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Newsletter 16



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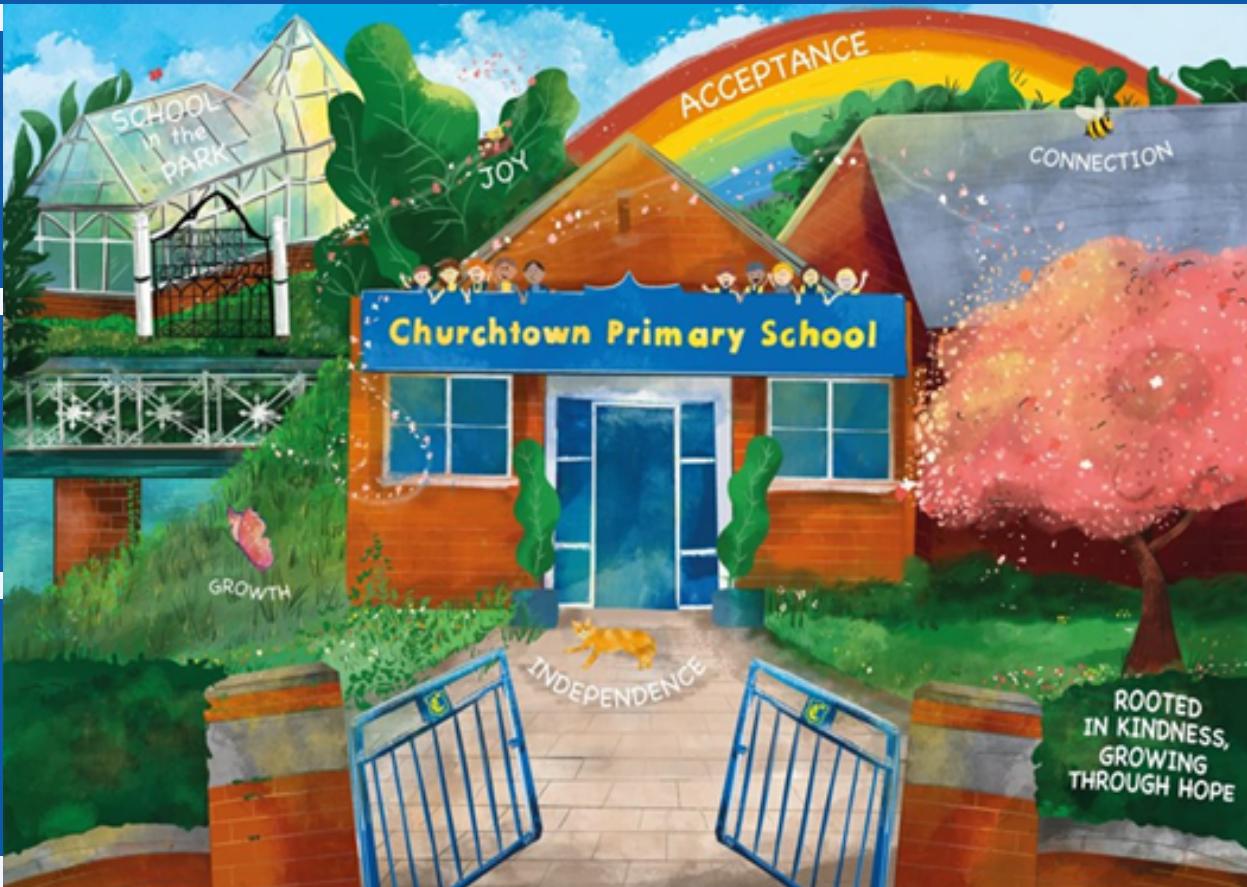


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A message from the Headteacher:

Happy New Year and welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas break.

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week. Staff have been extremely pleased with how well pupils have settled back into the routines of school life and learning has got off to a positive start across all classes.

Thank you to parents and carers for your understanding and support with the adjustments made this week due to the weather, especially the outdoor areas and equipment being temporarily cordoned off. We really appreciate your cooperation and flexibility in helping us keep everyone safe.

Attendance has been excellent during the first week back, which is fantastic to see. Good attendance and punctuality are vital in ensuring children can fully access all the learning opportunities and experiences available at Churchtown and we thank you for your continued support in this important area.

Please keep an eye on the dates section of the newsletter, as we will continue to add updates throughout the term, including information about forthcoming educational visits and key events. You may also notice our newsletter has had a new look this week, we hope you enjoy the update and find it easy to use. This term promises to be a busy and exciting one, with lots planned across the curriculum.

Have a great weekend, from Mrs Payne



Attendance

This week's attendance champions are:

Robins

for having 100% attendance!



The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

Reception

Well done everybody!



Baby and Toddler Group Update

Please note that the Baby and Toddler Group held every Monday, is cancelled for the next two weeks due to staff absence. This includes:

Monday 12th January

Monday 19th January

We will share further communication to let you know when the group is due to start again.

Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to welcoming you back soon.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to get in touch with the school office.



Applying for Primary School



**PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS
DEADLINE IS 15th JANUARY 2026**

There are some milestones in parenting that quietly take your breath away, and applying for your child's first primary school place is one of them.

One minute they're learning to put on their shoes, and reaching for your hand at every new step. The next, you're filling in forms that mark the beginning of their formal school journey. It's emotional, exciting, and a little bit surreal all at once.

This time of year carries so much hope. Hope for classrooms where they'll feel safe and curious. For staff who'll notice their strengths and gently support their wobbles. For friendships that start with shy smiles and turn into playground giggles and after-school stories.

So if you're feeling a mix of pride, nerves, excitement, and a twinge of "how did we get here so fast?", know that you're not alone. This is a truly special, momentous season, one that deserves to be felt, remembered, and celebrated. 



Mad Dogs & Crazy Pups!



A fantastic group of children and adults from the community will be taking part in the Mad Dog 10K and Crazy Pups Run in Southport on the 8th February, all in support of Alice's WonderDance.

The Crazy Pups will lead the way by running the 1K children's race, and there's already have a brilliant group of young runners signed up and ready to go, they are pictured below. They'll be followed by an amazing team of around 60 adults taking on the Mad Dog 10K.



Our Crazy Pups Team!

How You Can Help
Any donations to support the runners and raise money for Alice's WonderDance would be hugely appreciated.
Donate here:
www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-grahamlang-3

Want to Get Involved?

If any children or adults would like to join the Mad Dog or Crazy Pups there's still time. [Sign up here!](#)

Please email Sarah Lang (parent) at sarah80graham@hotmail.co.uk to join the team raising money for Alice's Wonderdance.

Thank you for your support, encouragement and generosity as our runners take on this challenge for such an incredible charity.

Tub2Pub is back for 2026

Make sure your tubs don't go to waste! Bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and biscuit tubs into school (to your class teacher or the office) by Wednesday 14th 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.

In 2025, they collected over 240,000 tubs, weighing in at a record-breaking 27,990 kg of plastic- more than all previous years combined.

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.



Eco Committee

Thank you to all who applied to be apart of the Eco Committee. After careful consideration these are the chosen children.

Key Stage One

Lyra
Isla
Elijah

Lower Key Stage Two

Shoshana
Anouk
Daniel
Olivia W

Upper Key Stage Two

Poppy
Katie
Maya
Olivia C



These children have received a confirmation letter. The first meeting will be on Thursday 15th January 2026.

These children will now be carrying out an Environmental Review and from this creating an Action Plan for the year. We also look forward to the Year 3 and 4 Eco Club starting in Spring 2.



P.E. 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/ <u>P.E</u>	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

Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 12 th January 2026	Science Show (Y1 &Y3)
Monday 19 th January 2026	Science Show (Y2&Y5)
Tuesday 27th January 2026	Year 1- Imagine That! Educational Visit
Monday 29 th January 2026	Year 3 Personal Best Festival
2 nd - 6 th February 2026	National Storytelling Week
Monday 2 nd February 2026	Sean Perkins Author Visit (part of National Storytelling week)
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	Safer Internet Day
Friday 13 th February 2026	Love My Community Day (mufti day, £1 voluntary donation)
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term Week
Wednesday 25 th February 2026	Parent's Evening
Thursday 26 th February 2026	Year 3&4 Gymnastics Competition
Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	Year 2 EFC Football
Wednesday 4 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March 2026	Y5&6 Sports Hall Athletics
9 th - 13 th March 2026	National Science Week

Any text in red is a new addition to the calendar

Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Swimming Gala
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Year 1 EFC Football
Friday 27 th March 2026	School closes at 1:30pm for the Easter Holidays!
Monday 13 th April 2026	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term Week
Friday 17th July 2026	End of Term- School closes at 1:30pm for Summer Holidays
Monday 20 th July 2026	INSET Day

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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

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2025 – Half-Term Holiday

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026 – Easter 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)

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)

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

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2026/27 Term Dates

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	INSET Day
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	INSET Day
Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Friday 23 rd October 2026	INSET Day
Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October 2026	Half Term Week
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Friday 18 th December 2026	End of Term- School closes at 1:30pm for Christmas Holidays