Friday 13th November 2026

Churchtown Chatter

Newsletter 10



Joy



Acceptance



Connection



Independence



Growth



A message from the Headteacher:

It has been another lovely and busy week at Churchtown, with lots of exciting events and opportunities for the children to get involved in.

We were delighted to welcome Pudsey to school this week, which the children absolutely loved! There was lots of excitement and plenty of smiles as they enjoyed his visit. We also held our Reception Disco, where the children all looked wonderful in their party clothes and had a fantastic time dancing, playing and enjoying themselves.

On Sunday, we were incredibly proud to represent Churchtown at the Remembrance Service in Southport. A special thank you to all the children and staff who gave up their time to attend. The children represented our school beautifully and made us all very proud. We also took time on Wednesday to observe a two minute silence in school. The children were respectful and thoughtful during this important moment of reflection.

Looking ahead to next week, we have our Year 2 and Year 5 Science Shows to look forward to, which the children always thoroughly enjoy. We will also be marking the start of Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day on Monday. We encourage all children and staff to come to school wearing odd socks as we celebrate what makes us all unique. This year's theme is 'Break the Silence', reminding us of the importance of speaking up, showing kindness and making sure everyone feels safe, valued and included.

With Christmas fast approaching, we also have lots of exciting PTA events coming up for the children to enjoy and get involved in. There are plenty of festive activities to look forward to, with all the details included in the PTA poster below. We are very grateful to our PTA for all their hard work in helping to make these special experiences possible for our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend and enjoy some special time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday for another exciting week at Churchtown!

from Mrs Payne

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Attendance

This week's Attendance Champions are:

Class:

Robins



for most improved attendance
at 100%!

The Year Group with the highest attendance this week is:



Year:

2













We were incredibly proud to lay a wreath at the Remembrance Service at the Southport monument, showing our respect and gratitude to those who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. Our children represented the school beautifully, and it was a real privilege to be part of such an important occasion.



At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them





We held a wonderful Remembrance Assembly last week, which was made even more special by the honour of welcoming visitors from the Armed Forces. Our Chief Champions spoke beautifully as they read poems of remembrance, and the whole school came together to observe a two minute silence. We were incredibly proud of how respectful and thoughtful all of our children were throughout.

Lest we forget

Churchtown PTA

CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2026



27th NOV

ELF SHOP

Children can bring in £3.50 to buy a gift for a special adult in their life

10th DEC



FESTIVE MUFTI

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

14TH 15TH DEC



STORYTIME WITH SANTA

£3.50 includes a gift from Santa
Please pay on Arbor

Nursery – Year 4

15th DEC

CHRISTMAS MOVIE

3.20-5.15pm

£3.50 on Arbor includes popcorn, sweet & drink

Year 5/6 only



CHURCHTOWN CHRISTMAS BONANZA

MAIN MEAL

Home Roasted turkey crown
Hand rolled pigs in blankets - contains gluten and soya
Roast potatoes
Carrot batons, peas and sprouts
Stuffing – contains gluten,
may contain celery and milk
Yorkshire Pudding – contains gluten, eggs and milk
Topped with gravy – contains gluten and soya

VEGETARIAN

Vegetarian/Vegan option differences
Roasted Quorn Fillet
Vegan Gravy

DESSERT

Chocolate Tree topped Muffins –
contains gluten, eggs, milk
Deep filled mince pies –
contains gluten and sulphur dioxide,
may contain nuts

Christmas Mufti / Jumper Day!



£1 Donation to PTA

Friday 10th Dec

£2.90

per meal

Anti-Bullying Week 2026

Monday 16th to Friday 20th November

Break the Silence

Speak up • Show kindness • Help others

Odd Socks Day!

Monday 16th November



We encourage all staff and children to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all **unique!**

This year's theme is "**Break the Silence**", encouraging children to speak up when something isn't right, show kindness to others and understand the importance of making everyone feel **safe**, **valued** and **included.**

Together, we can help break the silence.

PTA

Smarties Challenge

Congratulations to our Winners!

2nd Place

Ada
Owls Class
'The Chocolate Shop' Voucher

1st Place

Violet
Buttercups
Splashworld Family Pass

3rd Place

Oliver
Swans Class
Vue Cinema Voucher

Well done to all who took part!



Churchtown Primary School
Rooted in kindness, growing through hope.

Rotary SHOEBOX SCHEME

Final Deadline!

Tuesday 24th November 2026

All filled shoeboxes must be returned by this date.

Still need a shoebox?
We have some available in school.

Please bring **£3** in a named envelope and a shoebox will be sent home.





ZERO TOLERANCE

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

We value our school community and expect all parents and carers to: speak and behave respectfully towards staff and other parents.

BE POLITE AND RESPECTFUL
Use kind and courteous language, even when you are frustrated or disagree.

RESPECT OUR STAFF
Value the work of our teachers and support staff. They are here to help your child.

RESPECT OTHER PARENTS
Be inclusive, avoid gossip and do not speak negatively about other families or children.

RAISE CONCERNS CONSTRUCTIVELY
Follow school communication channels and speak privately with the appropriate member of staff.

NO SHOUTING, SWEARING, THREATS OR INTIMIDATION
In person, by phone, online or on school grounds.

Unacceptable behaviour will be addressed by the school and may result in further action in line with school policy.

WE ARE ALL PART OF THE SAME TEAM
Thank you for helping our children thrive.

PTA
HOME & SCHOOL TOGETHER

CHURCHTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS' WALKING GROUP

WALK, TALK

& RAISE A LITTLE FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Fresh air, friendly faces and a good cause!

Fancy getting out for a walk, meeting other school parents and raising a little money for our school? No fitness experience needed – just come as you are!

OUR FIRST WALK

THURSDAY 14 JANUARY 2027

6:00PM | MEET AT THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE

WHEN
Every Thursday at 6:00pm

WHERE
Meet at the school entrance

THE WALK
Around one hour on local, manageable routes

DONATION
Minimum £1 per person, per walk. **All donations go directly towards supporting our school.**

Come every week, once a month or whenever you can.
No commitment, and everyone is welcome.
Dogs and children welcome too (dogs on a lead, please).



Walk a little. Chat a lot.
Make a difference.

FANCY JOINING US?

WhatsApp Georgina on 07742 160 138

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST OR FIND OUT MORE · SCAN THE QR

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your *own* device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins is a technology journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a tech pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.



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Churchtown Open Mornings

Join us for our Churchtown Open Morning and discover all that our school has to offer!

We are delighted to invite prospective families to visit Churchtown, explore our facilities, and experience our welcoming school community.

🏫 Tour our school and learning environments
👩‍🏫 Meet our dedicated staff and pupils
🌳 Discover our excellent indoor and outdoor facilities
📚 Learn more about life at Churchtown
💬 Ask questions and find out what makes our school so special

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⏰ **Time: 9:3**
Book your p

NOVEMBER DATE NOW FULL

Upcoming date now open:
📅 **Date: Friday 8th January**
⏰ **Time: 9:30am – 11:00am**
Book Here

Places are limited, and the booking forms will close once capacity is reached.







Library Volunteer

Make a difference at our school!



We're looking for a Library Volunteer!

Could you spare some time to help support and develop our school library?

Volunteer Responsibilities may include:

- Tidying and organising the library
- Keeping the collection up to date
- Recommend new books
- Help us develop the library provision
- Explore the possibility of a lending library
- Run lunchtime clubs (e.g. reading or book-themed)
- Listen to children read



Why volunteer?

- Make a real difference to our pupils
- Share your love of books and learning
- Develop new skills and experience
- Support our school in a meaningful way

If you are interested in becoming a Library Volunteer, please contact the school office for more information.

office@churchtown.org.uk

Year One's Visit to Waterfields Bakery

Year One had a wonderful time on Tuesday when they visited Waterfields Bakery to purchase their own Gingerbread Man.





This is always a great way to launch our Gingerbread Man topic and is funded entirely by our school PTA which we are very grateful for!

The children demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout and thoroughly enjoyed their morning.

We Love

CHURCHTOWN

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

BOOK YOUR TICKET NOW!

Friday 5th February 2027

7PM ARRIVAL · THE MASONIC LODGE, SOUTHPORT

£35 PER PERSON

£10 deposit by the end of November to secure your space

Welcome glass of prosecco ✦ Three-course dinner ✦ Raffle

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY

♫ Hayley Murray ♫

ADULTS ONLY

The response has been amazing — don't miss out!

Come with friends or get a table together through your class WhatsApp group.

Email the PTA to book your ticket or find out more:

churchtownpta2@gmail.com

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Every ticket includes a £10 donation to the PTA

We Love CHURCHTOWN

Your questions answered

FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2027 · 7PM ARRIVAL · THE MASONIC LODGE, SOUTHPORT

Your questions answered

How do the tables work?

Tables seat **up to 10 people**. They can be a mix of **couples and singles**, from **one class or a mix of classes**, whatever works for your group.

Can friends and family come too?

Yes! The night is open to **friends and family from outside the school** too, so bring along whoever you'd like.

Do I need to pay a deposit?

Yes, we're now collecting deposits. Please pay a **£10 deposit per person** by the **end of November** to secure your space. Pay by bank transfer to **Churchtown Home School Association**, sort code **60-20-11**, account **72915854**, using your name as the reference. The **remaining balance** is paid in January.

Where does the money go?

It's a **fundraiser for the PTA**, helping towards **school trips, musical instruments, football kits** and much more. A sell-out would raise more in one evening than about **five mufti days** put together!

What does the evening include?

A **welcome glass of prosecco** and a **three-course meal**, plus a fabulous **raffle** with lots of local prizes and **live entertainment by Hayley Murray**, who's also a mum at the school.

Can my business donate a raffle prize?

We'd love that! We're looking for **raffle prizes**, so if you'd like to **showcase your local business**, please email the PTA at **churchtownpta2@gmail.com**.

Why the Masonic Lodge?

Michelle, who runs the venue, is also a mum at the school. We're keeping it really **local**, with a real **community feel**.

Are there vegetarian options?

Yes. The three-course meal includes **vegetarian options**, and you'll be able to **choose and pre-order** your meal nearer the time.

Is there a dress code?

No dress code. **You do you!**

For more information, please contact your WhatsApp PTA member or email churchtownpta2@gmail.com

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BUTTERCUPS PRE-SCHOOL

PLAY, LEARN, AND GROW TOGETHER



AGE 3-4 YEARS

SPACES AVAILABLE IN 2027 & 2028

Snowdrops Nursery



Age 2 years +

Spaces available in 2027 & 2028

Express your Interest here

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Is your child born on or between 01/09/2022 and 31/08/2023?

If so, your child is due to start school September 2027!



You MUST apply for a school place online before 15 January 2027

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

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Monday 16th November- Friday 20th November 2026	Anti Bullying Week- Thme: 'Break the Silence'
Monday 16th November 2026	Odd Socks Day (come to school in mismatched socks!)
Tuesday 17th November 2026	Year 1- Imagine That! Educational Visit
Friday 20th November	Churchtown Open Morning (9:30-11)
Friday 27th November	PTA Elf Shop (bring in £3.50 to buy a gift)
Tuesday 1st December	Robins Class Assembly - 2.15pm
Wednesday 2nd December	Swans Class Assemby - 2.15pm
Monday 7th December	Buttercups Singalong (2.30pm)
Friday 4th December	Owls Class Assembly - 2.15pm
Tuesday 8th December 2026	Year 3 Roman Educational Visit to Chester
Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December	The Past Presents - Year 4 Egyptian Days
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper/Dinner Day
Thursday 10th December	Reception Nativity Singalong Show (at St Cuthberts Church 10am)
Friday 11th December	Year 5 Carol Concert (at St Cuthberts Church 9.30am)
Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December	PTA Santa Story Time

New additions to the diary in red

Date	Event
Monday 14th December	Early Years and KS1 Party Day
Tuesday 15th December	KS2 Party Day
Tuesday 15th December	PTA Christmas Movie Night (years 5 and 6)
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Assemblies In Church
Friday 18th December 2026	End of Term- School closes at 1:30pm for Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January 2027	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th January 2027	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!

New additions to the diary in red

CHURCHTOWN Butterflies WRAPAROUND CARE

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

Nursery Snowdrops (open 51 weeks of the year)- closure dates 2026/27

CLOSED- Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve)
CLOSED- Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)
CLOSED- Monday 28th December (BH Boxing Day)
CLOSED- Thursday 31st December 2026 (NYE)
CLOSED- Friday 1st January 2027 (NYD)

2026/27 Term Dates

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 2nd 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 Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January 2027	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th January 2027	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Monday 15th- Friday 19th February 2027	Half Term Week
Thursday 25th March	End of Term for Easter Holidays
Friday 26th March- Friday 9th April 2027	Easter Holidays
Monday 12th April 2027	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Monday 3rd May 2027	Bank Holiday
Monday 31st May- Friday 4th June 2027	Half Term Week
Tuesday 20th July 2027	End of Term - School closes at 1:30pm for Summer Holidays
Wednesday 21st July 207	INSET Day