Friday 27th November 2026

Churchtown Chatter

Newsletter 12



Joy



Acceptance



Connection



Independence



Growth



A message from the Headteacher:

It has been another lovely week at Churchtown, with lots of exciting activities taking place.

We were delighted to welcome author-illustrator Andrew this week for a wonderful visit. The children were a credit to the school, sitting beautifully and listening so attentively as he read from his new book. It was a real treat for everyone! We were also very excited to welcome Ziggy the Reading Dog into school. The children were absolutely thrilled to see him and loved spending time with our special visitor.

Our first PTA Christmas event was also a great success and very well supported. The children thoroughly enjoyed the Elf Sale, choosing some lovely gifts to buy. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising such a special event and to everyone who supported it.

Our PTA will also have a stall at the Churchtown Christmas Fair, which takes place this weekend. I hope everyone who attends has a lovely time getting into the festive spirit, enjoying the wonderful stalls and activities, and supporting our local community.

As we look forward to December, we have so many exciting festivities and special moments to enjoy alongside our usual learning. It is always such a magical time of year in school, and I look forward to sharing all the wonderful things the children will be doing over the coming weeks.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

from Mrs Payne

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01704 508500

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Attendance

This week's Attendance Champions are:

Class:

Bluebells

Well Done

The Year Group with the highest attendance this week is:

Year:

2

Well Done



Rotary Shoebox Scheme 2026!

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated a filled shoebox to this year's Rotary Shoebox Scheme. We are delighted to share that we have sent off an incredible 111 boxes, which will bring joy to so many people.





Our School Council played a huge role in organising the collection and helping to load all the boxes onto the van ready for transport. We are so proud of their enthusiasm, teamwork and dedication.



Thank you once again to everyone who donated, contributed and helped make this such a wonderful success. Your generosity will make a real difference!

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

CHURCHTOWNS 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

Thursday 10th Dec

£2.90 per meal



Holiday Club CLOSED over the Christmas period

As we begin to look ahead to the Christmas holidays, we wanted to let you know that we will **not** be providing a Holiday Club over the Christmas break.

In previous years, we have found that demand for childcare during the Christmas holidays has been relatively low. Having reviewed attendance patterns over recent years, we have made the decision not to open during this period, ensuring that our holiday provision continues to be planned around the needs of our families and the level of demand.

We appreciate that holiday childcare is important to many families, and we understand that this may mean making alternative arrangements. We wanted to share this information with you in plenty of time to support your planning and thank you for your understanding.

Thank you

REMINDER

School Closes @ 1.30pm Friday 18th December for the Christmas Holidays

Author Visit



What a fabulous visit we had from author-illustrator Andrew! The children loved hearing all about his journey as an author and listening to his new book.

Churchtown Football Team



A huge well done to our Churchtown football team, who travelled to Liverpool last week to take part in the EFC Primary Stars Tournament. Competing against teams from across Merseyside, the boys played brilliantly

We are delighted that they made it all the way to the final, securing their place in the Grand Finals, which will take place in the new year. This is a fantastic achievement and one that they should be incredibly proud of.

Ziggy the Reading dog



We were delighted to welcome Ziggy the Reading Dog into school this week! All of the children loved seeing him around school and having a stroke and cuddle with him.



There were lots of smiles and excitement throughout the school, and the children thoroughly enjoyed having such a special visitor.



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

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.

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CHRISTMAS
FOOTBALL CAMP
Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd
Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th
of December
£35
A DAY
£60
FOR 2
£85
FOR 3
£100
FOR 4 DAYS
PR8 3QF
9-3pm
Contact Alfie on
07850 192849
Agcoaching_fc
Email-
agcoachingfc@gmail.com

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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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	WHERE	THE WALK	DONATION
Every Thursday at 6:00pm	Meet at the school entrance	Around one hour on local, manageable routes	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

PTA Meeting

Tuesday 1st December 7:00pm in the Lodge

Everyone Welcome



Tub2Pub is back for 2027!

Make sure your tubs don't go to waste! Bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and biscuit tubs to your child's class teacher or the office) by Wednesday 16th January and we will send them to the Bold Arms (Greene King pubs) to be recycled.

Many kerbside recycling collections will not accept these polypropylene tubs, so Tub2Pub is a recycling solution that stops them ending up in landfill.

Since Tub2Pub launched, they've helped to divert over 470,000 tubs from landfill and, with the proceeds from recycling the tubs going to their national charity partner, Macmillan Cancer Support.







Anti Bullying Week



Last week, we celebrated Anti-bullying Week. Throughout the week, our PSHE lessons and assemblies focused on anti-bullying, with children thinking carefully about how we can all play our part in creating a safe, happy and inclusive school where everyone feels valued, accepted and able to experience joy.



This year's theme was 'Break the Silence' – encouraging children to speak out, seek help and support others. We have been thinking about how important it is to use our voices, build positive connections, look out for one another and show the courage and independence to do the right thing.

Odd Socks Day was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate what makes each of us unique, embrace our differences and remind ourselves that it's okay to be different! It was also a chance to recognise how we can continue to grow in our understanding of others and show acceptance and respect to everyone.



CHURCHTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM DATES: 2026-2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Inset Day	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Inset Day	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Term commences	Thursday 3rd September 2026
Inset Day	Friday 23rd October 2026
Half term	Monday 26th – Friday 30th October 2026
Term ends	Friday 18th December 2026 (school closes at 1.30pm).

SPRING TERM 2027

Inset Day	Monday 4th January 2027
Term commences	Tuesday the 5th of January 2027
Half term	Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2027
Term ends	Thursday 25th March 2027 (school closes at 1.30pm).



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
Sunday 29th November	Churchtown Village Christmas Light Switch on (12noon-6pm)
Tuesday 1st December	Robins Class Assembly - 2.15pm
Tuesday 1st December	PTA meeting in the Lodge 7pm
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
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

New additions to the diary in red

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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)

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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