam Aspen: Byron & Sophia

Well done to everyone- keep up the fantastic musical work! 🎜 👏





Let's get ready for the Year of Reading in 2026



The Winter Challenge is now open.

To take part, follow the link and create an account for your child to access. They then input the books that they have read and a short review.

https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/



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Support available over the Christmas Holidays

Sefton Children's Social Care (CHAT) 0151 934 4013 or Emergency Duty Team 0151 934 3555.

Lancashire Children's Social Care 0300 123 6720 or Emergency Duty Team 0300 123 6722.

Sefton Family Advice and Support Team (FAST) 0151 934 4545

Sefton Women's And Children's Aid - 0151 922 8606 or help@swaca.com

24hr National Domestic Abuse Helpline - 0808 2000 247

Childline - 0800 1111

NSPCC - help@nspcc.org.uk

If you require support for a person under 18 experiencing a mental health crisis please contact **CAMHS** on 0151 293 3577. If you feel that you need help immediately call for an ambulance on 999 or attend the nearest **A&E**.

If you require support regarding domestic abuse, you can attend a local chemist and ask for ANI (Action Needed Immediately)

ANI is a codeword scheme that enables victims of domestic abuse to discreetly ask for immediate help in participating pharmacies.

Online Safety

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/



Talk with your child about responsible use of their phone

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.



Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the phone itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

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.





Adios Good bye





After four years of outstanding service, we say a fond farewell to Mr Asensi, our wonderful Spanish lead. During his time at Churchtown, Mr Asensi has shown unwavering dedication and passion, inspiring a love of Spanish in children across the school. From engaging Spanish lessons, fantastic 'Fiestaval' performances and extremely popular after-school Spanish clubs, he leaves a lasting impression on our school community. We are incredibly grateful for everything he has given to Churchtown and would like to thank him wholeheartedly for his hard work and dedication. He is universally adored by everyone at Churchtown and he will be greatly missed by all.

Goodbye and good luck to Teaching Assistant, Danielle Rimmer, we thank her for all her hard work and support during her time at our school. Danielle has been a valued member of the team, and we wish her all the best for the



Sefton Family Hubs



North Family Hubs Talbot Street

Wednesday 10th December

Monday 15th December

Wednesday 17th December

Monday 22nd December 23rd December

Tuesday

Christmas Wreath Making

Time: 4pm - 5:30pm Ages: Parents, carers and anyone aged 11+

Join us for a festive, you'll learn how to create your own beautiful Christmas wreath.

Booking required



Christmas Brunch/Supper with Santa

1st session Time: 1pm – 3pm Ages: 0–5 years

tart the day with festive fun!

Booking required

<u>Christmas Party -</u> **Reindeer Visit and** Santa's Grotto

Time: 3:30pm - 7:30pm Ages: 5-18 years

Families can enjoy meeting real live reindeer, playing festive games, and dancing at our fun-filled Christmas disco. Every child will have the chance to visit Santa in his grotto, receive a small age-appropriate gift, and take home a special photo to create lasting family

Food: Warm winter dishes and a fruity seasonal dessert will be provided to keep everyone cosy and happy.

Booking required

Christmas Chefs

1st session Time: 1pm - 3pm Ages: 5-8 years

2nd session Time: 3:30pm - 5:30pm Ages: 9 - 11 years

Join us for an enchanting festive cookery session! This fun, interactive experience promotes physical, social, and emotional growth while encouraging creativity in the kitchen. Children will enjoy making Christmasthemed treats in a supportive, family-friendly environment.

Booking required

Christmas Explorers

Neurodiverse Sessions Time: 11am - 1pm Ages: 5 - 8 years

Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm Ages: 9 - 11 years

Children will explore the magic of Christmas through play, magination, and expressive physical activities to boost learning and development, while families enjoy attachment and positive parenting. These festive readiness in a fun, interactive

Food: Healthy Christmasthemed snacks will be provided.

Booking required

Talbot Family Hub, St. Andrews Place, Southport, PR8 1HR | 01704534975 | TalbotSt.FWC@sefton.gov.uk Call us to book your place









After School Clubs- Spring Term

Please see below for information regarding the after school clubs that will be on offer for the Spring Term, which commences January 2026. Please keep in mind that not all clubs start at the same time.

Arbor now open for bookings until 1st January

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
Nurture Club	Nurture Club	Nurture Club
(12:00-12:30)	(12:00-12:30)	(12:00-12:30)
	Starting Tuesday the 6th of January (11 weeks)	
	Netball with Lynne Barnett for Year 4, 5 and 6 children	Chipmunks – Mrs Coysh (12:00-12:30) Tulips Class
	MUGA (12noon – 1.00pm)	
	NETBALL COURT	
	(20 children) LUNCHTIME	
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** :		Lodge gate will be open for all clubs at 4.20pm
Monday	<u>Tuesday</u>	
Starting Monday the 12th of January (10 weeks)	Starting Tuesday the 6th of January (11 weeks)	Star
Tennis with Megan Hyland Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Football (WLSP) Years 5 & 6	Gymnastics replaced
3.20pm – 4.20pm	3.20pm – 4.20pm	•
Playground/EYFS Hall	Playground/MUGA	with basketball club
EXIT: PLAYGROUND	EXIT: PLAYGROUND	
PAID CLUB £4.00 per session	PAID CLUB £4.00 per session	PAID CLUB £4.00 per session
Starting Monday the 12th of January (10 weeks)	Starting Tuesday the 6th of January	Starting Wednesday the 7th of January (11 weeks)
Netball with Lynne Barnett YEAR 4, 5 AND 6	Melody Makers with Mrs Watkinson YOUNG VOICES	Cheerleading with Mrs Bartley YEARS 2 - 4
All Registered	All Registered	(20 children)
3.20pm - 4.20pm	3.20pm - 4.20pm	3.20pm - 4.20pm
NETBALL COURT	Music Room	EYFS HALL
EXIT: PLAYGROUND	EXIT: MUGA DOOR	
PAID CLUB £4.00 per session	FOC	PAID CLUB £4.00 per session
·	Starting Tuesday the 6th of January	Starting Wednesday the 7th of January (11 weeks)
	Meols Cop High School Community Dance Festival with	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	Miss Wynne & Miss Suffell	Performing Arts with Mrs Hibbert Years 3,4,5 and 6
	All Registered	(35 children)
	3.20pm - 4.20pm	3.20pm - 4.20pm
	Early Years Hall	Music Room
	EXIT: PLAYGROUND	EXIT: MUGA DOOR
	FOC	PAID CLUB £4.00 per session

<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Nurture Club	Nurture Club
(12:00-12:30)	(12:00-12:30)
Starting Thursday the 8th of January	
Melody Makers with Mrs Watkinson (Years 1 - 6) Lunchtime	
Willow Classroom	
LUNCHTIME	
	<u>Friday</u>
Starting (1 weeks)	
Dance FULL	
Extra	
PAID CLUB £4.00 per session	
Starting Thursday the 8th of January (upto and including the 12th of Feb) 6 weeks	
Hero Quest with Mr Bowen (Year 6)	
(12 Children)	
3.20pm - 4.20pm	
Alder Classroom	
EXIT: PLAYGROUND	
FOC	

Hero Quest (Thursday after school), Performing Arts (Wednesday after school) and Melody Makers (Thursday lunchtime) MUST be <u>reapplied</u> for via Arbor

Melody Makers (Young Voices) – Tuesday – Children are already registered



Date	Event
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 27 th January 2026	Year 1 - Imagine That! Educational visit
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 May2026 (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)